



ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA Newsletter

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7th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo

We are in the time of waiting and prayer for the celebration of Pentecost. Jesus has returned to the Father so that the Holy Spirit may come upon the disciples and remain with them. We join the disciples today to wait in hope for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles describes what the disciples did after Jesus' ascension. They gathered together in the upper room, united in prayer, with Mary, the mother of Jesus. The description paints a beautiful image of the early Church: a community that waits on the Lord, in faith and communion. A community where the mother of Jesus is found, praying with and for the Church. The disciples are teaching us today to stay together and be prayerful for the Lord's manifestation.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, he introduces another important dimension of the Christian life: suffering for the sake of Christ. He tells us to rejoice insofar as we share in the sufferings of Christ. Suffering is something we naturally try to avoid. But Peter reminds us that when we endure difficulties because of our faith, because of waiting on the Lord, we are sharing in the life of Christ Himself.

In the Gospel of John, we hear part of what is often called Jesus' priestly prayer. Though the prayer was said before Jesus' passion and death, the words sound prophetic: he knew what was going to happen and that He would leave his disciples and ultimately ascend back to the Father. He lifted His eyes to heaven and prayed for His disciples. He entrusted them to the Father's care. In the prayer, he revealed to the disciples that He and the Father are one, and how the disciples participate in divine life by being one with Him.

As we wait for the Spirit of the Lord with the disciples, let us do so in patient trust. In the Holy Spirit, we participate fully in the life of God, for He is the Spirit of Christ who remains with us until the end of time. Let us wait in prayer for the Holy Spirit of unity, that He may unite the members of Christ's body – the Church and that in us, God may be glorified.

| | St Peter's Buckie | | St Mary's Fochabers | | |
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| MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS | Sat 16 th | 19:00 Vigil Mass | ----- | | |
| | Sun 17 th | 10:00 Eucharistic Service | 12:00 | Eucharistic Service | |
| | Mon 18 th | ----- | | ----- | |
| | Tues 19 th | 18:30 Exposition/Confessions 19:00 Mass | ----- | | |
| | Wed 20 th | ----- | | 17:00 Exposition/Confessions 17:30 Mass | |
| | Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd | ----- | | ----- | |
| | Sat 23 rd | 19:00 Vigil Mass | ----- | | |
| | Sun 24 th | 10:00 Mass | 12:00 | Mass - Sheila Iannetta RIP | |

Today we celebrate the **7th Sunday of Easter.**

The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
- Gospel: John 17:1-11a

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.

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 19th May at 19:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend, and it is always good to have fresh perspectives and ideas for our parish community.

St Peter's Youth Group: will take place on Sunday 31st May from 17:45 - 20:00.

Lectio Divina & Benediction will take place today, Sunday, 14th June at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

St Mary's Fochabers Marks 200 Years: This year, our church will celebrate 200 years of its existence on its present site. Previously there was a church building on another site in the village. Records show that the first mass was celebrated here on 11th May 1826. Thank you for being part of this historic continuing journey of our church. Other events to follow during the year.

Annual Mass at Scalan will take place on Sunday, June 14th, at 16:00. All are Welcome! Due to this being an outdoor Mass, and with the ever-changing Scottish weather, please wear appropriate footwear and clothing and note that the grass in front of the seminary is uneven. Address: Scalan, Braes of Glenlivet, AB37 9JS

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting

food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Light of the North Magazine: Welcome to this Easter issue of the Light of the North available via: <https://www.rcda.scot/light-of-the-north-easter-2026/>

Date for your diary: This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden will take place on Sunday 28th June. Refreshments will be available from 12 noon, Confessions/Exposition will be available from 13:00 and Mass starting at 15:00. Full details are available on <https://www.rcda.scot/annual-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-pluscarden-5/>

Gift Aid Scheme: This is a much-needed way to financial support the running of our parishes without asking you to give more out of your own pocket. If you are a UK taxpayer, your regular Sunday contribution can be topped up by the government by 25%. There are two ways to Gift Aid your donations; either use specially designated envelopes (you will have to write down a few details on the envelope) or you can fill in a special form once and receive a set of envelopes for each Sunday with your unique number. If you need more information speak to Fr Kingsley.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

St. Peter's:

Main collection: £ 270.77
Restoration Fund: £ 77.50
SCIAF WEE Boxes: £ 319.37

St. Mary's:

Main collection: £ 144.50
Fabric Fund: £ 62.00
SCIAF WEE Boxes: £ 62.59

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Responsorial Psalm Response:

*I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.*