ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA Newsletter

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A **8th November 2026**

The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo

On this Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who gave their lives in the world wars for the peace we enjoy today. We pray for wisdom for our leaders, that they may not lead the world back to the evil days of war. On a personal level, today's readings call on us to embrace the wisdom of living each day with our hearts prepared for God.

In the first reading from the book of Wisdom, we are reminded that wisdom is readily available to those who seek her. She does not hide herself from those who desire her but makes herself known to those looking for her. Divine wisdom is available to guide us, but we must be willing to seek it. That Wisdom is the word of God – Jesus, whom we must seek willingly.

In the second reading, St Paul spoke to the Thessalonians about those who have died. He encouraged them not to grieve like people who have no hope. Because Jesus died and rose again, those who belong to Him will also share in His resurrection. St Paul shows us here the wisdom of life and death. Physical death is not the end of our story, for we are changed and clothed with immortal life. Our Christian hope is that we shall be with the Lord forever.

In the Gospel, Jesus gave us the parable of the ten virgins. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom arrived, the foolish ones discovered that their lamps were going out, and they were not ready to meet him. The oil is the life of faith we must cultivate every day. The light of the lamp is Christ in us.

Nobody can live our Christian life for us – not the priest, not parents, siblings, peers or a member of the Church. Yes, they may inspire us, but each of us must develop a personal relationship with God. Did you get that message – the wisdom of living? Do you keep in yourself daily the consciousness that life doesn't end here, but we shall change and give to God an account of our lives? Are you keeping your lamp burning through prayer, love, forgiveness, kindness, and obedience to God's Word?

MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS

	St Peter's Buckie	St Mary's Fochabers
Sat 7th	19:00 - Vigil Mass	----------
Sun 8th	10:00 – Mass: *Hugh Scott RIP*	12:00 – Mass: *David McLean RIP*
Mon 9th	----------	----------
Tues 10th	18:30 - Exposition/Confession 19:00 - Mass	----------
Wed 11th		17:30 - Exposition/Confession 17:30 - Mass
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th	----------	----------
Sat 14th	19:00 - Vigil Mass	----------
Sun 15th	10:00 – Mass	12:00 – Mass: *Freda McLean RIP*

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Today we celebrate the **32nd Sunday of Ordinary.** The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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, 7th – 8th November, there will be a special collection for the Restoration Fund. Thank you for your generous donations.

Special Collection: for the Scottish Catholic Education Service will be taken up next weekend, 14th - 15th November the start of Catholic Education Week. Thank you for your generous donations.

A special Book of Remembrance is available in our churches where you can write down the names of your deceased relatives and friends. Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls throughout the month of November unless a specific Mass intention is requested.

Lectio Divina & Benediction will take place on Sunday, 8th November at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th November at 19:30 in the parish hall.

St Mary's Joint Pastoral and Finance Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, 15th November after 12.00 Mass. Please attend if able.

St Mary's Coffee Morning: A reminder of St Mary's upcoming coffee morning on Saturday 21st November from 10:00 – 11:30. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00. We hope to have all the usual stalls (bottle stall, raffles, home baking, Bric-a-Brac etc). All donations gratefully received. Donations can be left in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

St Peter's Youth Group: Sunday 29th November from 17:45 – 19:15. All P7 – S6 welcome!

Buckie Choral Union will be holding their annual **Christmas Carol Concert** on Sunday 6th December at 7.30pm in the South & West Church, Buckie. The concert will also feature the Buckie High fiddle group, and talented soprano soloist Sine MacDonald; there will also be a raffle and free refreshments. Tickets are available from choir members and at the door - cost £7 (£3 for under 16s). This is a lovely way to celebrate the Advent season - all very welcome.

Christmas Cards, Calendars and gifts: now on sale at the back of St Peter's.

St. Mary's Christmas Food Bank Collection: Collecting now through Sunday, November 29th. This year, our appeal is focusing on two essential categories that are often in short supply: tea and toiletries. If you can donate, please consider bringing along: packets of teabags and/or toiletries & personal hygiene such as toilet rolls, toothpaste, shower gel, soap, deodorants, and similar everyday essentials. Please give generously as it is much required. Thank you.

Our churches are heated, however, please wear clothes appropriate for the weather, being conscious that the churches are old, tall, drafty buildings. Keep the external doors closed to help reduce the drafts.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

St. Peter's:

- Main collection: £ 376.40

St. Mary's:

- Main Collection: £ 272.30

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Anything to share? please e-mail Sabrina, sabrina@rcda.scot BEFORE noon on Thursdays.