



# ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA

## Newsletter

*comprised of the parishes of Buckie, Fochabers, Preshome and Tynet*

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### **The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo**

Imagine seeing someone you care about making a decision that you know will hurt them, yet you remain silent because you do not want to offend them or get involved. Sometimes, we think that keeping quiet is the easiest way to maintain peace. But today's readings tell us something different. When we truly love others, we will care enough to correct, forgive, and help them return to the right path.

In the first reading, God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for the people of Israel: a responsibility to warn them when danger approaches. If Ezekiel warns people and they refuse to listen, the responsibility lies with them. But if Ezekiel sees the danger and remains silent, he will be held accountable. This reminds us of our responsibility towards each other, especially when one is going astray. The purpose of correction should be to help and save rather than to condemn or humiliate.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminded us that the foundation for this responsibility is love: that is what we owe each other. This means that whatever we do for another person must come from genuine love, not anger, pride, revenge, or the desire to prove that we are right; else we may be saying the right thing in the wrong way.

In the Gospel, Jesus gave us a practical way of dealing with someone who has wronged us or gone astray. Rather than gossiping about them and immediately exposing their faults to everyone, we should go to them privately and be reconciled. If the person listens, then we have won back that brother or sister. And that is the purpose of correction: to win back the person, not to win an argument or a narrative.

Those who love and correct one another in love can effectively pray together as we do in the Church. Hence, Jesus' words: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them". Let us therefore take up today's challenge to care enough to warn, to love enough to correct, and to forgive enough to restore relationships. We are, in a sense, watchmen for each other, not looking for faults but to help, and we should also examine ourselves before correcting others. We are not perfect. We too need correction, forgiveness, and God's mercy.

#### **St Peter's Buckie**

#### **St Mary's Fochabers**

**MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>                              | 19:00 - Vigil Mass – <i>Ian Wilson, RIP</i>   | -----                                         |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | 10:00 - Mass                                  | 12:00 - Mass                                  |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>                              | -----                                         | -----                                         |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>                             | 18:30 - Exposition/Confession<br>19:00 - Mass | -----                                         |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>                              | -----                                         | 17:30 - Exposition/Confession<br>17:30 - Mass |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup><br>& Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> | -----                                         | -----                                         |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>                             | 19:00 - Vigil Mass                            | -----                                         |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>                             | 10:00 - Eucharistic Service                   | 12:00 - Mass                                  |

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Today we celebrate the **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
- Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
- Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**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.

**Sick & Retired Clergy:** this weekend, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a special collection for Sick & Retired Clergy Fund. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Restoration Fund:** next weekend, 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a special collection for the Restoration Fund. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Sunday Teas:** will be held after Mass TODAY Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September in St Peter's Hall. All Welcome!

**St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** will take place, TODAY, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September immediately after Mass. All welcome please come and support us.

**Ladies Guild Meeting:** will meet on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September in St Peter's Church Hall, 14:00 – 16:00. All Welcome!

**St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** will take place in St Peter's Parish Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30.

**Lectio Divina & Benediction** will take place on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

**200<sup>th</sup> Celebration at St Mary's:** Bishop Hugh will visit St. Mary's on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon to join the clergy, congregations and visitors to celebrate a special Mass marking this anniversary. Please come and celebrate with us.

**St Peter's Youth Group:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 17:45 – 20:00. All P7 – S6 welcome!

**Ladies Retreat at Pluscarden Abbey:** has been booked from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October. For information and to register, please contact Moira by email [moirajannetta8@gmail.com](mailto:moirajannetta8@gmail.com)

**Sacramental Classes for Children @ St Peter's:** Registration is open for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (P4+) or Confirmation (P7+). For more info see Sabrina or visit [www.stpeters-pa.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-pa.org.uk)

**Mary's Meals – Foreign Currency Appeal:** Got leftover foreign currency or out-of-circulation UK coins and notes sitting in drawers or jars? Drop your donations into the blue Mary's Meals collection mugs at the back of our Churches.

**Looking at Sacred Music in Our Parishes and Schools:** Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB invites you to join a special presentation exploring the essential role of sacred music in our divine worship at Greyfriars Convent, Abbey St, Elgin on Saturday, 26 September 2026 from 10:00 to 16:00. Full information and register on the diocesan website: <https://www.rcda.scot/looking-at-sacred-music-in-our-parishes-and-schools/>

**LOTN:** The summer edition of the Light of the North Diocesan Magazine is available to read online: <https://www.rcda.scot/light-of-the-north-summer-2026/>

**Men's Philips Retreat:** You are invited to encounter the power and freedom of the Gospel at Kilcoy Castle/ The retreat is run by the Dominican Sisters from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2026. Contact Sr Mary Gianna via [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot)

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:**

St. Peter's:

- Main collection: £ 340.86

St. Mary's:

- Main Collection: £ 99.00

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

Anything to share? please e-mail Sabrina, [sabrina@rcda.scot](mailto:sabrina@rcda.scot) BEFORE noon on Thursdays.