

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

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Kasia & Marcin Noga

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Majella & Madeline Morrison

### Readers

**Vigil Mass 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Helen Noble

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Eileen Fretwell & Nicola Noga

**Vigil Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Philippa Baker-Short

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Majella Morrison & Fran McKeever

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £355.00

**Offertory Collection Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** £329.01

**Catholic Education Collection:** £74.50

Thank you for your support.

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

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## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Jolanta Katiniene & Sylwia Matusiak

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Norma Bisset & Pet Morrice

### Readers

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Natalia Matusiak & Eileen Sutton

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Jolanta Katiniene & Bob Watson

### Ministers of Holy Communion

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Bob Watson, Angel Rajesh, Terry Sim

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Gwen Craigie, Cirila Webster, Bob Watson

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

**Offertory Collection Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** £200.81

**Catholic Education Collection:** £75.76

Thank you for your support.

**Fraserburgh Churches Together Lenten Lunches.** The URC in the town centre is hosting a simple Lenten lunch every Friday during Lent. Every lunch consists in a bowl of soup with some bread.

Tea/coffee available. Lunch is followed by a short reflection on a Lenten theme from the Bible. Come along and get involved!

Our parish of Our Lady's and St. Drostan will be hosting the Lenten Lunch at the URC church at **12pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Fr. Bruno will be giving the Lenten reflection.** All welcome!

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass** – this Sunday at approx. 5pm.

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**Tea, coffee, refreshments are available after every Sunday Mass.** Join us for a chat. All welcome! (Note that Sunday is a day on which Lenten observances can be relaxed! – so bickies and sweet things are OK after Sunday Mass!)

**Reader's Training.** A brief training session is offered to Readers at Mass, **this coming Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am, after the morning Mass at Fraserburgh;** and at **5pm on the same day, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, at Peterhead.** All our readers from both parishes are warmly invited to attend one or other of the training sessions.

**Tax Refund:** HMRC has refunded **£1,449.96** to Fraserburgh Parish and **£2,000** to Peterhead Parish from cash offerings made to the offertory collection in the financial year 2022/23. **Whenever you put £1 in the plate, we can claim back an extra 25p from the HMRC.** So, many thanks to those who contribute to the offertory collection, and in this way help to raise vital funds for the running of the Parish!

The extra 25% can't be claimed back on Standing Orders, unless you're a tax-payer and registered in our **Gift Aider scheme** – which is why it's vital to register if you are a tax payer! 😊

Don't forget that practically **all the funds** we need to run the Parish, including paying for heating and maintaining our buildings (!), **come exclusively from your donations.** (It costs us around £3,000 just to heat a church for services in a year.)

**Lenten Observance.** Things have changed quite a bit from, say, before the Second Vatican Council. However, making Lent a **penitential season** by some voluntary acts of self-denial or greater generosity in works of charity, is still very much the recommendation of the Church. **The Fridays of Lent** are especially appropriate for fasting (a reduction in the amount that we eat) and abstinence (not taking some sort of food, usually meat, or drink).

**Good Friday (29<sup>th</sup> March 2024)** is a special day on which **Church law requires Catholics to fast and abstain.**

The law of fasting applies to all aged between 21 and 59. The law of abstinence applies to all aged 14 or over. Obviously, not everyone will be able to fast – the sick, those engaging in heavy manual work, etc. are dispensed.

Anyway, the most important thing is that **our purpose in all this should be to grow in love for God**, in a real, living **relationship** with Him, and to show that love in the way we treat others.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent.** This traditional Lenten devotion will be offered in both our parishes: on **Thursday morning at Peterhead**, after the morning Mass; and on **Friday evening at Fraserburgh**, after the evening Mass (see the timetable below).

**Pro-Life Urgent Action.** **Bishop Hugh** is strongly encouraging us to respond **urgently** to an opportunity to **reduce the time limit for abortions from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.** Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving, and this means that there is a contradiction in our abortion law, which presently allows abortions up to 24 weeks. **Collect a postcard TODAY** from the back of the church and post it to your MP as soon as possible in support of this amendment!

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

The Safeguarding Policy Document of the Catholic Church in Scotland is freely available for online reading or download at <http://www.bcos.org.uk/>

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mass: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	No Mass	–	–
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mass: Tuesday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Mass: Wednesday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent (Purple); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 10.30am	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<i>Requiem Mass for the late Lorna McAllister</i> (Purple)	–	<b>Peterhead 10.00am</b>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Mass: Friday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent (Purple) <i>Stations of the Cross after Mass</i>	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mass: Saturday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>	<b>Fraserburgh 9.30am</b>	<b>Peterhead 11.30am</b>



*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan.*