

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 20th Feb: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Sunday 27th Feb: Kasia & Marcia & Nicola Noga

Readers

Vigil Mass 19th Feb: Cheryl Murray

Sunday 20th Feb: Kevin Oliphant

Vigil Mass 26th Feb: Helen Noble

Sunday 27th Feb: Juliet Grant

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 13th Feb: £343.75

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Thank you for your support.

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

Stewards

Sunday 20th Feb: Dannie Tom & Cirila Webster

Sunday 27th Feb: Norma Bisset & Jean Fernando

Readers

Sunday 20th Feb: Bob Watson

Sunday 27th Feb: Shara Wojcik

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £470.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 13th Feb: £257.05

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The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly: 01771 623029; fraserburghPSC@rcd-abdn.org

OTHER NOTICES

Resumption of the Sunday Mass Obligation: A reminder that the obligation for Catholics in Scotland to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored **from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March.**

Lent's not far away! Wednesday-week (2nd March) is Ash Wednesday. So it might be a good time to begin to think of a suitable way to consecrate this holy season, to make a great preparation for Easter. Lenten resolutions often involve **fasting**, but can touch on things like **sharing** things with those less

fortunate than you, **acts of service or kindness, prayers, devotions, and spiritual reading.** For a Lenten exercise, don't try to do too much – better less and persevering than a burst of activity for the first week of Lent that can't be sustained. The overall aim is closeness to Christ, the forgiveness of our own sins, conversion of heart (we've all got areas where we can improve...). It's not a bad idea to ask oneself what one's predominant fault is (the thing that most often leads you to commit some sin... like anger, pride, laziness...) and think of something you can do that will help you work specifically on that.

For the families and children/young people preparing to receive Sacraments later this year, like first Holy Communion and Confirmation, the most important resolution you could make in Lent is one that is actually *necessary*: to come with the family to Mass every Sunday, unless something serious prevents you from doing so. This includes those Sundays in which there are no catechism classes, or after your children/you have received the Sacraments being prepared for.

Through the Mass God draws us close to His heart, fills us with His life, and pours out graces upon our parish community and the world. This is the reason why our attendance at Mass is so important.

But remember also the words of our Lord in the Gospel: "whoever denies Me before others, I also will deny before My Father in heaven" (Mt 10:33). Now, if the Catholic Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, in which He Himself lives and acts, how is neglecting to participate physically and morally in the Church's public worship not a kind of 'denying Him before others'?

Stations of the Cross in Lent. This traditional devotion will be offered in our parishes during Lent:

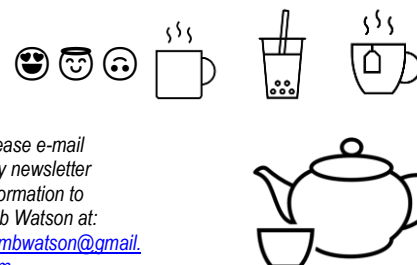
- **St. Mary's, Peterhead:** Thursday 10:00, immediately after Mass.
- **Our Lady's, Fraserburgh:** Friday 19:00, immediately after Mass. (Note that during Lent, Eucharistic adoration at Fraserburgh will take place on Friday at 18:00, before Mass.)

Gift Aid Information Update. There are still some forms to come back to us. It would be greatly appreciated if they could be returned as soon as possible. Thank you. 😊


Standing Order Payment for your Offering. Perhaps you might like to set up a Standing Order at your bank for your offertory collection. It's very simple to do. Forms are available from Norma Bisset in Fraserburgh, and Marta Buda or Fr. Bruno in Peterhead.

Covid-safety measures. Taking account of recent decisions of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, here is a summary of things related to Covid safety:

- There is **no longer any requirement to book with Eventbrite before attending Mass or to leave your details** on a track and trace list when in church.
- **Masks should still be worn in church** unless you're exempt.
- **Hand sanitisation should still be done especially on entering the church.**
- Because of the need to use hand sanitiser (which is flammable), votive candles are still not in use.
- **Holy water is now available** for use by those who wish to bless themselves with it on entering or leaving the church. (Holy water is also available from Fr. Bruno in the sacristy for anyone who wishes to take some home.)
- **Our prayers of intercession are reverting to their normal form**, with the congregation responding *Lord, graciously hear us* or *Hear our prayer* after each petition.
- **We are still discouraged from shaking hands at the sign of peace during Mass**, so we'll continue for now with the alternative respectful bow of the head.
- There is **no need to sanitise surfaces after Mass.** Some packets of surface wipes are still available for occasional use where necessary.
- **Teas, coffee, and some refreshments are available after all our Sunday Masses. Everyone is warmly invited!**



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

Sun 20 th Feb	Mass: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p>"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly."</p>
Mon 21 st Feb	No Mass	–	–	
Tue 22 nd Feb	Mass: The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle – Feast (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Wed 23 rd Feb	Mass: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr – Mem; followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thu 24 th Feb	Mass: Thursday in the 7 th Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Fri 25 th Feb	Mass: Friday in the 7 th Week in Ordinary Time; followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–	
	Mass: Saturday in the 7 th Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Sat 26 th Feb	Confessions (also available after Friday evening Mass & on request)	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm	
	Vigil Mass: 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm	
Sun 27 th Feb	Mass: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	