

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

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Kasia & Marcin Noga

### Readers

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

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

**Vigil Mass 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Arnas Meilutis

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Majella Morrison & Corazon Simpson

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

**Offertory Collection Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** £338.75

**Piety Stall Sales:** £163.73

**Catechism Books:** £185.00

**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!**

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Therese Alexander & Sylwia Matusiak

### Readers

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Cirila Webster & Bob Watson

### Ministers of Holy Communion

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Bob Watson, Allan Moore, Wojtek Alberti

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

**Offertory Collection Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** £192.95

**Christmas Raffle, Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Drostan:** Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of the church. Get your tickets now for prizes of **Christmas hampers!**

**Christmas Offering at our Crib:** This year will be in support of The Little Sisters of the Poor, Robroyston, Glasgow. A Registered Charity providing nursing and residential care of the elderly.

**Christmas Meal:** The Parish Christmas Meal will be at the Fisherman's Mission (Heritage House Café) this **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. 🧦🧤

**We'll be cleaning and decorating the Church for Christmas next Sunday, from 1pm.** We'd be really grateful for your help! 🧹🎄

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**Advent.** 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!

**If anyone would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation,** speak to Fr. Bruno or Christopher after any Mass, or make use of the regular slots :

Fraserburgh: Friday evening (19:00-19:30) or Saturday morning (11:30-12:15)

Peterhead: Saturday evening (17:45-18:15)

**Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.** On Christmas Eve, the Opening of the Jubilee Year will be celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. Pope Francis writes: "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, **may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.** God's work helps us to find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians in Rome: **'Hope does not disappoint.'**" (Bull in Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025)

**Light of the North.** Welcome to the Advent issue of the *Light of the North*. 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). And there's lots more! <https://bit.ly/LightoftheNorth>

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 10.30am	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple); Eucharistic Adoration 'til 7.30pm (Confession available during adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Confessions	Fraserb. 11.30am-12.15pm	Peterhead 5.45–6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



*'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'*