ST. PETER'S PASTORAL AREA Newsletter

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

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Christ The King, Year A **22nd November 2026**

The Announcer! By Fr. Kingsley Chigbo

We celebrate today the Solemnity of Christ the King. The liturgical year ends at the weekend. Jesus Christ is the Servant King; He rules over all through love and mercy. The readings draw us to meditate on Jesus' Kingship and what it means to belong to His Kingdom. Christ is a King who cares for His people; He reigns supreme over death's power; and He identifies Himself with the poor and suffering.

In the first reading, God, speaking through the prophet Ezekiel, promises to look after His people like a shepherd who cares for the sheep. He will search for the lost, bring back those who have wandered away, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. God shows that He cares for His people, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Christ has risen from the dead and has conquered death. Through His resurrection, He has opened the way to eternal life for all who belong to Him. The kingship of Christ is above worldly kingship. He is King over the living and the dead, for in Him is the fullness of life and power over death, and everything will finally be brought under His authority.

In the gospel, Jesus speaks about the final judgment, when the Son of Man will come in glory and separate people as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Those who are welcomed into the Kingdom are those He referred to as the Sheep: they are those who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited those in prison. The goats are those who did the opposite. Whatsoever we do to others, we do so to Christ the King – He remembers everything.

As Christ the King has commanded us to love and care for one another, that is how we must live as citizens of His heavenly Kingdom. If we fail to do so, He has His way of looking after His people, as the first reading emphasised; however, He has put us in charge of his estates as responsible lords and ladies in His kingdom. May He find us at our duty posts when He comes to take us to His heavenly Kingdom.

MASS DIARY AND INTENTIONS

	St Peter's Buckie	St Mary's Fochabers
Sat 21st	19:00 - Vigil Mass: *June Lewis RIP*	----------
Sun 22nd	10:00 – Eucharistic Service	12:00 – Eucharistic Service
Mon 23rd	----------	----------
Tues 24th	18:30 - Exposition/Confession 19:00 - Mass - *Alfredo Faustino da Silva & Maria Olivia dos Reis, RIP*	----------
Wed 25th		17:30 - Exposition/Confession 17:30 - Mass
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th	----------	----------
Sat 28th	19:00 - Vigil Mass	----------
Sun 29th	10:00 – Mass: *Liz Muir, RIP*	12:00 – Mass

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Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King.** The Sunday readings are:

- First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
- Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Special Collection at St Mary's ONLY: today, Sunday 22nd November for Misson Sunday as they had to postpone because of the 200 years celebration.

A special Book of Remembrance is available in our churches. Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls throughout the month of November unless a specific Mass intention is requested.

Congratulations on the Anniversary of your Ordination: Last Friday, we joyfully celebrated the anniversary of Fr Kingsley's ordination to the priesthood. We give thanks for his vocation and faithful ministry, and wish him God's abundant blessings, joy and strength in the years ahead.

Christmas Sunday Teas: will be held after Mass on Sunday 6th December in St Peter's Hall. All Welcome!

Lectio Divina & Benediction will take place on Sunday, 6th December at 16:00 in St Peter's Hall. (Benediction @ 17:00). All welcome!

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

Advent Mass with St Peter's Primary School will take place on Monday 30th November at 09:30. Parishioners are invited to join at the Mass.

Bishop Peter's Funeral Arrangements have been finalised: The Reception of the Remains will take place at the Cathedral on Monday 30th November at 16:00. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 on Tuesday 1st December, followed by the funeral procession to St Ninian's Cemetery, Tynet, where he will be laid to rest. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Join the **Buckie Choral Union** for a **Christmas Carol Concert** on Sunday, 6th December at 7:30 pm in the South & West Church, Buckie. Featuring the Buckie High fiddle group and soprano Sine MacDonald, plus a raffle and free refreshments. Tickets are £7 (£3 under 16s) from choir members or at the door. All welcome!

Weekday Mass in St. Mary's: is now held in the parish room during the winter months. Please enter via the house – follow the path on the left-hand side of the Church and enter the white door.

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: tea and toiletries. If you can donate, please bring 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.

Ernie Grainge, RIP: former parishioner of St. Mary's Fochabers funeral will take place at St. Margaret's RC Church, Forres, at 13:00 on Monday 23rd November. All welcome. May Ernie's eternal soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

St. Peter's:

- Main collection: £ 533.96
- Scottish Catholic Education: £ 34.00

St. Mary's:

- Main Collection: £ 113.00
- Scottish Catholic Education: £ 69.20

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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