



ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA Newsletter

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo

The word of God today draws us to reflect on the gentleness by which God helps us to carry the burdens of this life. God does not add to our burdens; He comes to lighten them and give us peace.

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah prophetically painted a beautiful image of a humble king approaching his people: "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble, and mounted on a donkey." This is a remarkable picture of humility – a king mounted on a donkey. Our God and King comes to us with gentleness and peace. He draws near not to overwhelm us, but to save us with humility and love.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are not meant to live according to the flesh, that is, relying only on our human effort. Instead, we are called to live by the Spirit of God, who gives life to our bodies just like He raised Jesus from the dead. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in us, giving strength, guidance, and new life. We do not have to carry life by ourselves; God's Spirit strengthens what we cannot sustain alone.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls on us to come to him, all of us who labour and are heavily laden, that He may give us rest. Jesus sees our struggles and does not turn away. Instead, He invites us to come closer. He does not promise a life without responsibility, but He promises that we will not carry it alone. He calls us to lay our burdens on Him and take His yoke. A yoke suggests shared work. Jesus is telling us that when we walk with Him, He carries the greater weight. What feels heavy becomes lighter because we are no longer alone in it.

We are God's little children, to whom He revealed the mysteries of His gentleness in helping us to overcome life's burdens. Our humble King, who comes to us, also wants us to make the step to come to him in our lowliness. He is present to help us carry the heavy load of life. With Him, great loads are lifted with little effort, and where there is death, His spirit gives us life.

MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS	St Peter's Buckie		St Mary's Fochabers
	Sat 4 th	19:00 Vigil Mass	-----
	Sun 5 th	10:00 Mass	12:00 Mass
	Mon 6 th	-----	-----
	Tues 7 th	18:30 Exposition/Confessions 19:00 Mass	-----
	Wed 8 th		17:00 Exposition/Confessions 17:30 Mass
	Thurs 9 th & Fri 10 th	-----	-----
	Sat 11 th	19:00 Vigil Mass	-----
	Sun 12 th	10:00 Mass	12:00 Mass

Today we celebrate the **14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
- Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
- Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Sacrament of Reconciliation: available any time on request, just ask the Priests.

Sick & Housebound: If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the priests.

Summer Holidays: As the school year comes to an end, we extend our warm congratulations to all the children and teachers for their hard work and achievements this year. May you enjoy a well-deserved break and make wonderful memories.

Sea Sunday: next weekend, 11th – 12th July, there will be a special collection for Sea Sunday. Thank you for your generous donations.

Sunday Teas: will be held after Mass today Sunday 5th July in St Peter's Hall. All Welcome!

Ladies Guild Meeting: will meet on Monday 6th July in St Peter's Church Hall, 14:00 – 16:00. All Welcome!

Tom Kane, RIP: We were saddened to hear of the death of Tom Kane, a much loved and loyal member of St Mary's. His funeral will be held at Moray Crematorium on Wednesday 8th July at 12.30. May he rest in peace.

Lectio Divina & Benediction will take place on Sunday, 12th July at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

School Supplies for a school in Nigeria: Rebecca is collecting donations to support a school in Nigeria for children aged 5 to early teens. Donations of new or nearly new items would be greatly appreciated, including soft toys, children's books, educational toys, pencils and colouring pencils, games, other suitable educational resources etc.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, Rebecca will use it to purchase the items the school most needs. Fr Peter will personally take all donated items to Nigeria. Donations can be placed in the collection box in St Peter's porch or given directly to Rebecca or Fr Peter by Wednesday 15 July. Thank you!

St Mary's 200th Anniversary: We are holding a special commemoration Mass on Sunday 16th August at 12 noon to celebrate this historic event, followed by a light lunch. We're creating a small display and would appreciate the loan of any photos of special occasions in the church. Physical photos can be sent to 'St Mary's Parish Council Chairman, 22 South Street, Fochabers IV32 7ED, include your name and address so that they can be returned afterwards. Alternatively, they can be sent via email to Fochabers.heritage@gmail.com. All are welcome but especially those who have a connection past or present with St Mary's!

Fr Peter's 10th Priestly Anniversary: On Saturday, 22nd August 2026, Fr Peter will celebrate a special Mass to mark his 10th priestly anniversary at St Margaret's, Huntly, followed by a reception at St Thomas's Hall, Keith. All are warmly invited to celebrate with us. For catering, please inform the organisers of your attendance by filling out the form: <https://form.jotform.com/260996550056060>

St Peter's Youth Group: will take place on Saturday 30th August from 17:45 – 20:00. All P7 - S6 welcome! ***It's our third anniversary!***

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

St. Peter's:

Main collection: £ 340.32

Peter's Pence: £ 82.69

St. Mary's:

Main collection: £ 71.00

Peter's Pence: £ 55.47

Thank you for your continued generosity!