

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday 15th Feb: Kasia & Marcin Noga
Sunday 22nd Feb: Majella & Madeline Morrison

Readers

Vigil Mass: 14th Feb: Philippa Baker-Short
Sunday 15th Feb: Fran McKeever & Marta Buda
Vigil Mass: 21st Feb: Helen Noble
Sunday 22nd Feb: Margaret Wyness & Majella Morrison

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £385.00

Offertory Collection Sun 8th Feb: £318.69

Candles: £235.41

Crib Donation: £78.29

Catechism Book Donation: £40.00

Thank you for your continued support.

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison:
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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday 15th Feb: Therese Alexander & Kanishka Francis
Sunday 22nd Feb: Sylwia Matusiak & Cirila Webster

Readers

Sunday 15th Feb: Bob Watson & Jolanta Katiniene
Sunday 22nd Feb: Natalia Matusiak & Eileen Sutton

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 15th Feb: Bob Watson, Terry Sim, Allan Moore
Sunday 22nd Feb: Wojtek Alberti, Gwen Craigie, Bob Watson

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £480.00

Offertory Collection Sun 8th Feb: £256.51

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Piety Stall: Selection of Christian cards always available for numerous occasions. Pope Leo keepsakes and prayer cards. In loving memory items. Sunday Missals. Rosaries and statues.

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly:

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OTHER NOTICES

Ash Wednesday and Lent. This Wednesday we enter the holy season of Lent: **a time of grace for us to grow in our relationship with Christ and with our neighbour.** It's a time when we think about "giving something up". This is good if done with prudence and love, to please God. But it's important to remember the other two major sorts of Lenten good work: **almsgiving** (or generally, helping others) and **prayer**. If all three – **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** – should always be part of a Christian life, Lent is a time to redouble our efforts. And God will bless this and reward us with His presence, His love, His protection.

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, so it's not strictly necessary to go to Mass, but it is a **day of fasting (reducing the food we take to the necessary minimum) and abstinence (usually from meat).** Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive are held to fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless their work, health or other significant factors make fasting inappropriate. In this case, abstaining from meat, offering some extra prayer for the grace of spiritual renewal during Lent, or some work of charity can be substituted. **The most important thing is to really open one's heart to God, and to be disposed to practice charity (holy love) towards those around us.**

The Fridays of Lent are particularly days when we want to remember the Passion and Death of Christ.

The Stations of the Cross will be offered at:

- Fraserburgh on Friday evenings at 6:00pm throughout Lent;
- Peterhead, after the morning Mass on Thursday;
- Banff, in Polish, on Saturday evening at 5:30pm, before the Polish Mass at 6pm.

Catholic Education 2nd Collection – will be taken **this weekend, Sat/Sun 14th/15th February**, to help provide financial assistance to support the work of Catholic schools.

SCIAF Wee Box Appeal. Wee Boxes are available at the back of Church. This year's collection focuses

on Ethiopia and aims to help provide families with clean water.

St. Patrick's Night Parish Social: Please keep the evening of **Friday 13th March** free for our next parish social, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Peterhead, 7.00pm. £5 entry (children free). Bring your own bottles/cans. Live music, dancing, food, refreshments and a raffle!

Watoto Children's Choir. River Church Banff (Castle Street, AB45 1DH) are hosting the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda on the 27th of Feb at 7pm. They will be performing their powerful production, *Better Days*, which celebrates faith, courage, and the promise of brighter tomorrows. Don't miss this inspiring night that will move your heart and leave you full of hope. Free, but [reservation recommended here](https://www.watoto.com/choir/). For more info, see <https://www.watoto.com/choir/>

Youth 2000 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje! The Youth 2000 Trustees and Staff Team believe that God is inviting Youth 2000 to 'Return to the Source'. They're delighted to announce that, for the first time in a generation, the Summer Festival this year will be in Medjugorje, the place Youth 2000 began, for the Mladifest Youth Festival, 30.07-06.08.26. Young people are invited to join them on this pilgrimage. It'll give you a unique opportunity to experience the original festival together with young people from all over the world. More info [here](http://www.youth2000.org) or at www.youth2000.org

Prayers for those who have suffered abuse will be offered at Fraserburgh this coming Friday at the Stations, at Mass and during the Holy Hour; and in Peterhead on Thursday at Stations and at Mass this weekend.

From the Catholic Parliamentary Office:

Don't Miss Out: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit mygov.scot/benefits, or scan the **QR code** at the top of this newsletter.

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

Sun 15 th Feb	Mass: 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 16 th Feb	No Mass	–	–
Tues 17 th Feb	Mass: The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 18th Feb	Mass: Ash Wednesday (Purple) – FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 6.30pm
Thur 19 th Feb	Mass: Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 20 th Feb	Mass: Friday after Ash Wednesday (Purple); followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
Sat 21 st Feb	Mass: Saturday after Ash Wednesday; Commemoration of St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	F'burgh 11.30am - 12.15pm	P'head 6.00 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 22 nd Feb	Mass: 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them."