

The week ahead 20—27 October 2024



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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 19 October Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	28th Ordinary Time 29th Sunday Ordinary Time	Martin Oriere
Sunday 20 October	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	29th Sunday Ordinary Time	Rose Rudden RIP People of the Parishes
Monday 21 October	No Service		29th Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 22 October	St Columba's	9.30am	29th Ordinary Time	Mary Smith RIP
Weds 23 October	St Peter's	9.30am	29th Ordinary Time	
Thursday 24 October	St Columba's	9.30am	29th Ordinary Time	Winter Family RIP
Friday 25 October	St Peter's	9.30am	29th Ordinary Time	
Saturday 26 October Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	29th Ordinary Time 30th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sunday 27 October	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	30th Sunday Ordinary Time	Ethan Hunter People of the Parishes

Confessions
St Peter's: Saturday 11am (during Adoration) & 4.30pm
St Columba's: Sunday before 6.30pm Mass
Adoration:
 St Peter's: Saturday 11am

Sunday's readings on page 146
First reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11
Psalm: 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22 response v 22
Second reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16
Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

Southside Faith Care partnering with 'Home Instead' is hosting a **series of talks around care.** Priestfield Church, EH16 5HW on Fridays: 8 November, 6 December, 10 January 12.30-1.30. The talks are free of charge and open to all, whether you're a carer concerned about a family member, part of an organisation that supports older people or simply want to know more—please come along. There'll be a light bite to eat as well. All details are on the poster at back of Church.

The song of the poor
 The title of a collection of reminiscences and stories written by Tommy Greenan, a Priest of this Archdiocese. St. Columba's Parishioners will remember Tommy. On his return from Latin America he lived for a time in the presbytery of St Columba's and said Mass daily for us. **This book is published by DLT and can be found at Coles books or W H Smiths.**

Assisted Dying Bill
 Both Westminster and Scottish Parliaments are shortly proposing to introduce a bill legalising assisted suicide. In many countries this legislation has been passed for use by those with terminal illness in its final stages. However, in practice this has then been challenged as unfair and broadened to include e.g. chronic illnesses and disabilities.

Please contact your local MP and MSP and state your opposition to this bill. More information on how to do this at: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/>

No doctor, nurse or health care professional should be forced to participate in assisted suicide, nor should they be obliged to make referral decisions to this end.
More information: www.CareNotKilling.org.uk

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Sharon Kedney at office.stpeteredinburgh@staned.org.uk by Wednesday evening please. St Peter's website contact Juliet MacKellaig 447 4210 or julietmackellaig@gmail.com. * You can find our Privacy Notices on the websites * The Newsletter is posted on the parish websites * St Peter's and St Columba's are parishes of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, a Charity registered in Scotland—number SC008540

St Columba's and St Peter's, Edinburgh
Mission Sunday —Year B
 20 - 27 October 2024

Here we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' Kingdom. Obviously they thought that his Kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honour, power, and glory.

But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord over people. In his Kingdom service is what makes one great. Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service.

He set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death). Thus Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah (first reading).

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

Today we join with Parishes throughout the Church to celebrate Mission Sunday. It is an invitation to look at the bigger picture and not to become overly focussed on only local issues. This year Missio Scotland is supporting work that is taking place in the Cameroon. We will hear in the letter from National Director Fr. Vincent Lockhart about the projects they intend to help.

The theme for Mission Sunday this year is from Matthew 22:9, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet". Please be as generous as you can be to the special collection that will help support our brothers and sisters in Cameroon.

New lectionary—your view?
 In preparation for the use of the new lectionary on the First Sunday of Advent, Canon Kenneth has discussed with the Parish Pastoral Council in both Parishes the issue of the Parish Mass books. St. Columba's advice has been to buy a new set for Parish use. St. Peter's has been to discontinue the use of the Parish Mass books. Any other opinion before a decision is made? Please speak to Canon Kenneth.

The new translation of the Lectionary is explained by Fr. Paul Denney, St James', Coatbridge. Visit St Peter's website under 'Liturgy' to listen to his talk.

Buy your new Missal. From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their translation into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

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This Week in our Parishes ...



Sunday 20	Mission Sunday—special collection for Missio No Children's Liturgy at either morning Mass today, returns 27 October Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish 1pm Baptism Maeve Mairi Carrigg, St. Peter's
Monday 21	7pm Justice & Peace Group monthly meeting, St. Columba's, Parish room. All parishioners welcome 7.30pm RCIA meeting, St. Peter's, Parish room
Tuesday 22	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's 8pm Fabric Committee, St. Columba's Parish Room
Wednesday 23	Reminder: Mass at St. Peter's has reverted back to a 09.30 Mass until the Spring
Thursday 24	7pm Parish Pastoral Council, St. Peter's, Presbytery dining room
Saturday 26	1pm Baptism, Rocco Roscilli Schiavo, St. Columba's
Sunday 27	Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today At 09.30 and 11.30 Masses today we welcome the children preparing for First Reconciliation and their families. A cross will be presented to each of the children After 09.30 Mass at St. Columba's Open Parish meeting—Main Hall—all welcome 10.30 St. Columba's: Sister Karin's Sacramental Preparation groups for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish

Congratulations to Max Alexander Taneski, Baptised on Saturday 19 October at St. Peter's.

World Mission Sunday is today 20 October with a special collection for Missio. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, on this special day. **Missio magazines and gift aid envelopes are at the back of the Church.**

An open General Meeting will take place **next Sunday 27 October after 09.30 Mass**, during Coffee at St. Columba's. Updating St. Columba's Parishioners on how things have gone this year and looking forwards to the year ahead.

Wednesday 30 October, 7pm second meeting of Catholic Teens Group (for P7- S4). Meeting monthly 7-8.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at St. Columba's Hall to have fun and learn more about our faith. A good number of young parishioners joined last month for our first get together. Ask your parent/guardian to register interest, emailing: teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk.

Sacramental preparation classes for children attending non-Catholic schools (in P3, P4 and P7 in September 2024). Classes will be on Sunday mornings 10.30 - 11.30 in St. Columba's Halls every 2-3 weeks. 1st Confession (P3), 1st

St. Columba's Curry Nights: Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November 2024. St. Columba's hall. 7.00pm-8.30pm: buffet service.

All proceeds to Mary's Meals. Secure your place early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets: £20 adults, £10 children under 12 (incl. two-course buffet dinner & complimentary glass of wine or soft drink).

Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7-S1). Please contact Sister Karin for information and registration: sister@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk
Last Sunday at St. Peter's the sale of the **Royans' surplus fruit and vegetables raised £46. 91 for SCIAF.** Thank you.

Volunteers needed to sweep the leaves on the pavement outside St. Columba's - on Sunday morning before 09.30 Mass. The brushes etc. are in the cupboard under the stairs in the porch. If you can help please contact Agatha on 0131 664 1431

St. Columba's hall users - please ensure doors are locked before vacating premises. A fire escape was left open recently.

Trainers needed for teenagers of a family in poverty? I'm looking for trainers in good condition, sizes 35 & 41. Please contact Juliet via julietmackellaig@gmail.com

More donations needed please. Thanks to donors for much appreciated warm clothing, shoes and trainers, for asylum seekers and for woollen hats for 'Stella Maris' for sea men.

Knitters needed to knit 'Christmas Angels' for distribution to children at the Carol singing by the 'Newington Churches Together' on 12 December in Nicolson Square. Pattern sheets are at back of both Churches.

Tickets available: from 20 October after 9.30am & 6.30pm Sunday Masses at St. Columba's or you can also email StC-JP@hotmail.com stating your name and number of tickets required. Payment by cash, check or BACS.

Raffle tickets on sale after each mass so you can make a donation even if you can't be there.

Raffle prize donations would be very welcome.

Father Kingsley's reflections on his return to Nigeria after a recent trip to Edinburgh

The Middle of Nowhere

One big decision I had to make after studies was going back home to teach in the seminary. It was not an easy decision because I had a friend who studied in the Netherlands and we spent some Christmas vacations together, sharing experiences and telling ourselves we needed to go home to help our brothers and sisters back in Nigeria instead of staying back in Europe after studies.

He finished his studies before me and went back home where he became the Vocations Director of his diocese and the Rector of the Minor Seminary. Barely one year after he went home, I heard he slumped and died. There were not good medical facilities to save his life.

In 2021, the year I finished my studies, over 30 priests were kidnapped that year in Nigeria, some of whom were murdered. In my city, there was civil disobedience in place against the Nigerian government by a separatist group. Their activities, together with that of the Nigerian army, turned my city into a war zone.

It was my Gethsemane moment. 99 percent of those I consulted discouraged me from going home. However, faith gives us the strength we need in moments like this. I summoned courage and went home with joy that I had achieved my aim of coming to Europe.

I was posted to work in one of our provincial seminaries, two hours away from my home town. On arrival, I took a picture of the place and sent to a parishioner here in Morningside. The response I got from the parishioner was: "Fr, you are in the middle of nowhere."

That became the theme of my first homily in the seminary – the middle of nowhere.

Sometimes God leads us to the middle of nowhere, not for us to be lost but to learn more about Him and about ourselves. The middle of nowhere transcends geographical location and becomes a moment of faith and absolute trust in the One who has called us.

Fr. Kingsley



Reflection

The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
And the fruit of service is peace.
Lord, cleanse our hearts of greed and envy.
Give us a spirit of willing service of our brothers and sisters,
So that we may belong to your Kingdom on earth,
And come to share your glory in heaven,
Where you live and reign forever and ever.



Edinburgh Conference `Focusing on the Big Picture: Where Are We Headed in Palestine/Israel? Saturday 26 October, 10.30 - 3.30pm Quaker meeting house, Victoria Street. EH1 2JL (see notice board for details).

The Psalms and the new Lectionary Workshop Saturday 26 October 2.30 – 5pm, Edinburgh Jesuit Centre Lauriston hall for readers, cantors and anyone with an interest in the psalms.

Suicide prevention course, 1-2 November. Community Church of Edinburgh (CCE) King's Hall CCE has funding to run the course so it is free but on condition of commitment of attending for the 2 full days. If interested contact: Kirsty Hook kirsty.hook@cce.community

Holy Year event, Saturday 9 November - the Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at bit.ly/holyyearevent