

# Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** Terry Moran & Juliet Grant  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Kasia & Marcia & Nicola Noga

### Readers

**Vigil Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** Cheryl Murray  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** Juliet Grant  
**Vigil Mass 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Helen Noble  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Margaret Wyness

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £390.00  
**Offertory Collection Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** £264.19

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison: 01771 278126; [stmarypeterheadPSC@rcd-abdn.org](mailto:stmarypeterheadPSC@rcd-abdn.org)

## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** Norma Bisset & Dannie Tom  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Gwen Craigie & Cirila Webster

### Readers

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** Bob Watson  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Jolanta Katiniene

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £470.00  
**Offertory Collection Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** £85.73

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029; [fraserburghPSC@rcd-abdn.org](mailto:fraserburghPSC@rcd-abdn.org)

## OTHER NOTICES

**This Sunday is "Sunday of the Word of God".** In his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* issued September 30, 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Sunday of the Word of God, which is now held every year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme of this Sunday helps us to remember that the words of our Lord are "spirit and life" (John 6:63), and strengthen and guide us on our way to everlasting life. It especially becomes something "alive and active" (Hebrews 4:12) when we use God's word in prayer to encounter God and advance in our relationship with Him.

**Covid.** It's good to be back at Mass; and thankfully, the worst of the latest wave of Covid seems to be passing. For now, let's continue to be prudent in our way of interacting and moving about in the church while we wait for the relaxation of safety measures under the guidance of the Government and the diocese.

**Parish Pastoral Councils.** With a change of Parish Priest in 2020 and the pandemic, it has been a while since there has been a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) in either of our two parishes. The aim of these councils is to make the parish more effective in its mission to evangelise and build up the Catholic life of the faithful. That's why it's called "pastoral". It's all about working together in the service of God and the Gospel. This also fits in well with the Synod pathway we are beginning, which, as we have seen, involves "journeying together".

If you have been a member of the PPC in the past and would like to continue to help our parishes in this capacity, Great! – please do let Fr. Bruno know. Alternatively, if you've never done this before, please give it some thought. It may be that your contribution would be very important and bring much fruit!

It shouldn't be something burdensome.

We can provisionally aim for a first meeting of the PCCs in early Feb...

**Weekday Masses.** As a result of a change in the timetable of the Prison in Fraserburgh, at which Fr. Bruno celebrates the Sacraments 2 or 3 times a month, a change in our weekday Mass schedule is necessary.

In particular, the Friday morning Mass at Peterhead needs to be rescheduled to enable Fr. Bruno to be at the Prison in the morning. It should probably be replaced by an evening Mass on Friday at Fraserburgh – which seems desirable because there is presently no evening Mass at all at Fraserburgh.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts about a suitable time for the Friday evening Mass. It could possibly change between winter and summer schedules, if that would be helpful (e.g., 5 pm in winter and 7 pm in summer). What we do with the Masses on Tuesday-Thursday is up for discussion. One of them should be at Fraserburgh, and the other two at Peterhead.

Please do let Fr. Bruno know of any thoughts you have.

The new timetable will probably need to be started before the end of Jan.

**Mary's Meals, "Double the Love".** Just a reminder that until 31st January 2022, every donation made to Mary's Meals "Double the Love" appeal will be matched, up to £1.6 million. This is all thanks to a group of generous supporters, who have promised to double our donations. Funds raised will help to feed hungry children around the world, including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, see [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Our synod journey.** "A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together': how is this 'journeying together' happening today in our Church? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?"

To contribute to our diocesan synod response to Rome, we will soon be offered the opportunity to take part in a **parish synod meeting**, sometime between mid-January and Pentecost.


To prepare for this, have a look at the "**Questions for Discussion at Synod Meetings**" document available via the "**Themes of the Synod**" link on our parish website.

- ❖ Ask yourselves what experiences in your parish church do these questions call to mind?
- ❖ Re-read the experiences in greater depth
- ❖ Gather the fruits to share

A printed copies are available at the back of the church (please feel free to take one home with you).

Mrs. Anne Reilly has kindly agreed to facilitate our parish discussions in preparation for the Synod.

**News from Rome.** One of early Church's greatest theologians, the bishop and martyr St. Irenaeus of Lyon, was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis [last week](#). Known now as the "Doctor of Unity", Irenaeus wrote beautifully and profoundly about God, the Incarnation and the Church. Irenaeus becomes the Church's 37<sup>th</sup> "Doctor" – a person with a special gift of explaining the richness of our Faith.

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p><i>"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me"</i></p>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>No Mass</b>	–	–	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Feast (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops (White); followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: Thurs in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time; followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: Saturday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm	
	Vigil Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	