

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

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Terry Moran

### Readers

Vigil Mass: 30<sup>th</sup> May: Philippa Baker-Short  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Kevin Oliphant & Corazon Simpson

Vigil Mass: 6<sup>th</sup> June: Philippa Baker-Short  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Margaret Wyness & Marta Buda

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £385.00

**Offertory Collection Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May:** £303.40

Thank you for your continued support.

**Children's Rosary:** The monthly Children's Rosary will meet again next week on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 10.55am. Children of all ages and ability are welcome, whether they know the prayers or not. Juice and biscuits provided for the children in the hall after Mass.

*"We should meditate on the mysteries [of the rosary], applying them to the circumstances of our own lives."*

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

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

## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Norma Bisset & Ginalyn Lopinac  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Therese Alexander & Cirila Webster

### Readers

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Kasparas Butkus & Bob Watson  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Sunday School & Eileen Sutton

### Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Cirila Webster, Wojtek Alberti, Bob Watson

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Bob Watson, Terry Sim, Norma Bissett

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £480.00

**Offertory Collection Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May:** £290.48

**Cyro Malabar Donation:** £30.00

**Candle Money:** £207.68

Thank you for your continued support.

**First Holy Communions:** There is a wide selection of **cards and gifts** at the Piety Stall to purchase, making lovely souvenirs of the happy day.

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

## OTHER NOTICES

**Day for Life 2026:** This year's theme is "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb," which invites reflection on the humanity of the unborn and the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth. Day for Life is a day to raise awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. **A second collection** will be taken to support this work on **Sat/Sun 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June**

## Shaping Our Future: Diocesan Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent **parish discernment meetings** across Banff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. Your feedback has been compiled into reports for the diocesan office. Here are the core insights from our conversations:

### Our Strengths & Joys

- **Warm Welcome, Caring Environment:** Visitors consistently praise our parishes' hospitality. The care our priests offer the sick and housebound is also much appreciated.
- **Faith Initiatives:** Programs like the Children's Rosary are promising. At the diocesan level, the outreach of the Dominican Sisters in Elgin, particularly to young people, is deeply valued.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Our varied backgrounds enrich our shared Catholic identity. This is one of our key strengths.

### Challenges to Overcome

- **Time & Economy:** The cost-of-living crisis leaves families with very little time to nurture faith at home.

- **Parish Resources:** We face a shortage of volunteers, and particularly a lack of catechists. Church buildings – which contain our Lord, really present in the Blessed Sacrament! – often remain locked due to a lack of people able to open and watch over them.

- **Priestly Burdens:** Heavy administrative tasks (finance, safeguarding, health and safety, property maintenance...) take our priests away from their core spiritual ministries: preaching, pastoral care/guidance, prayer.

### The Path Forward

- **Support Families:** We need simple online resources to help parents build the "Domestic Church" at home.
- **Diocesan Structure:** There was unanimous opposition to the merging dioceses in this part of Scotland. Instead, parishioners recommend appointing an **auxiliary bishop** to assist our bishop, or creating a **new Highland diocese** centred around Inverness to manage our vast geographical area effectively.

This report highlights that while our geography and the number of active personnel bring challenges, our community's faith and desire for connection remain vibrant.

**St. Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs.** Charles and his 21 Catholic companions were a group of newly converted Christian royal pages and officials who were brutally executed between 1885 and 1887 in the Kingdom of Buganda (modern-day Uganda). They were martyred by King Mwanga II for refusing to renounce their faith and for protecting young pages from the king's unholy demands.

We are privileged have a first-class relic of St. Charles and St. Matthias Murumba Kalemba which will be available after Mass on Wednesday for veneration.

**First Holy Communions** at Fraserburgh and Peterhead next Sunday! 🥰🥰🥰🥰

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Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Mass: The Most Holy Trinity (White) - Solemnity	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	No Mass	–	–
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mass: Tuesday in the 9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mass: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Red)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass: Thursday in the 9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (Red); followed by Adoration (Confession available during Adoration)	Fraserburgh 6.30pm	–
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass: St. Norbert, Bishop (and Founder of the Canons Regular of the Order of Premontre) (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions (Confession is available at any time on individual request 🙏)	F'burgh 11.30 – 12.15pm	P'head 6.00 - 6.15pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Vigil Mass: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (White) - Solemnity	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
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*'God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'*