

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 14th Aug: Kasia, Marcin & Nicola Noga

Sunday 21st Aug: Majella Morrison & Chelsiey Matthews

Readers

Vigil Mass 13th Aug: Philippa Baker-Short

Sunday 14th Aug: Eileen Fretwell

Vigil Mass 20th Aug: Helen Noble

Sunday 21st Aug: Anne Docherty

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £365.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 7th Aug: £283.18

Thank you for your support.

Gardening Day. All able-bodied volunteer gardeners are invited to help at 11am, Saturday 3rd Sep to clear weeds from the areas around St. Mary's church and tend to our flowerbeds. **Tea and cakes** will be available for all volunteers! :O)

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

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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 14th Aug: Gwen Craigie & Sylwia Matusiak

Sunday 20th Aug: Danuta Czesak & Małgorzata Ardzak

Readers

Sunday 14th Aug: Jolanta Katinieni

Sunday 20th Aug: Anne Simpson

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £450.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 7th Aug: £97.87

Thank you for your support.

Piety Stall: Gifts of Faith - Sterling silver necklet crosses now available. Prayer cards with medal, for Prayers after communion. **NEW:** A choice of two Wordsearch puzzles based on words from our church! Also **2023 Catholic diaries** now in stock.

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

OTHER NOTICES

A warm welcome back to Fr. William Crombie WF, who will be celebrating the Masses in our parishes this weekend.

Children's catechism courses 2022-2023: The CLOSING DATE for return of registration forms for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation in 2023 is SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2022.

First Holy Communion classes will begin:

- Fraserburgh: Sunday 4th September.
- Peterhead: Sunday 4th September.

Confirmation classes will begin:

- Fraserburgh: Saturday 3rd September.
- Peterhead: Thursday 1st September.

Parish Accounts. The first quarter accounts of the parish are available for review at the back of the church.

Pluscarden Abbey Retreat. Places are once again available for retreat for parishioners from St. Mary's and Our Lady's churches. The retreat runs from 10th to 15th of September 2022. Retreatants will be able to attend talks during their stay, as well as participating in Mass, among other activities. Men who choose to stay overnight will do so in the St. Benedict's Retreat House, and ladies in separate accommodation nearby. Retreatants can choose to stay for the full 4 nights, 3 or 2, or just visit on the days they wish. Although attendance as a retreatant or as a daily visitor is free, donations are accepted. For more information and to book, please speak to Fiona Sellar, or e-mail Bob Watson at the address at the end of this newsletter.

Relic Tour St. Bernadette of Lourdes. During the months of September and October, the relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. Visiting 51 different venues, this very special pilgrimage will offer important opportunities for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal, as well as affording people of all ages and backgrounds the chance to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. In Scotland, the selected venue is our National Shrine at Carfin, in Motherwell. The relics of St. Bernadette will be on display in the shrine from Friday 24 September until Friday 30 September.

The National Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin will take place this year on **Sunday 25th September.** It is a special year as it marks the Centenary of the Grotto. Sunday September 25th will be particularly special as the Relics of St Bernadette will be at Carfin that day and will remain there throughout the rest of that week.

Holy Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, and in thanksgiving for the 100 years of the Grotto, will be at 3pm, with the Rosary Procession afterwards. Bishop Joseph Toal of Motherwell will lead the Liturgy along with other bishops and priests. All are warmly invited to participate in this special day.

If you would like to attend this event at Carfin – either as an individual or as a group, register on the official website, which can be found here:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

The Assumption of our Blessed Lady Mary.

"But even though, according to nature, your most holy and happy soul is separated from your most blessed and stainless body, and the body as usual is delivered to the tomb, it will not remain in the power of death and is not subject to decay.

For just as her virginity remained inviolate while giving birth, when she departed her body was preserved from destruction and only taken to a better and more divine tabernacle, which is not subject to any death . . . Hence I will call her holy passing not death, but falling asleep [dormition] or departure, or better still, arrival . . .

"Your stainless and wholly immaculate body has not been left on earth; the Queen, the Mistress, the Mother of God who has truly given birth to God has been translated to the royal palaces of heaven...

"Angels and archangels have borne you upwards... The air is purified, the ether sanctified by your passing through them. . . the powers meet you with sacred hymns and much solemnity, saying something like this: Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, elect like the sun? [cf. Song of Songs 6:9] How you have blossomed forth, how sweet you have become! You are the flower of the field, a lily among the thorns [Song of Songs 2.1] . . .

Not like Elijah have you entered heaven, not like Paul have you been rapt to the third heaven; no, you have penetrated even to the royal throne of your Son Himself . . . a blessing for the world, a sanctification of the universe, refreshment for those who are tired, comfort for the sorrowing, healing for the sick, a port for those in danger, pardon for sinners, soothing balm for the oppressed, quick help for all who pray to you. . ." (St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church, +749)

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

Sun 14 th Aug	Mass: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
There will be no Weekday Masses Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th August			
Sat 20 th Aug	Mass: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, Doctor of the Church – Mem. (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30 - 12.15	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 21st Sunday in Ordinary time (Green)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 21 st Aug	Mass: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



"Try your best to enter by the narrow door."