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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 4th Jan: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir
Sunday 11th Jan: Terry Moran

Readers

Vigil Mass: 3rd Jan: Philippa Baker-Short
Sunday 4th Jan: Laura Shkundenkova & Marta Buda
Vigil Mass: 10th Jan: Helen Noble
Sunday 11th Jan: Andrew Mackey & Jessica Mackey

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £385.00

Offertory Collection Sun 28th Dec: £373.53

Christmas Day Collection: £633.10

Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Rosary: The monthly Children's Rosary will meet again this **Sunday at 10.55am before Mass.**

Free juice and biscuits available for the children after Mass in the hall.
"No one could help admiring the beauty of the Holy Rosary which is made up of two heavenly things: The Lord's Prayer and the Angelic Salutation. How could there possibly be any prayers more pleasing to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin, or any that are easier, more precious or more helpful than these two prayers? We should always have them in our hearts and on our lips to honour the Most Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ our Saviour, and His Most Holy Mother." St. Louis De Montfort

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

FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 4th Jan: Therese Alexander & Anne Reilly
Sunday 11th Jan: Małgorzata Andczak & Danuta Czesak

Flowers: Małgorzata Antczak & Danuta Czesak

Readers

Sunday 4th Jan: Sunday School & Eileen Sutton
Sunday 11th Jan: Natalia Matusiak & Bob Watson

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 4th Jan: Norma Bisset, Bob W, Allan Moore

Sunday 11th Jan: Bob W, Gwen Craigie, Terry Sim

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £480.00

Offertory Collection Sun 28th Dec: £322.92

Christmas Eve Collection: £431.83

Christmas Day Collection: £603.85

Thank you for your continued support.

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

OTHER NOTICES

Justice & Peace, Second Collection: This weekend. Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th January is the Church's **World Day of Prayer for Peace**, and a collection is taken up in all the Scottish Dioceses to support the work of the Church in Scotland for Justice and Peace. Thanks for your support.

Withdrawal from Religious Education – A Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Scotland: The Scottish Parliament is currently considering amendments to the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, which would seek to change the current religious opt-out provisions in Scottish schools. A spokesperson for Scotland's Catholic Bishops said the Church is disappointed and confused with the Scottish Parliament Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's decision to agree an amendment that has the effect of separating Religious Education (RE) and Religious Observance (RO) in schools. The spokesperson said: "There is an intrinsic link between RE and RO in Catholic schools. Religious Education gives knowledge of faith, while Religious Observance is the living expression. One without the other risks empty ritual or solely 'head' knowledge. Separating them suggests that the Scottish Government, and those who voted for this amendment, do not value their [RE/RO] role in Catholic schools.

Furthermore, we are concerned that this amendment has the effect of changing the long-standing conscience clause in section 9 of the Education

(Scotland)Act 1980, and removes important rights for parents.

We continue to be disappointed with the policy of the Scottish Green party, as confirmed by Maggie Chapman during the Committee session on Tuesday, to campaign for the removal of denominational schools from the Scottish Education system. The inclusion of denominational schools in the state system in Scotland continues to be an example of a diverse, pluralistic, democratic education system in action.

The Catholic Church looks forward to constructive engagement at Stage 3 of the Bill process, and to working collaboratively with government, parliament, and other stakeholders to ensure that any final legislation respects both parent and children's rights and the rich heritage of Catholic education in Scotland."

Following on from our previous successful NET events, Inverurie Parish, The Immaculate Conception, wishes to announce that they are holding the very popular one-day fellowship event again, led by the Glasgow-based NET team, on **Saturday 10th January**.

More info: <https://www.rcda.scot/youth-mission-possible-2026/>

Ogilvie Centre Online Bible Study. Join Catholics from around the Diocese for a six-week online Bible study titled *Bible and the Mass*. The series led by Martin Gray begins Tuesday, January 20th, and will meet weekly from 7:00–9:00 PM. Contact Martin Gray at biblestudy@rcda.scot for Zoom info and details.

John Paul II Boys Retreat, 20-22 Feb 2026. S3-6 boys are invited to a retreat at Tomintoul. Saint John Paul II developed a beautiful way of discovering God's plan for love and the meaning of life for each person. He called this the **Theology of the Body** (TOB). During the weekend, we will discuss topics related to everyday life, relationships, and how to be a true man in today's culture. There will also be plenty of fun, activities, and adventure!

Happy New Year!

Please e-mail any newsletter information to Bob Watson at: rjambwatson@gmail.com



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?'

Sun 4th Jan	Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord (White) - Solemnity	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	
Mon 5 th Jan	No Mass	–	–	
Tues 6 th Jan	Mass: Requiem Mass	Fraserburgh 11.00am	–	
Wed 7 th Jan	Mass: Wednesday after Epiphany (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thur 8 th Jan	Mass: Thursday after Epiphany (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Fri 9 th Jan	Mass: Friday after Epiphany (White); followed by Adoration (Confession available in Adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–	
	Mass: Saturday after Epiphany (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30pm	–	
Sat 10th Jan	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 5.45 - 6.15pm	
	Vigil Mass: The Baptism of the Lord (White)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm	
Sun 11th Jan	Mass: The Baptism of the Lord (White) - Feast	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	