

| The week ahead 15—22 June 2025 | | | | |
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| Date | Church | Time | Feast | Mass intention |
| Saturday 14 June Vigil | St Peter's St Peter's | 12 noon 5.30pm | 10th Week of the Year The Most Holy Trinity | Norma Mary Dale RIP |
| Sunday 15 June | St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's | 9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm | The Most Holy Trinity | Sir Tom Farmer RIP People of the Parishes |
| Monday 16 June | No Service | | All Saints of Scotland | |
| Tuesday 17 June | St Columba's | 9.30am | 11th Week of the Year | Tully Family |
| Weds 18 June | St Peter's | 6pm* | 11th Week of the Year | Clenton Dimney RIP |
| Thursday 19 June | St Columba's | 9.30am | 11th Week of the Year | |
| Friday 20 June | St Peter's | 9.30am | 11th Week of the Year | Duncan MacPherson RIP |
| Saturday 21 June Vigil | St Peter's St Peter's | 12 noon 5.30pm | St Aloysius Gonzaga The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | Heather Bremner RIP Giuseppe & Gianna Picciotto RIP |
| Sunday 22 June | St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's | 9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | People of the Parishes |



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

Adoration:
St Peter's: Saturday 11am

Sunday's readings: page 81
First reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31
Psalm: 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R2a
Psalm response: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!
Second reading: Romans 5: 1-5
Gospel: John 16: 12-15

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St Peter's St. Columba's



Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living (GRPL)
Online + 3 in person days in Edinburgh
October 2025 – May 2026
A 20 week course that will deepen your experience of prayer and live more reflectively.
What previous participants have said:

- *The regularity has helped create a focus and a rhythm in an otherwise quite chaotic life;*
- *New ways to think about God and about prayer; God has become more approachable;*
- *It has helped me see areas I can work with God in my prayer life and it has made me more excited about prayer;*
- *The course has slowed me down, made me take more time with God.*

Flyers at the back of the church
Visit www.epiphanygroup.org.uk

Summer retreat? A place like home
A complete retreat package to use at home or away this summer. £30 (£35 with printed booklet), available late June.

- What does it mean to “remain” in God?
- How do we put down roots and grow in an increasingly rootless world?
- Are we nomads on earth, or committed citizens?
- How do we come home to ourselves, and to the God who makes a home in us?

[A Place Like Home](https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/a-place-like-home/) is a complete retreat package with reflections to read and listen to and other materials to linger with, suitable to use on retreat or at home at your own pace. The approach uses art, poetry, Scripture, wisdom writing and other creative material.
To book visit: <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/a-place-like-home/>
Postcards at the back of the church

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 at 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

The Most Holy Trinity —Year C

15—22 June 2025

- The gospel stresses the role of the Spirit. The Spirit carries on in the church the work of Jesus after Jesus departed to the Father.
- There will be no new revelation.
- There can't be, because Jesus is *the* revelation of the Father.
- The role of the Spirit will be to guide the disciples into the full meaning of what Jesus has said.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

Pilgrimage is a key Chrisitan theme. Jesus in the gospels makes his own journey from Galilee to Jerusalem to fulfil the mission given by his Father. In medieval times people walked on pilgrimage to Canterbury, Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela.

On Saturday 21 June we have a chance to go on pilgrimage in this *Year of Hope* here in Edinburgh. This event is open to both St. Columba's and St. Peter's.

- It begins with Mass for the Year of Hope in St. Peter's at 12 noon. And then we will go to the Cathedral.
- The walking route to the Cathedral:
 - Go right on Newbattle Terrace, up Pitsligo Road, past St. Bennet's, up Greenhill Gardens
 - Then across the Links and the Meadows, past St. Albert's, up Forrest Road
 - Next turn right onto Chambers Street, turn left onto South Bridge, turn right onto Leith Street
 - The Cathedral is on the left.
- Alternatively the number 16 bus from Morningside takes you to Leith Street.
- Service at the National Shrine to St. Andrew around 1.30pm with veneration of the Jubilee Cross.
- Refreshments in the Saints Cafe.



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This Week in our Parishes ...

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| Sunday 15 | The Most Holy Trinity —Year C Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish |
| Tuesday 17 | Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba’s |
| Saturday 21 | 12noon - 3pm, St. Peter’s Pilgrimage to St. Mary’s Cathedral, starting with 12noon Mass at St. Peter’s* |
| Sunday 22 | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —Year C Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish |



Upcoming events in our Parishes...
Tuesday 24 June 11am School Leavers P7 Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 27 June 7pm, St. Peter’s Social evening, Parish room
Sunday 28 Sept 1-5pm, St. Peter’s taking part in Open Doors event

Congratulations to Cian O’Brien Baptised on Thursday and to **Oran James Duffy**, Baptised on Saturday, both at St. Peter’s.

Last Saturday St. Columba’s Parish social was another wonderful event. Grateful thanks to all who took time and care to organise and contribute; to all our Parishioners who attended, socialized and made this event a great occasion. Particular thanks to those who participated in the Easter drama. Looking forward to next year already!

Campaign Against Assisted Dying: St Ninian’s, Restalrig are holding a meeting on **Tuesday 17 June 2025 7pm** for 7.15pm. Sick and vulnerable people need special respect and care, not assisted suicide. Expert campaigners will be present to update you on the current situation and help you contact your MP and MSPs.

Forty hour devotion in honour of the ‘Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ’, St. Patrick, Cowgate 5.45pm **Thursday 19 June** and ending with solemn Mass at 11am followed by a Corpus Christi procession through the streets.

*The **St. Peter’s event in celebration of the Jubilee year of Hope** is on **Saturday 21 June with a visit to St. Mary’s Cathedral**. Starting with 12 noon Mass at St. Peter’s, then meeting at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 1.30pm for a service, followed by teas and coffees in the Saints café at St. Mary’s Cathedral. All are welcome.

Teens Group has now finished our regular meetings for Summer. If you’d like to sign up for next term please email teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk.

St. Peter’s social evening will take place at **7pm on Friday 27 June** in the Parish room. Celebrate with us. Please bring a plate of food to share (your choice of starter, main or dessert—just fill in list at back of Church) and your own bottle. Can you help with set up, serving or clean up - please add your details to the Helper’s list. Come along and celebrate - everyone is welcome to join!

More cleaners needed for St. Peter’s; can you help for an hour on a Friday, once every six weeks, after 09.30 Mass. Help needed particularly over the summer to cover people

who are away. Please contact Tina O’Donoghue christinaodonoghue@yahoo.co.uk or 0131 447 4840.

All Saints Scotland Monday 16 June: For people’s interest this new feast has been added to the Scottish Liturgical calendar, after approval by the Bishops of Scotland in 2024. *All Saints Scotland* recalls the many local Saints throughout Scotland’s Christian history whose number is too great to be commemorated individually. It is a calling to mind of the spiritual solidarity of the Communion of Saints, a reminder of their constant intercession for us and the sustaining power of the Eucharist for their, and our, pilgrim journey towards the New Jerusalem.

We now have an **electronic payment device at the back of St. Peter’s church**. It’s very easy to use and takes most debit cards as well as Apple Pay. This will be really useful for making donations, paying for magazines, teas and coffees, and for when we have bake sales or fundraisers.

Doctors, nurses and First Aiders attending 6.30pm mass at St. Columba’s, please speak to Canon Kenneth or Agatha.

Donations for refugees. We need trainers for young men size 39 - 45+ and backpack bags for men. Please leave at back of the Church in St. Columba’s and St. Peter’s.

Wanted: a one bedroom flat to rent in Morningside. Please contact office.stpeteredinburgh@staned.org.uk.

The Open Door Edinburgh is part of the Big Give’s Small Charity Week. Each donation made to our campaign via **BigGive.org** during the week of **23-30 June 2025** will be **doubled**. Helping deliver crucial Day Services for older adults in Edinburgh so they experience better mental and physical health, feel less lonely and provide respite for their families. Donations help in many ways e.g.: £1 - coffee and biscuits and a friendly chat; £5 - freshly cooked hot meal (often the only hot meal that week); £10 - seated exercise class for 5 Day Service members with reduced mobility and much more. **Please add a diary reminder for 23-30 June** and this link <https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS000004T56sYAC> The donate button will appear on this page when the campaign starts at **midday on Monday 23rd**.

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday Year C celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity. The readings help us understand God’s wisdom, love, and truth through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- Wisdom’s Role in Creation:** The first reading from Proverbs speaks of Wisdom present at the creation of the world. This shows the involvement of God’s wisdom in all creation.
- Justification by Faith:** In Romans, Paul tells us that we are justified by faith and have peace with God. This peace comes through Jesus Christ, showing our connection to God through faith.
- Hope and Endurance:** Paul also speaks of enduring afflictions, which build character and hope. This hope is because of the Holy Spirit within us, highlighting the Spirit’s role in our lives.
- Spirit of Truth:** Jesus, in the Gospel, promises the Spirit of truth who will guide us. This Spirit will reveal God’s truth to us, showing how the Holy Spirit helps us understand God’s will.
- Unity of the Trinity:** Jesus speaks of the unity between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Everything the Father has is also the Son’s, showing their deep connection and shared mission.
- God’s Delight in Humanity:** Proverbs mentions that Wisdom found delight in the human race. This highlights that God takes joy in His creation, especially humanity.

Trinity Sunday Year C reminds us of the interconnectedness of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It calls us to reflect on how each Person of the Trinity is active in our lives.

- How can we listen more closely to the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?

- What does the unity of the Holy Trinity teach us about working together?
- How can we share God’s truth with others in simple ways?
- In what ways can we see the Spirit of Truth guiding us?
- How can we help others feel the presence of God in their lives?
- What gifts has God given us that we can share with our community?
- How can we live in harmony with others, following the example of the Trinity?
- What challenges do we face in embracing the Spirit of Truth?
- How can we join in the “dance” of the Trinity in our daily actions?
- What steps can we take to grow closer to God and share His love more fully?

Prayer of a Native American

Oh, great spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds.
And whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.
I come to you as one of your many children.
I am small and weak;
I need your strength and your wisdom.

Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made,
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children,
the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong,
so that I may not be superior to other people,
but able to fight my greatest enemy, which is myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes,
so that when life fades as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.