



## THE PARISHES OF ST PETER & ST COLUMBA...

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Sundays 5.30-6.15

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### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 22  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Mark 6:30-34



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B) - 18th July 2021

'You must come away.... and rest for a while'

The readings this week offer a welcome invitation to spend more time with our loving Lord who is our shepherd, and in whom we find nourishment, shelter, and peace for our minds and bodies.

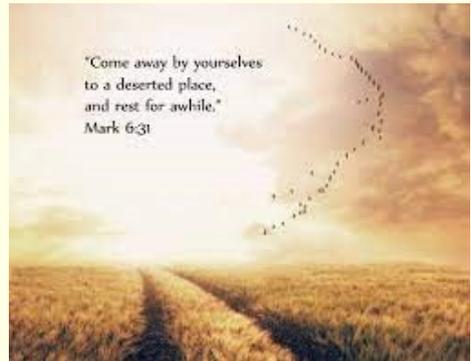
In the First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah introduces the image of the Shepherd-King, who gathers, nourishes, and sets us free from fear. The image of a God who restores, revives, guides, protects, feeds, anoints, and longs for us to dwell in God's presence forever, is proclaimed in today's beautifully familiar Psalm.

The Second Reading reinforces the image of a people being gathered in and restored to a peaceful relationship with and through Christ Jesus. Through this relationship we are all united in the Spirit with the Father.

The Gospel scene is a perfect example of the Spirit at work in Jesus, as he compassionately responds to both the needs of his disciples and of his needy flock. Jesus recognises both the need for his beloved followers to be refreshed and restored in the stillness of his presence, and the need to respond with compassion to those who feel lost and are in need of his guidance.

Perhaps we can recognise this same dynamic in the expression of our own faith, as we ourselves need to make time to be still with the Lord, yet are also called to be active participants in his ongoing mission. Let us pray for each other. May we have the wisdom to spend our time in a sustaining balance of both contemplation and action as we live out our faith, trusting that Jesus the Good Shepherd will be our guide. 'Come ... rest for a while in his presence ...'

*St Beuno's Outreach*



### Saturday 10 July- Sunday 18 July Mass Intentions

Saturday (Vigil)	5.30pm	St Peter's	
Sunday	9.30am	St Columba's	Mary Voon RIP
	11.30am	St Peter's	Intentions of Fr Kingsley
Monday	6.30pm	St Columba's	People of the Parishes
	9.30am	St Peter's	Paul Chia RIP & the intentions of his wife Rosa
Tuesday	9.30am	St Columba's	
Wednesday	6pm	St Peter's	
Thursday	9.30am	St Columba's	
Friday	9.30am	St Columba's	
Saturday	12 noon	St Peter's	
Vigil	5.30pm	St Peter's	
Sunday	9.30am	St Columba's	
	11.30am	St Peter's	
	6.30pm	St Columba's	People of the Parishes

### Booking for Mass

Sunday Masses bookings go live on **Mondays at 7pm**

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

**NB** It is not necessary to book for weekday Masses

- \* Vigil and Sunday Masses must still be booked.
- \* Unless exempt face masks must still be worn **at all times**, covering both nose and mouth.
- \* Hands must still be sanitised.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*St Peter's* Mondays 9am : *St Columba's* Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am

Please note the church doors will not be opened until **8.55am** on these days.



### **From Fr Kingsley ..... Special thanks (Ekele puru iche)**

I wish to express my sentiments of gratitude to you (the Parish Priest and the parishioners of St. Peter's and St. Columba's) for your love, your gifts and kind words. I am truly overwhelmed.

Edinburgh remains a place of fulfilment to me primarily because on this land I achieved my aim of travelling far away from home. The quiet and solitude of Morningside prepared me, while your prayers rained down graces that pushed me towards success in defending my thesis and attaining my Doctorate.

I will also remember the great faith and hope you have demonstrated during the difficult moments of the pandemic. These are virtues that will lead me through the challenges of my next assignment. I wish you all the best as I entrust you all into the protective arms of our Mother Mary.

Chukwu gozie unu (God bless you!)  
Fr. Kingsley

### **From Fr Kevin ...**

Following government advice, the Archbishop this week has communicated to the priests of the Archdiocese:

"The First Minister has announced that all of Scotland will move to Level 0 on Monday 19 July. So from that date:

- \* We can move to one metre of physical distancing instead of two metres. That means most churches will be able to increase their capacity.
- \* Congregational singing is allowed, albeit behind face coverings.
- \* The maximum attendance at weddings and funerals will rise to 200."

This announcement comes at a time when attendance at Mass is limited and in the summer months when many parishioners are on holiday anyway.

We are moving towards some sort of return to normality and I would hope to re-introduce lay readers at Mass, altar servers, pass-keepers, congregational singing and a paper copy of the newsletter over the next few weeks. This will be gradual and it will be done in consultation with those involved in these ministries.

It is impossible, given the variables of families attending in bubbles etc..., to put an exact and unchanging figure on the maximum capacity of our churches. So acting on the best advice I have been able to attain, I intend slowly to increase the numbers allowed at Mass. I am inclined to mark out the benches at one metre intervals and then leave it to the discretion of individuals to observe the one metre social distancing. This will require your cooperation and tact. And if needs be we can default back to lower numbers and more prescriptive seating arrangements.

### **Parish Councils**

Although the changes to the covid regulations most directly have an impact on how we attend Mass, nonetheless attendance at Mass is not the only thing that has been affected by the covid regulations. I have consulted with a number of parishioners both formally and informally about how best to resume other important aspects of parish life. In level 0 the regulations allow us meetings "of up to 10 people from 4 households in an indoor public place". It seems therefore that calling a general meeting to discuss the reconstitution of the parish councils remains impractical. I would, however, hope that by September we will be in a position to address this matter and I do invite suggestions from parishioners.

Fr. Kevin

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