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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 2nd Jan: Majella Morrison & Chelsiey Matthews

Sunday 9th Jan: Kasia & Marcin & Nicola Noga

Readers

Vigil Mass 1st Jan: Ellen Carchrie

Sunday 2nd Jan: Ann Doherty

Vigil Mass 8th Jan: Helen Noble

Sunday 9th Jan: Julia Buda

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00

Christmas day Collection: £397.63

Offertory Collection Sunday 26th Dec: £231.14

Sick and Retired Priests: £341.25. God reward you!

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

Stewards

Sunday 2nd January: Norma Bisset & Cirila Webster

Sunday 9th January: Jean Fernando & Dannie Tom

Readers

Sunday 2nd Jan: Shara Wojcik

Sunday 9th Jan: Anne Simpson

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00

Christmas Collections 24th/ 25th Dec: £329.29

Offertory Collection Sunday 26th Dec: £66.55

Piety Stall: £79.55

Sick & Retired Clergy Collection, Fraserburgh:
The total will be published after the New Year as any money that comes from the Crib Donations will be added to it.

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029
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OTHER NOTICES

Second Collections. This weekend, **Sat 1st/Sun 2nd January 2022**, we observe Justice and Peace Sunday. There will be a second collection for the work of Justice & Peace.

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.**

Return of the Sunday Obligation is now postponed. Here is a communique from the Scottish Catholic Bishops Conference:

"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. We plan to resume in-person catechism classes in our churches/hall on the following dates:

- Fraserburgh Confirmation: Sat 8th Jan 2022, 09:30
- Fraserburgh First Holy Comm.: Sun 9th Jan, 09:30
- Peterhead First Holy Comm.: Sun 10th Jan, 11:30
- Peterhead Confirmation: Thu 13th Jan, 17:00

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, or when we are in need of His grace.

Continuing our journey towards the Synod of 2023. In his homily at the opening of the Synod journey in October 2021, Pope Francis referred to the gospel reading about the rich young man who met Christ while He was setting out on a journey (Mk 10:17ff).

"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."**

He went on to describe **the first step** in making a journey towards a synod: **encounter:** "The Gospel passage begins by speaking of an encounter. A man comes up to Jesus and kneels down before him, asking him **a crucial question:** 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' (v. 17). It is so important a question that it requires attention, time, willingness to encounter others and sensitivity to what troubles them.

"The Lord is not stand aloof; he does not appear annoyed or disturbed. Instead, **he is completely present to this person.** He is open to encounter. **Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him."**

Charity makes the real situation of others a matter of genuine interest. It draws close to others, as St. Paul noted when he advised the Roman Christians: "Love must be sincere... Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" (Rom 12:9,15).

Here it might be appropriate to consider again the questions posed by Bishop Hugh recently: "Do we allow each other to make our contributions to the whole? As we know, there are people in the Church who are disconnected, who feel marginalised, sometimes hurt. Are we listening to and supporting one another as much as we could? What forums do we have for doing this? Could they be improved, or new ones created? What is our experience of walking together? Are the clergy too clerical, control-freaks? Or, conversely, are we allowing them to shepherd us as they are called to? How do women feel? Young people? The elderly?"

Let us continue to give these things our prayerful attention.

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

Sun 2 nd Jan	Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Note: There are no weekday Masses, Monday to Friday, 3rd to 7th January			
Sat 8 th Jan	Mass: Saturday after Epiphany (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	-
	Confessions:	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: The Baptism of the Lord (White)	-	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 9 th Jan	Mass: The Baptism of the Lord (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am

