

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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St. Mary's

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 12th Dec: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Sunday 19th Dec: Majella Morrison & Chelsea Matthews

Readers

Vigil Mass 11th Dec: Cheryl Murray

Sunday 12th Dec: Juliet Grant

Vigil Mass 18th Dec: Philippa Baker-Short

Sunday 19th Dec: Kevin Oliphant

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 5th Dec: £239.83

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs

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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 12th Dec: Gwen Craigie & Sylwia Matusiak

Sunday 19th Dec: Norma Bisset & Cirila Webster

Readers

Sunday 12th Dec: Dannie Tom

Sunday 19th Dec: Eileen Sutton

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 5th Dec: £137.00

Requiem Mass Donation: £50.00

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne

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Christmas Star Tree. As an alternative to giving cards within the Parish or remembering loved ones at Christmas, you may wish to participate by writing a message or prayer on a star and hanging it on the Star Tree, which is now in place. Envelopes with stars are available at the back of the Church should you wish to make a donation to parish funds.

OTHER NOTICES

Christmas Services. Here is a timetable of the services in our two parishes this Christmas:

Fri 24th Dec Peterh'd Mass 09:30

(Christmas) Peterh'd **Vigil Mass** 19:00

	Fraserb'h	Carols	23:00
	Fraserb'h	Midnight M.	23:30
Sat 25th Dec	Fraserb'h	Dawn Mass	09:30
	Peterh'd	Day Mass	11:30

** Note: No Vigil Mass for the Sunday **

Sun 26th Dec	Fraserb'h	Mass	09:30
(Holy Fam.)	Peterh'd	Mass	11:30
Mon 27 th Dec	Fraserb'h	Mass	09:30
Tue 28 th Dec	Fraserb'h	Mass	09:30
Wed 29 th Dec	Peterh'd	Mass & Ad.	09:30
Thu 30 th Dec	Fraserb'h	Mass & Ad.	09:30
Fri 31 st Dec	Peterh'd	Mass	09:30
Sat 1 st Jan	Fraserb'h	Mass	09:30

(Mary Mother of God)

(Ephiphany)	Peterh'd	Vigil Mass	18:30
Sun 2nd Jan	Fraserb'h	Mass	09:30
	Peterh'd	Mass	11:30

** Note: Mon 3rd – Fri 7th inclusive: No Mass **

Sat 8th Jan Fraserb'h Mass 09:30

Thereafter, as normal.

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.

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

Easyfundraising. Support your Parish while you do your Christmas shopping online! Register with easyfundraising at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/peterfraserparish

After you join, choose well known retailers such as Amazon, eBay, Marks & Spenser, John Lewis etc., from the easyfundraising homepage. **The Parish earns commission on what you spend – at no additional cost to you!** Retailers in fashion, insurance, food and drink and travel are all represented in easyfundraising. Thank you for your support!

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 whole Church is preparing for the 2023 Synod, and we are all being invited to meet **to see how we can better travel together along Christ's way.**

In his homily for the opening of the synodal path in October, Pope Francis said: "A certain rich man came up to Jesus 'as he was setting out on his journey' (Mk 10:17). The Gospels frequently show us Jesus 'on a journey'; **he walks alongside people** and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. Today, as we begin this synodal process, **let us begin by asking ourselves – all of us ... – whether we, the Christian community, embody this 'style' of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity.** Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'? Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern.*"

Let's keep these thoughts in mind!

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

Sun 12 th Dec	Mass: 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete) (Rose or Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 13 th Dec	No Mass	–	–
Tue 14 th Dec	Mass: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr of the Church, Memorial (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 15 th Dec	Mass: Wed in the 3 rd Week of Advent (Purple); followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thu 16 th Dec	Mass: Thurs in the 3 rd Week of Advent (Purple); followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Fri 17 th Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
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Sat 18 th Dec	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 19 th Dec	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



".... I am not fit to untie the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."