

The week ahead 9—16 February 2025



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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 8 February Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	4th Week of the Year 5th Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 9 February	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	5th Sunday of the Year	Rogerson Family Special Intention People of the Parishes
Monday 10 February	No Service		St Scholastica Memorial	
Tuesday 11 February	St Columba's	9.30am	5th Week of the Year	Deborah D'Mello RIP
Weds 12 February	St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am	5th Week of the Year	Funeral Mass Alan Boyle RIP
Thursday 13 February	St Columba's	9.30am	5th Week of the Year	Holy Souls
Friday 14 February	No service		St Cyril and Methodius	
Saturday 15 February Vigil	St Peter's	5.30pm	6th Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 16 February	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	6th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes Douglas Hunter

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



Adoration:
 St Peter's: Saturday 11am

*No Confessions/Adoration 15 Feb or 16 Feb

Sunday's readings: page 135

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm: 138 (137)
Psalm response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

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St Peter's St. Columba's

Would you like to know how to hear God's voice more clearly?
 God's invitation to relationship is a six week online prayer course introducing you to ways of praying. Supporting you into a deeper prayer life through facilitators' input (trained spiritual directors with the Epiphany Group), guided prayer experience and sharing.
 Participants feedback: 'I am forever changed due to the course and very excited to grow deeper in my spirituality through prayer'.

Next course: Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30/9pm, 25 Feb - 1 April 2025. Course offered free by the Epiphany Group of Spiritual Directors. For information visit www.epiphanygroup.org.uk. To register email waysofpraying@epiphanygroup.org.uk. Flyers at the back of the church.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 11 to 18 July, led by Archbishop Cushley.
 The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. All welcome. To read more about the theme for 2025 download the document from the Lourdes Sanctuary. <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>
 Travel Package: In 2025, Tangney Tours will be providing the Travel Package. Tangney Tours will make the package available when it is ready and we will signpost you to the package details from this website.

The Scottish Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi—5 to 12 September 2025
 With four nights in Rome and three in Assisi. To register your interest, contact Jim McKelvie j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk or on 07957 847290.

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
Fifth Sunday of the Year —Year C
 9—16 February 2025

Here we have the story of the miraculous catch of fish and the call of the first disciples. However, the emphasis is on the latter; the miracle is merely the setting in which the call happens. The spotlight is on Peter; his companions remain in the background, but are ready to help. Luke has the deepest respect for Peter, describing his founding role in the primitive church in Acts.

Peter's words 'we fished all night and caught nothing' underline the miraculous nature of the catch. Since they have failed to catch anything during the night (the proper time for fishing) what chance did they have during the day?

Peter, profoundly moved by the miracle, sank to his knees and spontaneously declared his unworthiness to be associated with Jesus. But Jesus said to him 'do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'

At the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions left everything and followed him. The phrase 'they left everything' shows the importance for Luke of detachment from possessions.

The symbolism of the miraculous catch now becomes clear. Henceforth Peter will be a fisher of people. The large catch shows how successful he and the others can be with Jesus' help.



Flor McCarthy SDB

Canon Kenneth writes ...

Over these last few months I have been busy undertaking new responsibilities in terms of the Diocese. You may remember I was appointed Vicar Episcopal for International Clergy. Having met with a few individual priests over the past few months this week I have an induction day for the two most recently arrived priests. I look forward to meeting them.

In March we will have a formation day for the wider group of International Clergy that now number around twenty six. I have also attended the Archbishop's Council and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. As Canon Penitentiary I act as a general confessor of the Diocese and sign property documents. As yet I have only signed documents!

As Diocesan Representative for the Jubilee year I am going to Rome for my annual retreat next week.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 9 February	Fifth Sunday of the Year —Year C Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish
Monday 10	7.30pm RCIA meeting, St. Peter's Parish room
Tuesday 11	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's
Wednesday 12	11.30 Requiem Mass, Alan Boyle RIP, St. Columba's
Friday 14	No service
Saturday 15	No Confessions, Adoration, no 12 noon Mass 10.30 (tea/coffee from 10am) Fr. Henry McLaughlin speaks about The Church of the Poor and other topics. St. Columba's, Middle Hall* 2pm Baptism, Marcus James Peter Downes, St. Peter's
Sunday 16	Sixth Sunday of the Year—Year C Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish No evening Confession this week



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£4025 and still rising! Thank you everyone for the success of the Candlelight Concert for Mary's Meals. To Shelagh for the initiative and all the organisation; we applaud the talented performers; the backstage crew and the hardworking volunteers who made the show possible. The final component was a gratifyingly large - and exceedingly generous - audience. Donations are still arriving and can may be made by QR code or cash (to S.McGhee /Fr. Kenneth at St. Columba's or St. Peter's).



Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Alan Boyle RIP** and his family at this time. Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 12 February, 11.30** at St. Columba's.

A preparatory meeting will be held in St. Columba's on **Wednesday 12 February 2pm** for the World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March. Volunteers needed, please come.

Canon Kenneth is away from Friday 14 February returning Saturday 22 Feb for Confessions, Adoration and 12noon Mass. Arrangements for services during this period are as follows:

- There will be no 09.30 Mass on Friday 14 February.
- No Confessions, Adoration or 12 noon service on Saturday 15 February.
- One of the Jesuit Father's from Sacred Heart will celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday 15 February and the three Masses on Sunday 16 February.
- There will be no Confession on Sunday 16 February.
- There'll be no services Monday 17 - Friday 21 February inclusive.
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***Saturday 15 February** - Fr. Henry McLaughlin will speak about The Church of the Poor in twelve countries from Chile to El Salvador; life with the Mayan Indians in Southern Mexico and the effect of the various wars and conflicts on Christians in the region. St. Columba's Middle Hall - tea and coffee from 10 am, Talk begins at 10.30. All welcome.

Archdiocese Children's Liturgy Workshop Saturday 22 February. Those involved with Children's Liturgy are invited to join this workshop from 9:30 -12:00 at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsJ5kL>

Children's liturgy is on every Sunday throughout the school term time. All primary school age children are welcome. Pre school children are also welcome if they feel happy to come on their own with the other children. We gather for around 10 minutes, we enjoy listening to the Gospel, singing and doing some colouring in. We look forward to welcoming you when we reconvene after the break on 23 February —The Children's Liturgy team St. Peter's.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP), at St. Peter's, would like to thank all Parishioners for their prayers and financial support over the past year. If any Parishioners know of anyone who would like a food parcels, a top up with their gas/electric meters or who would benefit from any support from the SSVP, please speak with a member or contact us through our details on the Parish website. Thank you.

Congratulations to St. Peter's 200 Club January winners Yvonne Smith (£25) and Magdalen Ogilvie (£15)

Celtic Spirituality

"What are the distinctive qualities of Celtic Christianity?"

In thinking about this, five particular points emerged:

Celtic Christianity

As expressed in the poetry, prayers, folklore and hagiography of the earliest Christians of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, appears to have these five distinctive qualities.

1. **Hospitality, and particularly hospitality to all wisdom.**
All aspects of creation and culture are celebrated. Rooted particularly in hospitality.
2. **Deep love and respect for the earth**
An appreciation for the beauty of creation and being surrounded by God's creative urge.
3. **Honouring of women's ministry.**
The archetype here is Brigid, the abbess who according to legend was consecrated a bishop and

provided spiritual guidance to both women and men.

4. **Emphasis on the local.**
Larger sensibility among the Irish (and other Celtic) Christians and general. Think of Holy Wells — each one is unique and different and distinctive. In the Celtic world, the local is just as important as the universal.

Deep creativity

From this I would think is closely aligned with the love of the earth: to celebrate God's creation is linked with celebrating our own creativity (and using it to honour and praise the Ultimate Artist).

To learn more about Celtic spirituality, check out Carl McColman, An Invitation to Celtic Wisdom: Mystery, Spirit and Compassion (Hampton Roads, 2018).



Prayer/Reflection

Isaiah, Peter and Paul are three of the most important people in the Bible. All three had a deep sense of their own unworthiness. Yet all three went on to do great things for God.

Lord, give us the humility to acknowledge our sins, or the strength to rise above them. Then we will have the joy of discovering that it is when we are weak that we are strong, because your power becomes available to us.



Parish news continued...

World day for Marriage Sunday 9 February, we are asked to pray particularly for all married couples that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, from our Archdiocesan marriage counsellors: marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

The Archdiocese has organised a **free mini-retreat** for married and engaged couples. **2-5pm Saturday 15 February, St Kentigern's Church,** 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The scriptural focus is on The Wedding Feast at Cana. The speaker is Fr. Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith). Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afternoon-retreat-for-couples-tickets-1142645867549) or at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afternoon-retreat-for-couples-tickets-1142645867549

Aid to the Church in Need Scottish Catholic Conference 'Courage to Be Catholic' Saturday 29 March 2025, 09.30-4pm Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Mass 5pm at St. Aloysius.

Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives from Catholic organisations from around Scotland and build a Catholic community. Register on trybooking.com. Early bird price before 10 February £30 (concession £25) incl. lunch. Contact Scotland@acnuk.org 01698 337 470.

Sunday was World Day of Consecrated Life and Religious Brothers and Sisters gathered for Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. **If you are interested in exploring the religious life** please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Hope Eternal is a concert of beautiful choral music by the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral, that takes place at Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh, on Monday 17 February at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 / £8 concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door.