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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 5th Dec: Terry Moran & Juliet Grant

Readers

Vigil Mass 4th Dec: Ellen Carchrie

Sunday 5th Dec: Ann Doherty

Vigil Mass 11th Dec: Cheryl Murray

Sunday 12th Dec: Juliet Grant

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £290.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 28th Nov: £211.60

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison: 01771 278126
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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 5th Dec: Jean Fernando & Dannie Tom

Sunday 12th Dec: Gwen Craigie & Sylwia Matusiak

Readers

Sunday 5th Dec: Bob Watson

Sunday 12th Dec: Dannie Tom

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 28th Nov: £89.70

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029
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Storm Arwen. The neighbour of one of our parishioners is experiencing great difficulties because of Storm Arwen. A single mother with 4 children, her shed in which she housed her tumble dryer, chest freezer, microwave, lawn mower and children's bicycles was destroyed along with all the contents, plus the adjacent garden fence. Unfortunately, she can't afford to replace the items mentioned. If anyone can help by donating any spare white goods appliances they have, shed, fencing etc., please contact Jolanta Katiniene, Fr. Bruno, or email Bob Watson, at rlambwatson@gmail.com, who will pass on the information.

OTHER NOTICES

Thank you to all who have helped to clean our churches and put up cribs! May God reward you!

A reminder about the return of the Sunday obligation: Unless there is some substantial change in the present pandemic situation, the Bishops of Scotland have decided that **the obligation of Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday will return on 2nd January 2022.** A copy of the Bishops' letter is available from our website and also at the back of the church.

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Need Christmas Cards? Look no further than our Piety Stalls. Visit the Piety Stall in the church!

Bill to introduce Legalised Assisted Suicide. A public consultation has been launched on a bill proposed by Liam McArthur MSP to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is important that as many people as possible respond to this consultation. We must send a strong message to Mr. McArthur, MSPs and the Scottish Government: that assisted suicide is a dangerous and unethical practice that must never be legalised in Scotland or any other part of the UK. The consultation is running **until Wednesday 22nd December 2021. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same.** There's an excellent resource to help you do this at

<https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/>

Everyone is strongly encouraged to respond before 22nd December.

Synod 2021-2023. "The Church of God is convoked in Synod." With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality.

Synods of bishops are held in Rome every few years, and are presided over by the Pope. Several hundred bishops from around the world meet together to discuss important topics like the family, young people, evangelisation... Afterwards the Pope sums up their discussions and writes something on the theme to guide the Church.

The next synod of bishops is scheduled for 2023, and Pope Francis would like every Catholic in the world to be involved. Its theme is "synodality".

What does synodality mean? It means **meeting together to see how we can better travel together along Christ's way.**


So the 2023 Synod of Bishops is looking at how the Church journeys together and how this can be improved.

Why is this Synod important? Pope Francis mentions 3 opportunities that it brings:

1. "that of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a *synodal Church*, an open square where all can feel at home and participate"
2. "the opportunity to become a *listening Church*, to break out of our routine and pause... in order to stop and listen. To listen to the Spirit... To listen to our brothers and sisters speak of their hopes and of the crises of faith present in different parts of the world, of the need for a renewed pastoral life and of the signals we are receiving from those on the ground..."
3. "it offers us the opportunity to become a *Church of closeness*... Let us keep going back to God's own 'style', which is closeness, compassion and tender love... Not only with words, but by a presence that can weave greater bonds of friendship with society and the world. A Church that does not stand aloof from life, but immerses herself in today's problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God" ([Address](#) 09.10.21).

We'll be hearing about the Synod regularly over coming months – and, of course, **getting involved**, so that our voices also can be heard.

Please e-mail any newsletter information to Bob Watson at: rlambwatson@gmail.com

Sun 5 th Dec	Mass: Second Sunday in Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p>A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.</p>
Mon 6 th Dec	No Mass	–	–	
Tue 7 th Dec	Mass: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, Memorial (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Wed 8 th Dec	Mass: Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Solemnity; Ador'n	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thu 9 th Dec	Mass: Thurs in the 2 nd Week of Advent (Purple); followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Fri 10 th Dec	Mass: Friday in the 2 nd Week of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Sat 11 th Dec	Mass: Saturday in the 2 nd Week of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm	
Sun 12 th Dec	Vigil Mass: 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete) (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm	
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