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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 26th Dec: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Sunday 2nd Jan: Majella Morrison & Chelsiey Matthews

Readers

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Vigil Mass 1st Jan: Ellen Carchrie

Sunday 2nd Jan: Ann Doherty

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 19th Dec: £304.72

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

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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 26th Dec: Gwen Craigie and Sylwia Matusiak

Sunday 2nd January: Norma Bisset & Cirila Webster

Readers

Sunday 26th Dec: Jolanta Katiniene

Sunday 2nd Jan: Shara Wojcik

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 19th Dec: £138.60

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029

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OTHER NOTICES

Sincere thanks to all who helped to decorate our churches and prepare for the liturgies of Christmas! May God reward you for your kindness and generosity.

Second Collections. There will be a second collection for Sick & Retired Priests on Friday & Saturday **24th/25th December**, and for the work of Justice & Peace on Sunday the **2nd January 2022**.

- The Sick and Retired Clergy collection provides necessary financial assistance to priests who may not have the means to face the costs of retirement and/or healthcare.

- The Justice and Peace collection supports the work of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Scotland. This organisation promotes care for creation and human rights, and supports the Catholic community to live the values of the Gospel in service to the poor and marginalised.

Christmas Services. Please see below for the Christmas service timetable.

Note that there are no weekday Masses Mon 3rd – Fri 7th inclusive. From the morning of 8th Jan, we hope to be back to our normal schedule.

Return of the Sunday Obligation now postponed. A communique from the Scottish Catholic Bishops Conference arrived last week:

“At the beginning of Advent, the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and **the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time.** For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass.

“We ask everyone to continue to pray for a speedy end to the Pandemic and for the good health of you and your loved ones in 2022. We also pray for all those who passed away during 2021 and those who grieve. May Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for us and may Saints Andrew and Margaret protect us.”

Covid safety. Omicron is in ascendance, and we are still under Covid regulations in our churches. It is important to practise **social distancing** of at least 1m, and **masks are mandatory in church** (unless you're exempt). Please also make use of **hand sanitiser** on entering the church. These simple precautions can reduce the likelihood of picking up or passing on coronavirus.

For now, due to limitations of space, it seems prudent to suspend tea and coffee after Mass *in Fraserburgh* until further notice.

Catechism Classes. Everything is a bit unsure at the moment because of the ongoing pandemic. But all being well we hope to resume in person catechism classes in our churches/hall, on the following dates:

- Fraserb'h Confirmation: Sat 8th Jan 2022, 09:30
- Fraserb'h First Holy Comm.: Sun 9th Jan, 09:30
- Peterh'd First Holy Comm.: Sun 10th Jan, 11:30
- Peterh'd Confirmation: Thu 13th Jan, 17:00

Wisdom of Pope Francis

“*To us a son is given.* We often hear it said that the greatest joy in life is the birth of a child. It is something extraordinary and it changes everything. It brings an excitement that makes us think nothing of weariness, discomfort and sleepless nights, for it fills us with a great, incomparable happiness. That is what Christmas is: the birth of Jesus is the ‘newness’ that enables us to be reborn each year and to find, in him, the strength needed to face every trial. Why? Because his birth is for us – for me, for you, for all of us, for everyone. ‘For’ is a word that appears again and again on this holy night: ‘For us a child is born’, Isaiah prophesied. ‘For us is born this day a Saviour’, we repeated in the Psalm. Jesus ‘gave himself for us’ (Tit 2:14), Saint Paul tells us, and in the Gospel the angel proclaims: ‘For to you is born this day a Saviour’ (Lk 2:11). For me, for you.

Yet what do those words – *for us* – really mean? They mean that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, as God’s children, holy by grace. Yes, God came into the world as a child to make us children of God. **What a magnificent gift!**” (Christmas homily, 2020)

“A very happy Christmas to all!”

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

Sun 26 th Dec	Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 27 th Dec	Mass: St. John the Evangelist (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Tue 28 th Dec	Mass: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Red)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 29 th Dec	Mass: 5 th Day in the Octave of Christmas; followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thu 30 th Dec	Mass: 6 th Day in the Octave of Christmas; followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Fri 31 st Dec	Mass: 7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Sat 1 st Jan	Mass: The Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity (White)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 2 nd Jan	Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



“Why were you looking for me,” he replied. “Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father’s affairs?”