



ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA

Newsletter

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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

11th October 2026

The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo

God continually invites us to share in His life. Today's readings show us how God has invited us to his heavenly banquet. The question is whether we are willing to accept His invitation and prepare to participate in the banquet.

In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of the Lord preparing a rich feast for all peoples: a feast of abundance, joy, fellowship, and salvation. God desires to remove the veil of sadness and suffering that covers humanity and to wipe away every tear. God desires our eternal joy and prepares a feast in place for all. The feast is an image of the Kingdom of God, where all are invited to experience His salvation.

In the second reading, St. Paul uses himself as an example of someone who has learned to trust God in every circumstance. He has learnt to be content in every situation in this life, whether in plenty or hunger. He can do all things in Christ who strengthens him, for he knows that God will supply all he needs in Christ. Paul's words show his confidence in God's eternal providence, and nothing would distract him from that.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The guests are too busy with their businesses to come, and some even mistreated the servants sent to them. The king then opens the invitation to everyone, and People, both good and bad, are gathered from everywhere into the wedding hall. Then the king notices and removes one who wasn't wearing a wedding garment among them.

As much as God generously invites everyone to the eternal banquet of heaven, we, on our part, must respond to the invitation by changing how we appear spiritually. We must wear something appropriate for the heavenly feast. The wedding garment can be understood as the life of grace, faith, love, and righteousness that should accompany our response to God's call. Both good and bad are invited but must wear the wedding garment, which means "the holiness and repentance" required in God's presence in heaven. We all must wash ourselves in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, present with us in the Holy Eucharist.

St Peter's Buckie

St Mary's Fochabers

MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 th	19:00 - Vigil Mass	-----
Sun 11 th	10:00 – Eucharistic Service	12:00 - Mass
Mon 12 th	-----	-----
Tues 13 th	18:30 - Exposition/Confession 19:00 - Mass	-----
Wed 14 th	-----	17:30 - Exposition/Confession 17:30 - Mass
Thurs 15 th & Fri 16 th	-----	-----
Sat 17 th	19:00 - Vigil Mass	-----
Sun 18 th	10:00 – Mass	12:00 - Mass

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Today we celebrate the **28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
- Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Restoration Fund: this weekend, 10th – 11th October, there will be a special collection for the Restoration Fund. Thank you for your generous donations.

Mission Sunday Collection: A special collection for Mission Sunday will be taken up next weekend, 17th – 18th October. Thank you for your generous donations.

Angela Lamb, RIP: Funeral service of Angela Lamb on Wednesday 14th October in St Peter's. May her soul rest in peace.

NEXT SUNDAY - 200th Celebration at St Mary's: Bishop Hugh will visit St. Mary's on Sunday 18th 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.

Lectio Divina & Benediction will take place on Sunday, 11th October at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Ogilvie: To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Ogilvie, St Thomas' Keith is holding a special Mass on Saturday 17th October at 11:00. There will be time for sharing some personal experiences from those who attended the Canonisation in Rome, and lunch in the hall afterwards. All Welcome!

St Peter's Youth Group: Sunday 25th October from 17:45 – 19:15. All P7 – S6 welcome!

Cleaning Volunteers at St Peter's: If you are interested in joining the team, please see Fr Kingsley or Gerardine.

Fabric and Finance Committee at St Peter's: Interested in being part of the F&F committee? Let Fr Kingsley know. We are grateful to those who have been assisting, observing and reporting fabric issues, but this committee is very important for every parish, and we have not been able to constitute a quorum for proper decision meeting as the canon law requires.

Foreign Currency Collection Update: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our initial Mary's Meals collection across St Peter's and St Mary's. Thank you for your wonderful support! Donation boxes will continue to be available in our churches for a few more weeks.

Encounter the Gospel Afresh: The Philips Course: Join us for the Philips Course, a dynamic non-residential retreat from the evening of Friday 13th to the afternoon of Sunday 15th November 2026, at Bishop's House, Aberdeen. Open to all adults—whether active in the Church, returning after time away, or new to Christianity—this retreat offers a welcoming space to step away from daily routines, encounter the Holy Spirit, and connect with a supportive community. To book your place or learn more, email: philipscoursecoordinator@gmail.com

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October - For Mental Health Ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

St. Peter's:

- Main collection: £ 374.30

St. Mary's:

- Main Collection: £ 153.60
- Flowers for the Bishop's visit: £103.90

Thank you for your continued generosity!