

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

73 Commerce Street  
Fraserburgh AB43 9LR

**Parish Priest:** Fr Bruno Murphy  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Christopher Doig  
Tel: 01346 518215 e-mail: [peterfraser@rcda.scot](mailto:peterfraser@rcda.scot)  
**Parish Pastoral Council Chairpersons:**  
Peterhead: Majella Morrison, Tel: 07783 297776  
Fraserburgh: Bob Watson, Tel: 07423 060608  
Web Site: <https://peterfraserparish.rcda.scot>

# St. Mary's

64 St Peter Street  
Peterhead  
AB42 1QB

## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Terry Moran & Eileen Fretwell

### Readers

**Vigil Mass 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Philippa Baker-Short

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Kevin Oliphant & Laura Shkundenkova

**Vigil Mass 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Helen Noble

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nicola Noga & Julia Buda

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £465.00

**Offertory Collection Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** £327.10

**Building Fund:** £82.50

**St. Mary's, Peterhead, Christmas Raffle:** Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for an opportunity to win at our special Christmas draw, including a chance to be the winner of a **Christmas hamper!!**

**Eye Blessing next Saturday Evening** after the vigil Mass – in honour of St. Lucy, patron Saint of those suffering from eye problems.

**Calling All Volunteers!** All our parish volunteers are warmly invited to attend a short training session after Sunday Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025, which will highlight good practice in the area of safeguarding to help us build up our culture of care. The training will take place in the parish hall.

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

## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Sylwia Matusiak & Cirila Webster

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Gosia Antczak & Danuta Czesak

### Readers

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Jolanta Katiniene & Bob Watson

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Natalia Matusiak & Eileen Sutton

### Ministers of Holy Communion

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Wojtek Alberti, Bob Watson, Allan Moore

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Cirila Webster, Norma Bisset, Terry Sim

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

**Offertory Collection Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** £192.66

**Advent Candle Making Evening.** Join us next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>, at 18:30, as we delve into a Lithuanian Advent craft: candle-making. Refreshments and fun. An Advent reflection. All welcome!

**Christmas Meal:** This year the Parish Christmas Meal will be at the Fisherman's Mission on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.** This year **we're only looking for warm socks and gloves.** (Cash donations are also welcome.) If you can help, please speak to Ruth Watt. 🧤

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**Advent:** "Advent has a two-fold character: for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight" (Paul VI, Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, n. 39).

We want to 'get ready' to meet Christ both at Christmas, and at the end of things – at the end of

our lives, or the end of time (whichever comes first!). So let us continue to ask God to give us the grace to make this Advent a time of real renewal!

Going to Confession is a big part of this journey of personal growth and holiness. On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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). 😊

**Light of the North, Advent Issue:** You will find plenty in this issue to help you enter more fully into the Advent season including Bishop Hugh's Letter (p3) where he issues a clarion call for Advent-hope. Also, be inspired by Carlo Acutis, the young Italian boy who died at the age of fifteen from leukaemia, and who will become the first millennial saint next year (p17). In addition, Kirsten Schouwenaars-Harms warns about the pitfalls of merging the Advent and Christmas seasons (p18). Fr Benedict Hardy reflects on the occurrence of bees and their honey in scripture (p25), and Hilde Bardell recalls the remarkable priest, Fr Theophilus Verstraeten, who saved Lerwick from smallpox (p27). Follow the link <https://bit.ly/LightoftheNorth> to view online.

**Carol Service** at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, on 9th December at 7.30 pm. All welcome!

**After the Assisted Suicide Bill.** Reacting to the vote, Bishop John Keenan said: "This is a sad day for the sick, the vulnerable and the disabled in society. Today's vote strikes a blow against the foundational principle of medicine 'do no harm'. Since parliamentarians have voted to create a category of people that the state will help to commit suicide, doctors will now be invited to help their patients to kill themselves. As we have seen across the world, once enacted these laws are rapidly and dangerously expanded." Despite the overall majority in favour, Scottish MPs bucked the trend with a majority voting against the Bill. A total of 29 Scottish MPs rejected the Bill, and 17 voted in favour. Eleven Scottish MPs did not vote, including nine SNP members and two Labour members.

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: The Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary (Solemnity)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Our Lady of Loreto (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Wednesday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent (Purple); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 10.30am	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Red) - Memorial; Eucharistic Adoration 'til 7.30pm (Confession available during adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White) - Mem	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	Fraserb. 11.30am-12.15pm	Peterhead 5.45–6.15pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Vigil Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
	Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



*And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*