

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

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Kasia & Marcin Noga  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** TBA

### Readers

**Vigil Mass 30<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Philippa Baker-Short  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Eileen Fretwell & Fran McKeever  
**Vigil Mass 6<sup>th</sup> Jan:** TBA  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** TBA

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £365.00  
**Offertory Collection Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:** £390.90  
**Christmas Day Collection:** £362.61  
**St. Mary's Altar Linen Collection:** £348.46

Thank you very much for your support. Particularly appreciated is your willing support of the linen collection. God reward you all!

**Christmas Hamper:** Congratulations to Jurate who was the winner of the Christmas Hamper. 🎁 🍷

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison: 07783 297776;  
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## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Sylwia Matusiak & Anne Reilly  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Pet Morrice & Cirila Webster

### Readers

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Bob Watson & Claire Kellock  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Natalia Matusiak & Eileen Sutton

### Ministers of Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Bob Watson, Angel Rajesh, Terry Sim  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Allan Moore, Cirila Webster, Wojtek Alberti

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £330.00  
**Offertory Collection Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:** £134.65

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**SPUC White Flower Appeal:** A second collection will be taken to support this appeal, **this weekend, Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**. The Crib offerings in our parishes will also be added to this good cause.

**Christmastide**, the liturgical season of Christmas, continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. On Tue 9<sup>th</sup> we go back into Ordinary Time. It's a nice tradition to leave your Christmas decorations up until the Solemnity of the Epiphany (when Jesus was adored by the Three Wise Men) – this year, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan (you don't have to put them back if you've already taken them down 😊). Feel free to leave your cribs up at home until 2<sup>nd</sup> February (the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, the last of the five feasts of the Child Jesus). We usually leave our cribs in the church until then.

Please note that New Year's Day, **the Solemnity of the Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation in Scotland**. A special Mass will, however, be available at Fraserburgh at 09:30.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan is the **World Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace**. Let us indeed try to obtain these blessings for the world through our prayers and sacrifices.

**Epiphany Saints.** On the subject of Christmas traditions, have you heard about Epiphany Saints? The names of one or more Saints or Blesseds are drawn "at random" (after praying to the Holy Spirit for His guidance) from a jar or similar containing a number of different Saints' names written on pieces of paper. This (or these) Saints will then be your **special patrons for the coming year**, until Epiphany. Try it at home in your family, or ask Fr. Bruno to pick some Saints for you. 😊

**Youth Retreat.** There's a great event for your youth on **13 January** in Inverurie. The **NET team** is coming up to host a free retreat for all P6-S6 youth, and it's always a really engaging, fun, prayerful time.

- **When?** Saturday 13 January 2024, 10:30-17:15, followed by 17:30 Vigil Mass

- **Where?** Immaculate Conception RC Church, 116 North Street, Inverurie AB51 4TL.
- **Price?** Free (sandwich lunch included)
- **Questions?** Registration, Contact Joe McCann at 07802 335 371.

**Genesis to Jesus Bible Study.** How about a new Year's resolution to deepen your knowledge of God's loving plan for the human race? An ideal opportunity is at hand: the free on-line Genesis to Jesus bible study.


- A great overview of salvation history from Genesis to Jesus
- Very accessible to all abilities and experiences
- Written by the St. Paul Centre for Biblical Studies; materials supplied for free!
- Once a week, for 7 weeks, on Mondays or Tuesday evenings on ZOOM, beginning the week of 15 Jan 2024

Further details from the Ogilvie Centre <https://rcda.scot/ogilvie/>, or from Fr. Bruno.

**For Catechists or those wanting to improve their ability to pass on the Faith**, consider the on-line Catechist Diploma Program, run by the Archdiocese of Edinburgh :

- Strongly encouraged for catechists in our diocese who have not had catechetical training yet; Very helpful even for those who already have some training
- Thursdays, beginning 25 Jan 2024, 7:30-8:30pm on ZOOM (sessions are recorded for you in case you can't make every session)
- No exams!
- Invite a friend - it's not just for catechists, but for all who want to grow in their understanding and love of the Catholic faith
- £100 for catechists of the Diocese of Aberdeen (it is actually £200, but the diocese will pay the other £100 for you)
- Please do not register on your own. Email Sr. Mary Gianna at the Ogilvie Centre [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot) if you'd like to participate.

A HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Feast (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p>Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.</p>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	The Bl. Virgin Mary, Mother of God – Solemnity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	No Mass	–	–	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Mass: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (White); Adoration 'til 10.30am	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: Thursday of Christmas Time (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: Friday of Christmas Time (White); Adoration to 7:30pm (Confession available during adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–	
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: Saturday of Christmas Time (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm	
	<b>Vigil Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord (White)</b>	–	<b>Peterhead 6.30pm</b>	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	