



THE PARISHES OF ST PETER & ST COLUMBA...

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24th Sunday of the Year (A)
13th September 2020

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord is Compassion and Love

The readings this week speak of forgiveness, urging us to forgive others just as God forgives us. God loves us unconditionally. There is no limit to that forgiveness, so long as we ourselves show forgiveness to others, and don't hold on to any grievances.

The First Reading directs us to remember and live by the commandments, and especially not to bear any grudge against our neighbours. We are urged to let go of any anger, hate or resentment.

The Psalm is full of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It tells of the strength of the Lord's love for us as well as his mercy; there is no end to his forgiveness nor love.

In the Second Reading, we hear of how the way in which we live our lives affects one other. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, he has shown us that we belong to him both in life and death, unless we choose to turn away.

The parable of the unforgiving servant in the Gospel emphasizes the message of forgiveness. So long as we forgive others with complete sincerity, God will show compassion towards us. So long as we repent, he will forgive our sins an infinite number of times. Over the week ahead, let's pray for one another and welcome God's gift of forgiveness, together with the healing, reconciliation and restoring of any broken relationship that it brings.

(St Beuno's Outreach)



Celebration of Mass in St Peter's & St Columba's and Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil	5.30pm	St Peter's
Sunday	Mass	9.30am	St Columba's Luigi Becarelli (ill)
		11.30am	St Peter's Norma Dale RIP
		6.30pm	St Columba's People of the Parishes
Monday	Mass	6.30pm	St Columba's Jen K
Tuesday	Mass	10am	St Columba's Mike Knox RIP
Wednesday	Mass	6.30pm	St Columba's Louise Lawson RIP
Thursday	Mass	10am	St Columba's Sarah McCabe RIP
Friday	Mass	10am	St Columba's
Saturday	Mass	10am	St Columba's Sarah McCabe RIP

Sunday Mass

To attend Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses it is necessary to book online at Eventbrite. Booking begins at 12 noon on Wednesdays

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/30753214066>

If you do not have access to the website please contact the parish secretaries who will book for you.

As places are limited to 50 per Mass please book one Mass only over the weekend to allow others the opportunity of attending. Once you have booked please check that you have booked only the number of tickets you require. If you find that you are unable to attend the Mass you have booked please cancel the booking or ask the parish secretary to cancel it for you.
Thank you.

Please continue to pray for all who are sick, elderly or house-bound whether at home or in hospital/nursing homes, for those who are chronically ill and for those who have recently been bereaved. We remember especially Christine, Mike, Christopher, Charlie, Michael, John, Anthony, Joe Houghton, Kate, Patricia Knowles, Andy and Luigi Becarelli, a much loved parishioner of St Columba's who is gravely ill in hospital and also John, a former parishioner of St Peter's who has suffered a severe stroke.

Listen to Fr Kevin's homily online.

RIP

Please pray for Darren Black and Luigi Ianone who died recently.



Hello everyone, welcome to our joint Newsletter for St Columba's & St Peter's Parishes.
Please send news of events etc to St Peter's Parish Secretary, wastles@btinternet.com.
It is helpful to receive items for publishing by Thursday evening.

Sale of Homemade Jams for SCIAF

If you would like to buy jam made from locally-sourced fruit, please contact Annie Royan at hospitality@stpetersrchurchedinburgh.org.uk. All proceeds will go directly to SCIAF, where they be matched under the UKAID scheme.

St Peter's PPC Meeting

All members and interested parishioners are invited to a Zoom meeting of the Pastoral Council on Monday 14 September at 8pm. Please register at pastoralcouncil@stpetersrchurchedinburgh.org.uk and invitation details will be sent to you.



Justice and Peace Announcement:

Everything is not good. "God looked at everything he has made, and he found that it very good" (Gen. 1:31). He charged humans with the responsibility to care for what He had made, now the earth "groans in travail" (Rom. 8:22). This Season of Creation let us turn to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* to learn how we can actively live out our responsibility for 'our common home'. Weekly Zoom meetings Wednesday. 7:30pm. Starting 16 September 2020. Email for information or to join: annehavard46@gmail.com or knechtel.laura@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who are continuing to support our two parishes either by **Standing Order** (which can be arranged online or in your branch), **cheque** (St Peter's Parish/St Columba's Parish) or **cash** (either in an envelope through the presbytery door or placed in the Offertory basket which is available after weekend Masses). Please consider setting up a Standing Order -
Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh St Peter's Parish Sort Code 83-06-08 A/C No 10402428 or
Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh St Columba's Parish Sort Code 83-06-08 A/C No 10402355

Thank you too for donations to

St Peter's Heating/Building Fund, the SVDP and for postage of newsletters.

Congratulations to Fiadh Keane baptised on Saturday in St Columba's - our first baptism since lockdown!



Marriage Preparation *Are you getting married?*

The Archdiocese is running marriage preparation courses on Saturday 17 October and Saturday 14 November, 10.30-4.30pm. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions these are likely to take place online using Zoom. For an application form please contact Irene Furlong, irene.furlong@staned.co.uk, 0131 623 8900, or download the form from the resources tab at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/>

Please remember to socially distance
- 2 metres -
in church and in the courtyards outside
especially in light of the new
restrictions of not more than six people.
BBC News - Protect Scotland: What you need to
know about new contact tracing app
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland->



PRAYING FOR LIFE

You are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion beginning 23 September. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact edinburgh40days@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

Progress Report on Heating Works in St Peter's

In the two weeks since our last report, work has been progressing in line with the schedule, despite a visit from the Not-so-Fantastic Mr Fox who took up residence in the basement for a few days! Work in the church itself is nearing completion. We are waiting for a radiator to replace one which was returned to the manufacturer because of damage to the surface. All the other radiators are now fixed to the walls and most are ready for connection to the underground heating pipework. The air curtain which will heat the inner porch has been fitted ready for electrical connections.



Best wishes from Ian McCafferty ...

Ian sends his best wishes to all his friends in the parishes and hopes that they, and all in the wider community who know him, are well and safe. Ian and Margaret Addly often watch Mass on line together - socially distanced - and share the news in the newsletter.

Items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter to Mary Wastle 447 3442 or wastles@btinternet.com by **Thursday evening** please. St Peter's website contact Juliet MacKellaig 447 4210 or julietmackellaig@gmail.com. St Columba's website contact pcleee@sky.com

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