

The week ahead 1- 8 June May 2025				
Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 31 May Vigil	St Peter's	5.30pm	7th Sunday of Easter	Giuseppe Picciotto RIP
Sunday 1 June	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	7th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
Monday 2 June	No Service		7th Week in Eastertide	
Tuesday 3 June	St Columba's	9.30am	St. Charles Lwanga & companions	Joe Reilly RIP
Weds 4 June	St Peter's	6pm*	7th Week in Eastertide	Gail Wardle RIP
Thursday 5 June	St Columba's	9.30am	St Boniface	Special intention
Friday 6 June	St Peter's	9.30am	7th Week in Eastertide	Marie Perchard RIP
Saturday 7 June Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	7th Week in Eastertide Pentecost	Charmain Bingham RIP
Sunday 8 June	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Pentecost	Elke Whitty RIP People of the Parishes



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, Exposition or 12 noon Mass at St. Peter's on Saturday 31 May*

Sunday's readings: page 275

First reading: Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm: 97 (96) 1 2b 6 7c 9 R1a 9b
Psalm response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.
Second reading: Revelation 22: 12-14 16-17 20
Gospel: John 17: 20-26

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St Peter's

St. Columba's

New Dawn Day Saturday 14 June

Ss. Ninian & Triduana, 232 Marionville Road, Restalrig EH7 6BE.

Staring with Holy Mass at 10.30am, we invite you to a day filled with praise, worship, inspiring talks, youth ministry, testimonies, workshops and healing. Experience the healing power of Jesus at our evening Healing Service.

Speakers: Fr James Anyaegbu and Gary Stephens.

See poster on noticeboard for more details.

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

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 julietmmackellaig@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

Seventh Sunday of Easter —Year C

1 - 8 June 2025

- This is part of the great prayer Jesus made during the Last Supper. It has three parts.
- In the first part, Jesus prays for himself.
 - In the second part, he prays for his disciples.
 - Our reading gives the third part of Jesus' Prayer.



Here he prays for the community of the future who will believe through their preaching. He prayed that his disciples may be so united that they share in the unity of the Trinity itself. He prays that they will be with him in glory. Meanwhile, he will remain with them in love.

Unity is not the same thing as uniformity. Jesus's choice of followers were sufficiently diverse in terms of temperament, personality, style, and social status to suggest that he found diversity a healthy, life giving force. True unity cannot be achieved in a community that denies difference. Unity is achieved when each member is different and contributes a different gift, but all are united around the same goal - by mutual love. We must open ourselves to others and welcome their gifts.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Canon Kenneth writes ...

As Pentecost approaches let's remind ourselves of Paul's letter to the Galatians:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22)

- love** is the gift offered by God to all who accept it. It is the invitation to a life that is full and purposeful.
- joy** is the shooshing of the waves, the excited cry of children. The joy of the fisherman landing his catch.
- peace** flows ... it comes and it goes. Peace is the fruit of the Spirit that our world needs desperately at present.
- patience** as Spring waits for Summer, so the unfolding of nature is a perfect example of the patience of the seasons.
- kindness** the gift of kindness enlarges and enhances life that is truly human.
- goodness** continue to turn our world upside down so that we may be surprised how you can turn us toward the good.
- trustfulness** truth teller, knower of the heart, seeker of justice and integrity.
- gentleness** to seek harmony, to be a bridge-builder, to be a mender of ruined houses, to live out the gift of gentleness is to proclaim the kingdom of God.
- self-control** the prize of self-control is the fruit of an integrated life. The desire to be healed and directed towards the mercy of God.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 1 June	Seventh Sunday of Easter—Year C Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish (St. Columba’s—coffee with Refugees*) 1pm, Baptism, Sophie Isla Grace Hillier, St. Columba’s 4pm, Christ Church (at Holy Corner) celebrates its 150th anniversary with Choral Evensong**
Monday 2	7.30pm, final RCIA meeting, St. Peter’s Parish room
Tuesday 3	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba’s
Wednesday 4	Note: St. Peter’s Mass time changed from 09.30am to 6pm until approx. end September
Saturday 7	2-4pm, St. Columba’s Feast day Social event
Sunday 8	Pentecost —Year C Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish



Upcoming events in our Parishes...

Saturday 21 June	12noon - 3pm St. Peter’s Pilgrimage to St. Mary’s Cathedral
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

***Coffee with Refugees on Sunday 1 June**, the Justice and Peace group of St. Columba’s have invited refugees and asylum seekers to coffee after the 9.30am mass in the main hall. There will be Pop-Up of the work of the refugee, asylum seekers and migrant working group (RAMWG) of the Archdiocese Caritas & Justice Commission and exhibition of art work by refugees.

****Christ Church (at Holy Corner) is celebrating its 150th anniversary with Choral Evensong on Sunday 1 June 2025 at 4pm.** The Preacher is Archbishop Leo Cushley and Canon Kenneth will read the lesson. Parishioners are extended a warm welcome.

St. Columba’s Feast Day Social. Saturday 7 June 2-4pm. Come one, come all - games and food; drinks and entertainment for all the family. Music and theatre; face painting and crafts for children. Bring a dish to share - starter, main or dessert; you choose. Tickets available after Sunday masses, or at the door on the day. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

The **St. Peter’s event** in celebration of the Jubilee year of Hope will take place 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.

St. Peter’s will once again be taking part in the **Open doors event Sunday 28 September, 1-5pm.** Please put the date in your diaries.

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.

Trainers needed for refugee men (sizes 39-45), please leave at back of the church in St. Peter’s and St. Columba’s.

Verdi’s “Requiem”, Greyfriars Kirk on Saturday 14 June. Join the Edinburgh Singers for an unforgettable performance of one of the most powerful and dramatic religious works – Verdi’s “Requiem”. Grand, intense and thrillingly emotional, this monumental work will be performed with a stellar line up of soloists and a top professional orchestra in the stunning setting of Greyfriars Kirk. From the thunderous ‘Dies Irae’ to the serene ‘Agnus Dei’, this promises to be a very special evening. Tickets can be purchased through The Queen’s Hall or on the door.

Registration for Sacramental preparation course 2025-2026. Dear parents of children who will be in P3, P4 and P7 in September 2025 and are attending non-denominational schools, we’ll start Sacramental preparation classes – 1st Confession (P3), 1st Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7-S1) - again in **October.** Classes will be on Sunday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 am in St Columba’s Halls every 2–3 weeks. For information and registration please contact Sister Karin: sister@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk

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



The Examen

1. Ask God for light. I want to look at my day with God’s eyes, not merely my own.
2. Give thanks. The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
3. Review the day. I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
4. Face your shortcomings. I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.
5. Look forward for the day to come. I ask where I need God in the day to come

Examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God.

It’s actually **an attitude** more than a method.

A **time set aside** for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life.

It has **five steps** which most people take more or less in order.

And it usually takes **15-20 minutes** per day.

Here it is in a nutshell...



Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit.
Come with strength for the weak,
courage for the fearful,
light for those in darkness,
comfort for the sorrowful,
healing for the sick and injured,
guidance for those who are lost,
faith for those who are in doubt,
hope for those who have no hope,
and love for those who have no love.
Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,
and we shall renew the face of the earth.

