

The week ahead 27 October—3 November 2024



Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
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
Monday 28 October	No Service		30th Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 29 October	St Columba's	9.30am	30th Ordinary Time	Rosanna Crolla RIP
Weds 30 October	St Peter's	9.30am	30th Ordinary Time	
Thursday 31 October	St Columba's	9.30am	30th Ordinary Time	Anne Hand RIP
Friday 1 November	St Peter's** St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.00am 7pm	All Saints	
Saturday 2 November Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	Commemoration of all the Faithful departed	Lelio DeMarco RIP (25th Anniversary) Owen Bonnar RIP
Sunday 3 November	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	31st Sunday Ordinary Time	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 149
First reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Psalm: 125 response v 3
Second reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

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

Palliative care: Marie Curie estimates that 90% of us will need palliative care at some point in our lives. We don't have enough hospices - so an estimated 100,000 people in the UK, that could benefit from palliative care, die without receiving it each year. In countries which have allowed assisted suicide, hospices have been forced to close. Please ask your MSPs to support hospice care and not to allow assisted suicide to be part of our NHS: <https://writetothem.com>

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
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B
 27 October - 3 November 2024

In Mark's mind Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the Kingdom, and of the fulfilment of the prophecies.



The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'followed him along the road' doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship.

It seems that the story was used in the early church as an encouragement to believers and would-be believers. Bartimaeus served as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Keenly aware of his need and his helplessness, he places his hope in Jesus and is not disappointed. In the same way, through faith in Jesus, they can have purpose, energy and direction in their lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Canon Kenneth writes ...

Last week we had a Clergy in-service for priests in Gillis. The speaker, David Wells, is a well known Adult Educator. He offered five aspects of ministry in the church at the present time:

Encounter: we are a people of faith and it is our encounter with the Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that we want to share. When we are able to do that we embark on a journey of encounter that can change our lives.

Missionary discipleship: The programme of Jesus is "a heart that sees". This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly. *Deus Caritas Est 31b*. The missionary disciple needs to go into the world and bring the joy of the Gospel.

Evangelisation: I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, rising up, healing and freeing. *Evangelii Gaudium 273*. The tonic for the ills of the world is the Good News of the Gospel.

Accompaniment: is the invitation to walk with people. In life we are not always sure how things will unfold. However we are confident that in the midst of life is where God is made manifest.

Synodality: is the desire to allow the Holy Spirit to direct and guide our work of spreading the Gospel. It is the conscious effort of trying to listen to all the difference voices and find a spirit-filled way forward.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

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 09.30am 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
Monday 28	7.30pm RCIA meeting, St. Peter's, Parish room
Tuesday 29	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's 7.30pm SSVF meeting, St. Peter's, Parish Room
Wednesday 30	7 - 8.30pm Catholic Teens Group, St. Columba's, Middle hall (first floor)
Fri 1 November	Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Day of Obligation (mass times below)
Saturday 2	Census of attendance at Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	Census of attendance at Sunday Masses Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish



Congratulations to Maeve Mairi Carrigg Baptised at St. Peter's last Sunday 20 October.

Congratulations to Rocco Roscilli Schiavo Baptised at St. Columba's on Saturday 26 October.

Signing of the Cross today - we welcome the children preparing for First Reconciliation, and their families, to the 09.30 and 11.30 Masses when a cross will be presented to each of the children.

Open General Meeting **today Sunday 27 October** after 09.30 Mass, during Coffee at St. Columba's in the Main hall. Updating St. Columba's Parishioners on how things have gone this year and looking forwards to the year ahead.

Last Sunday's special collection for Missio raised £444.18 at St. Columba's and £763 at St. Peter's.

This Wednesday 30 October, 7pm is the second meeting of our Catholic Teens Group (for P7- S4). Meeting monthly 7-8.30pm, last Wednesday of the month, at St. Columba's Halls to have fun and learn more about our faith. Ask your parent/guardian to register interest, emailing: teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk.

Friday 1 November is a Holy Day of Obligation when we celebrate the solemnity of **All Saints**. Masses as follows:

- 09.30am St. Peter's
- 11am School Mass at St. Peter's (all welcome)
- 7pm St. Columba's

All Souls' Day Saturday 2 November, 10:00, Cemetery Chapel, Mount Vernon Cemetery. Archbishop Cushley will offer Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery.

Sunday 3 November; SCIAF Christmas Cards on sale at the 11.30 Mass, St. Peter's.

£2000 has been sent to SCIAF from St. Peter's Parishioners for their Gaza Appeal.

SVDP collection: last Sundays of month at St. Columba's (when no special collection). After discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council we've decided that once a month we'll help communities in need via our neighbouring SVDP cluster (St Catherine/St John Vianney's/St Gregory's). They've got great initiatives in the south east of the city supporting the needy and are very proactive. Their President, Jane Watson, will report regularly on how the funds are used. We'll also support the Missionaries of Charity in their work in the city centre.

Recently both parishes paid their annual assessments to the Archdiocese:

- **St Columba's**. General assessment of 17% of Offertory income £9,405 and Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund assessment (12%) £6,638. **Total £16,043**
- **St Peter's**. General assessment of 18% of Offertory income £12,302 and Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund assessment (14%) £9,568. **Total £21,870**

This year St. Peter's had a gift aid repayment of £8308.86 from gift aided offerings. Please consider, if you're a taxpayer and contribute to the Parish, completing a gift aid form. A painless way to add to Parish funds. Forms are at the back of church or speak to Andrew Thackrey or Anne-Marie Douglas. Thanks to those who've already done so.

The Real Advent Calendar, the UK's only Fairtrade Advent calendar with 25 festive Fairtrade chocolates and a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes. Available at Tea and Coffees after 9:30 Mass at St Columba's: £5 or email paul_atkin@outlook.com

Volunteers needed to sweep leaves on the pavement outside St. Columba's on Sunday morning before 09.30 Mass. Please contact Agatha on 0131 664 1431.

Thanks for donations at back of Church of warm clothing, shoes and trainers, for asylum seekers and of woollen hats for 'Stella Maris' for sea men. **More donations needed please.**

Trainers needed for teenagers of a family in poverty. In good condition, sizes 35 & 41. Please contact Juliet via julietmackellaig@gmail.com

Damian's highlights from Edinburgh

Damian Kikta SAC, a Seminarian from Warsaw, who joined us in July for four weeks study of the English language shares below his views and thanks.

I love to travel. Seeing a number of different places makes me so happy and astonishing—how huge is the richness of cultures and traditions? So, when my supervisors told me that I'm going to Scotland to learn English, I was very thankful because I always wanted to see this country. A year before I've been to London, so I had an imagination of the British/Scottish style of living. I was looking forward to seeing Scotland not only to practice my language skills but also to enjoy sightseeing.

My supervisors and Fr. Peter Krakowiak SAC organised for me to have accommodation at St. Peter's Parish, thankfully with Canon Kenneth Owens, who became my host for the five weeks of my Edinburgh adventure. But when I've heard I'll be living at a Scottish parish with no Poles, I've started to feel a little bit scared. What if I couldn't communicate with Fr. Kenneth face-to-face? What if my English is too bad to understand? What if the Scottish accent will be too difficult for me? Hopefully my first contact with Fr. Kenneth started to make me calm. I was understanding a majority of his emails!

But I became completely calm when I arrived in Edinburgh and went to my room at St. Peter's parish house. Canon Kenneth is a great host! He took care of all of my needs. He has been for me like a father, and I've felt like at home. Communication was very easy, and Fr. Kenneth was helping me to improve my language skills. At school I've learnt a number of very useful things (from grammar to lexical subjects), and I met there wonderful people from the whole world with whom I could share good and bad times at school.

Edinburgh is a wonderful city! It's perfect to live there! Approach to the sea and hills made me excited! I wanted to visit all the beautiful things and I think I did about 90% of everything. I really was enjoying every trip in Edinburgh and out of this gorgeous city. After every classes I've

visiting a new place every day. The biggest astonishment I've experienced was at the parish. As a liturgist, I've had an idea of the churches in western Europe: empty temples, bad liturgy, priests who serve the world, not Christ. I had huge worries. All the things have changed during the mass for the St. Peter and Paul vigil. I saw the living church! The community, which can pray, which respects the liturgy, which can experience God in the liturgy, and after that can meet each other and celebrate the parish feast. That's what I miss in Poland: the living community, the real Body of Christ, in which participants aren't the "Sunday Catholics," but they meet each other for worshipping God in the Eucharist and for coffee and discussions. I was delighted to be with St. Peter's and St. Columba's parishioners for these 5 weeks. I really appreciate every opportunity to talk with you, to drink coffee, to meet with you at your homes and be with you.

The first thing I would say is thank you! Thank you, Canon Kenneth, for taking care of me and being for me like a father. I would love to thank Deacon John too. I really appreciate every conversation with him and your care for the liturgy. It was great to spending time with Canon Kenneth, Fr. Kingsley, Fr. Peter and Deacon John. I'm thankful for you all! Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for all the conversations, invitations, dinners, taking me for the trips and being with me. It will take too long to write down here a full list of people who I'm thankful for. I wouldn't miss anybody. Thank you! You are a special place in my heart!

I'll miss Scotland! I fell in love with the views, the temperature, and especially with your culture. I appreciate every trip to experience Scotland. Your cuisine is great! I would love to come back to you as soon as it is possible! If you want to, we can stay in touch. Canon Kenneth has an email to me, so you can ask him. And, obviously, I invite you to Poland!

I'll pray for you all!
Al. Damian Kikta SAC

Prayer

Father of light, in whom there is no trace of darkness,
We thank you for the great gift of sight.
Fill us with compassion for those who do not have it;
Direct the efforts that are made for their welfare;
Reveal to them the things which I have not seen,
And comfort them with the hope of seeing light everlasting;
To which in your great mercy, we ask you to bring us all.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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). **Tickets available** from 20

October after 9.30am & 6.30pm Sunday Masses at St. Columba's or you can 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.