

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

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# St. Mary's

64 St Peter Street  
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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Kasia & Marcia & Nicola Noga

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

### Readers

**Vigil Mass 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Helen Noble

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Juliet Grant

**Vigil Mass 5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Philippa Baker-Short

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Julia Buda

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £390.00

**Offertory Collection Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** £293.14

Thank you for your support.

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

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## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Norma Bisset & Jean Fernando

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Diana Butkiviene & Cirila Webster

### Readers

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Shara Wojcik

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Anne Simpson

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £470.00

**Offertory Collection Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** £102.15

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**Ash Wednesday: the beginning of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence, a day of prayer for peace in Ukraine and in the whole world.**

Pope Francis has asked that Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, be a day of fasting and prayer for the intention of peace:

“My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace

of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

**And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war”** (Pope Francis, General Audience, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2022).

**Stations of the Cross in Lent.** Please note the times for this traditional devotion for 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.)

**Easy fundraising.** Thank you to those who helped raise **£53.43** last quarter for the joint parish fund. It is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**SCIAF Wee Boxes.** Help SCIAF in its efforts to provide relief to the poor around the world this Lent.

Collect your loose change (or something more pappy?) in a SCIAF Wee Box! Boxes are available at the back of the Church.

**Youth 2000 prayer team.** If you're aged 15-30, join the young people at Youth 2000's monthly online intercessory prayer team as they pray specifically for world peace. Check out their website for more details: <https://www.youth2000.org/prayerteam>

**Teas, coffee, and some refreshments are available after all our Sunday Masses. Everyone is warmly invited!**

**A timely call to renew our faith and take up again the habit of regular Mass attendance.** It's worth quoting from a letter this weekend to the Catholics of Westminster in London by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Recognising that many Catholics have not returned to Mass after the pandemic, Cardinal Nichols asks us to encourage those we know to take up the practice of their faith again:

“During these last two years there were times when our way of life was severely curtailed... Being unable to enter the House of God and to take part fully in the celebration of the Mass was, for many, an experience of real dismay and pain.

But that is no longer the case. We are again able to fashion the way of life that we choose. The doors of our churches can stay wide open. Yet, as you know, many have not resumed the pattern of coming to church, week by week. Other activities have filled that space. For some, the thirst for being at Mass, for celebrating lifegiving sacraments, has diminished.

This is where I ask for your help. I would like you to be ready to approach those whom you know and who are not present here today, I with a word of invitation for them I to join us. I know I this is not easy. You may well feel it is an intrusive thing to do. Also taking the step across the threshold of the church can be daunting for someone who has been away for a long time. So I ask you to exercise great deference and kindness when approaching them, perhaps offering to accompany them on this return journey.”

Please e-mail any newsletter information to Bob Watson at: [rmbwatson@gmail.com](mailto:rmbwatson@gmail.com)

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>No Mass</b>	–	–
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Mass: Monday in the 8 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<b>Mass: Ash Wednesday (Purple) – LENT BEGINS –</b>	–	<b>Peterhead 9.30am</b>
	<b>Mass: Ash Wednesday (Purple)</b>	<b>Fraserburgh 6.30pm</b>	–
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mass: Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mass: Friday after Ash Wednesday (Purple); followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
	Mass: Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Confessions (also available after Friday evening Mass & on request)	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



“Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?”