

The week ahead 10 - 17 November 2024



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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 9 November Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	Dedication of Laterna Basilica 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sunday 10 November	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	32nd Sunday Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes In thanksgiving (95th birthday)
Monday 11—Fri 15 November	No Services		32nd Ordinary Time	
Saturday 16 November Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	32nd Ordinary Time 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time	
Sunday 17 November	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	33rd Sunday Ordinary Time	In thanksgiving 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 154

First reading: Kings 17: 10-16

Psalm: 145: 7-10 response v 2

Second reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

Talks on the new Lectionary, which will be introduced Advent 2024 - are on St. Peter's website <https://stpetersrccchurchedinburgh.org.uk/liturgy/new-lectionary/>

SCIAF hosting remembrance Masses 15 & 16 November. 15th (Glasgow, St Andrew's Cathedral), 16th (Edinburgh, Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart - followed by light refreshments and chance to get together). To register or add a loved ones name to our book of Remembrance, please contact us at sciaf@sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555.

Youth Day; Wonder Woman St Margaret, Saturday 16 November 11am - 3pm, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Hosted by Archdiocese for P4-7 children to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Games, talks, activities and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

Please write to your MP: On 29 November, the UK Parliament votes on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs at Holyrood, where the Scottish Parliament is considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end of life care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP & MSP: <https://writetothem.com>

Take the **Diploma in Catechetics** and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course, run by the Archdiocese, starts January with a weekly zoom lecture, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1 to 1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

Advent Rosary for Life: Our annual 'Rosary for Life' starts on 2 December, 7.45pm on Zoom and then on every Monday in Advent. Speakers include Bishop John Keenan and Archbishop Cushley. You only need to register once to attend all the events. Register now: <https://bit.ly/adventrosary>

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
Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B
10 - 17 November 2024

In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the scribes provides a background for an example of genuine religious behaviour on the part of the widow.

The widow's true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the scribes. She let go of every shred of security, and committed herself wholly to God.

The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

I spent Wednesday of this week in the Eyre hall in Clyde St Glasgow, the offices of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. During the course of the day we enjoyed a conference for Clergy called 'Hearing the Word of God with reverence and proclaiming it with faith'.

Over the Sundays of Advent I want to explore, with the congregations in both Parishes, some of the riches of the new translation. We explored the historical background to the lectionary from Vatican II to the present day. We heard about the principles and translation techniques that has been used.

I'm going to have a **meeting for readers at:**

- St. Columba's on Tuesday the 26th of November at 7pm
- St. Peter's on Wednesday the 27th at 7pm.

People are welcome to come to the one that suits them best.

We use the new lectionary for the first time on the 1st Sunday of Advent.



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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 10	Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today 09.30 Baptism of Robyn Oskouii at Mass at St. Columba's today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish
Monday 11	7.30pm RCIA meeting, St. Peter's, Parish room No weekday services Monday 11— Friday 15
Tuesday 12	As no Mass today there will not be teas and coffees at St. Columba's 7pm Synodal meeting, St Columba's Middle hall—all invited
Saturday 16	10.45am St. Columba's Justice and Peace talk, Middle hall, 10.45 (tea and coffee from 10.30)
Sunday 17	Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today At 09.30 and 11.30 Masses today we celebrate the Rite of The Our Father* 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



Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr.

Gordon Brown RIP. Fr. Brown was known by many in the Parish and lived in the Parish flat. After some months of failing health he sadly died on Monday. Reception is at St. Peter's 4.30pm Thursday 21st November with Requiem Mass at 12 noon Friday 22nd celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. A cremation at Mortonhall will follow.

A census of Mass attendance took place at the Sunday Masses last week and the attendance was as follows: St. Columba's 251 and St. Peter's 253.

Thanks to all who supported St. Columba's Curry Nights. If you couldn't get there and would like to make a donation to Mary's Meals, email StC-JP@hotmail.com for details.

Canon Kenneth is away Monday 11 - Friday 15.

There will be no weekday Masses Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 November. *For Pastoral emergencies whilst Father is away please contact the Jesuits, Sacred Heart Lauriston on 07935 855 175.

Next Synodal meeting 7pm, Tuesday 12 November, St Columba's Middle hall.

All invited. Introduced by Sr. Jeanette McGlone. The questions are:
What is the particular role of a religious sister in a synodal, missionary Church? Does the work of a religious sister suggest what particular gifts women may bring in a synodal Church? Are these gifts appreciated?

St Columba's Justice and Peace talk, Saturday 16 November, Middle hall, 10.45 (tea and coffee from 10.30)

Paul Hunter, Headteacher of St. Catherine's Primary School, will be telling us what the school does to support families living in poverty or on low incomes and other ways the school reaches out to the community as a whole. He will also show how this links in with Church and educational expectations. There will be time for questions after the talk.

Next Sunday 17 November we celebrate the *Rite of Our Father at the 09.30 and 11.30 Masses. The children preparing for the First Holy Communion will receive the prayer of the Our Father during their journey of growing in faith and their relationship with God.

Newsletter 24 November: could content providers please provide content by close of day **Monday 18 November.**

Next Sunday 17 November is World day of the Poor

'Do not turn your face away from anybody who is poor'. When shopping this week why not buy a little extra (non-perishable food or toiletry items) and bring it along on Sunday to our Fresh Start box (at the back of St. Peter's) or to the back of St Columba's. Most of us do not experience real hunger, most of us have toiletries and basic household goods but many do not. Next Sunday is an opportunity to show that we care.

Prisoners' Week 2024, 17 - 23 November, invites you to hear the voices of those affected by, or working in, the Justice system. On Thursday 14 November 3 - 5pm, Greenbank Parish Church a 2 hour workshop will explore how you can get more involved with Prisoners' Week Scotland. Details and how to register on the notice board.

Wednesday 27 November, 7pm the third meeting of our 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. If you'd like to join ask your parent/guardian to register your interest, emailing: teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk.

Diary date for readers - (see front page for details)

- 7pm Tuesday 26 November, St. Columba's
 - 7pm Wednesday 27 November, St. Peter's
- Readers are welcome to come to the one that suits them best. We use the new lectionary for the first time on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Temporary accommodation needed for a women.

A Mum of two children who needs accommodation, for herself only, whilst they are looking for a house to rent. If you can help please contact Emanuela on 07401 270 471.

More donations needed. Thanks to donors for much appreciated warm clothing, shoes and trainers, for asylum seekers and 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.

How we deal with the reality of death

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross wrote a book, *On death and dying*, in the 1960s, which researched what the dying had to teach doctors, nurses, clergy and their own family.

She suggests that people experience a whole range of emotions when they are in the dying process. She called the different stages - denial and isolation, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. This was based on interviews with people she treated.

Over the last fifty years much more work has been done in developing our understanding of how individuals deal with death.

Patrick Tyrell et al (2023) in the National Library of Medicine mentions some of the most recent developments that have been made:

- Bowlby and Parkes proposed a reformulated theory of grief based in the 1980s. It emphasises that the grieving process is not linear
 - Shock and Disbelief
 - Searching and Yearning
 - Disorganization and Repair
 - Rebuilding and Healing
- Worden's Four Basic Tasks In Adapting To Loss
 - Accepting Reality of Loss
 - Experiencing Pain of Grief
 - Adjusting to Environment
 - Redirecting Emotional Energy
- Wolfelt's Companioning Approach to Grieving
- Neimeyer's Narrative and Constructivist Model

This works continues and tells us some of the uniqueness of human life and how different people deal with the reality of death.

Praying our goodbyes (Ave Maria Press, 1988) by Joyce Rupp offers a spiritual and faith perspective about dealing with loss and dying.

While it is a book about farewell to our loved ones who have died, it is also about many other forms of goodbye in our lives, all those events and experience where we feel a deep sense of loss.

She discovered for the Christian, hello always follow goodbye in some form if we allow it. There is, or can be, new life, although it will be different from the life we knew before. The resurrection of Jesus and the promises of God are too strong to have it any other way.

While focusing on the spiritual aspect of loss, Rupp maintains a sound theological and psychological grounding. She bases her reflections on scripture and treats a number of things: the "ache" common to humankind, how to identify particular aches, attitudes to suffering, Jesus and goodbyes, the life of "pilgrims" and the freedom of letting go.

Each chapter concludes with probing questions and the book ends with 24 prayer experiences incorporating images, symbols and rituals as sources of strength and healing.

Reflection by Kahil Gibran

We give both little when we give up our possessions.
It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give.
There are those who give little of the much they have,
And they give it for recognition,
And this casts a shadow over their giving.
And there are those who have little and give it all.
These are the believers in life and the bounty of life,
And their coffer is never empty.
Through the hands of such as these God speaks,
And from behind their eyes he smiles on the air



Fresh start Christmas appeal

An Edinburgh-based charity helping people, who've been homeless, to get established in their new homes.

During November the charity will collect Festive Fare items for **food hampers for needy families**. Mince pies, biscuits, sweets and any non perishable foods e.g. tins of meat or fish, pasta etc. Donations can be left in the box at rear of Church. (In addition to your continued generous donations of pre-loved or new household items used by Fresh Start to create home starter packs).

Cookers for Christmas raises funds to buy brand new cookers, washing machines, and fridge freezers throughout the year for people moving into their new tenancy or those who are struggling financially. Funding is struggling to meet the demand. To donate see: www.freshstartweb.org.uk/what-we-do/white-goods

Fresh start's newsletter is at the back of the Church - please pick up a copy, there is a good case study on the front.