

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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St. Mary's

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 1st Dec: Majella & Madeline Morrison

Sunday 8th Dec: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Readers

Vigil Mass 30th Nov: Ellen Carchrie

Sunday 1st Dec: Barbera Mbewe & Lara Lei Rivero

Vigil Mass 7th Dec: Philippa Baker-Short

Sunday 8th Dec: Kevin Oliphant & Laura Shkundenkova

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £465.00

Offertory Collection Sun 24th Nov: £405.35

Building Fund: £85.52

St. Mary's, Peterhead, Christmas Raffle: Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win at our special Christmas draw!

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison: 07783 297776; stmarypeterheadPSC@rcd-abdn.org

FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 1st Dec: Norma Bisset & Jolanta Katiniene

Sunday 8th Dec: Sylwia Matusiak & Cirila Webster

Readers

Sunday 1st Dec: Sunday School Youngsters & Eileen Sutton

Sunday 8th Dec: Jolanta Katiniene & Bob Watson

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 1st Dec: Terry Sim, Cirila Webster, Gwen Craigie

Sunday 8th Dec: Wojtek Alberti, Bob Watson, Allan Moore

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £390.00

Offertory Collection Sun 24th Nov: £218.68

Piety Stall Sales: £259.70

Gift Aid Tax Refund: HMRC has refunded **£2,606.81** to the Parish from payments made by taxpayers in 2023/24 who are part of the Gift Aid

Scheme. **Many thanks to all participants who raise vital funds in this way!** If you are a taxpayer, you might consider joining this scheme. It doesn't cost anything. All you need to do is fill in a form, available from Fr. Bruno or Pet Morrice. 🙌

Parish Jumble Sale Today, Sunday 1st Dec, after the 09:30 Mass. Come and see what's on offer! Girls' and Ladies' clothing, good quality used shoes and other items. All proceeds to support the parish.

Christmas Meal: This year the Parish Christmas Meal will be at the Fisherman's Mission on **Tuesday 17th December 2024, 1.30pm - 3.00pm.** If you would like to take part, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church, so that it can be booked.

Christmas Star Tree: As an alternative to giving cards within the Parish, you may wish to write a message or prayer on a star and hang it on our Star Tree. Envelopes with stars are available at the back of the Church. Should you wish to make a donation to support parish funds please place your sealed envelope in the box provided. Thank you.

Fishermen's Christmas Bags. Thank you to all who donated items for fishermen's Christmas bags last year. Ruth Watt would be grateful for contributions towards Christmas bags again this year. **We're only looking for warm socks and gloves.** Cash donations are also welcome.

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

OTHER NOTICES

Advent. Today we enter the holy season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Don't forget that **Christmas** is all about **Christ** Jesus, the light of our lives! Christmas is truly joyful if we welcome Christ into our hearts and into our lives.

This is why Advent is so important. It is a time to do a bit of tidying up, setting in order, making things right... in ourselves, in our relationships with one another, and, above all, in our relationship with God.

Advent has a kind of penitential feel, and that's why we don't have flowers in the church for these few weeks, and the priest wears purple – as is also done in Lent, for the same reason. We want to show that we're sorry for anything we've done wrong, for the "sin that clings so closely" (Heb 12:1) – and that we are going to do our best, with God's help, to change for the better.

Going to Confession is a really big part of this journey of penance, personal growth, and preparation for Christmas!

On **Thursday 12th December, at 6.30pm, Frs. Christopher and Bruno will lead an Advent penitential service at St. Mary's Church, Peterhead,** and make themselves available for Confession in Polish (Fr. Chris), English, Italian, Spanish (Fr. Chris), and maybe a few other languages! (Fr. Chris). 😊

Assisted Suicide Bill. Sadly, the assisted suicide bill was passed in the House of Commons on Friday. It looks set to become legally possible for terminally ill people in England and Wales to deliberately end their lives. This doesn't affect us immediately here in Scotland, but clearly there will now be pressure for the whole of the UK to offer the same provision.

Let us keep those tempted to end their own lives in our prayers, and do all we can to **support them and help them see that their lives, and sufferings, are immensely precious, and can be extraordinarily fruitful.**

May God reward all who campaigned or voted to keep the tragic injustice of euthanasia from Britain.

Our Piety Stalls: There are still some Christmas items available: Cards, Calendars, Children's books, and other Christian items. But hurry, while stocks last!

Advent Rosary for Life – Commencing Monday 2nd December. Join Catholics from across Scotland every Monday at 19:45 during Advent for an online event (Zoom) to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Led by Bishop Keenan. Registration via: <https://bit.ly/adventrosary>

Sun 1 st Dec	Mass: 1 st Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 2 nd Dec	No Mass	–	–
Tues 3 rd Dec	Mass: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (White) - Memorial	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 4 th Dec	Mass: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 10.30am	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thurs 5 th Dec	Mass: Thursday 1 st Week of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 6 th Dec	Mass: St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop (White); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 7.30pm (Confession available during adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
Sat 7 th Dec	Mass: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (White) - Mem	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	Fraserb. 11.30am-12.15pm	Peterhead 5.45-6.15pm
Sun 8 th Dec	Vigil Mass: 2 nd Sunday of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
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And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.