Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 9th Jan: Kasia & Marcin & Nicola Noga Sunday 16th Jan: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Readers

Vigil Mass 8th Jan: Helen Noble Sunday 9th Jan: Julia Buda

Vigil Mass 15th Jan: Philippa Baker-Short Sunday 16th Jan: Kevin Oliphant

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00 Offertory Collection Sunday 2nd Jan: £276.89 Justice & Peace Collection Sun 2nd Jan: £64.60

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison: 01771 278126 stmarypeterheadPSC@rcd-abdn.org

Safety measures at Peterhead. There's another patch of plaster on the church ceiling which appears to be damaged by water entry, so we have taken the precaution of removing the chair near this area and effectively putting the area out of action. Obviously, repairs on the church are getting to be rather urgent now...

FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 9th January: Jean Fernando & Dannie Tom Sunday 16th January: Gwen Craigie & Sylwia Matusiak

Readers

Sunday 9thJan: Clare McMahon Sunday 16thJan: Anne Simpson

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00 Offertory Collection Sunday 2nd Jan: £110.52

Donation: £50.00

Sick & Retired Clergy 2nd Collection: £99.01

Nativity Crib Collection: £29.42

The Nativity Crib and the Sick & Retired Clergy collections have been added together to give the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund the total sum of £128.43

Justice & Peace Collection Sun 2nd Jan: £98.88

Star Tree Collection: £112.00

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029

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Church tidying and cleaning. Thank you to everyone who helped to clear the Christmas decorations at Fraserburgh!

Would it be possible for a few persons (preferably not those who did the clear-up – for the sake of a fair division of work) to give the church a good vacuum clean and dust? If you can help let Fr. Bruno know. God reward you!

OTHER NOTICES

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 has to be cancelled 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.

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 late Jan or early Feb.

Covid safety. With a continuing high case rate of Omicron, Covid safety measures remain important in our churches.

- Try to keep **social distancing** of at least 1m.
- Masks are mandatory in church (unless you're exempt).
- Please make use of **hand sanitiser** on entering the church.

These simple precautions can reduce the likelihood of picking up or passing on coronavirus.

Please do let Father know about any relatives or friends in Care Homes or in hospital who would like a visit and an opportunity to receive the Sacraments. The Lord wishes to walk with us on the journey... especially in times of difficulty!

Wisdom of the Saints.

"Today Christ entered the riverbed of the Jordan, to wash away the world's sin: John himself bears witness that he came for this: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.' Today the servant holds the Lord, man holds God, John holds Christ: holds Him, as about to receive, not to grant forgiveness." (St. Peter Chrysologus, Serm. 160).

Cribs. If you wish, it's a nice custom to keep the crib up with the image of Baby Jesus until 2nd February. That's when the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Being the last of the so-called "Feasts of the Child Jesus" (St. Bonaventure), it's a good day to take down cribs.

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

Sun 9 th Jan	Mass: The Baptism of the Lord, Solemnity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 10 th Jan	No Mass	_	-
Tue 11th Jan	Mass: Tuesday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	_
Wed 12 th Jan	Mass: Wed in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time; followed by Adoration	_	Peterhead 9.30am
Thu 13 th Jan	Mass: St. Kentigern, Bishop, Feast (White); followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	-
Fri 14 th Jan	Mass: Friday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	_	Peterhead 9.30am
	Mass: Saturday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	_
Sat 15 th Jan	Confessions:	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	_	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun16 th Jan	Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



"You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you."