

This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 14 June	11th Sunday of the Year —Year A Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes 12.30pm, St. Peter's Pastoral Council General meeting—in the Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 16	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's
Friday 19	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter's
Saturday 20	At the Vigil Mass, 5.30pm Dedication of the new Altar at St. Peter's by Archbishop Leo Cushley (approx. 1.5 hours). Followed by reception in St. Peter's courtyard and Parish room.
Sunday 21	12th Sunday of the Year —Year A Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes



TODAY Sunday 14 June: St. Peter's Pastoral Council General meeting, in the Church **12.30pm**. All welcome. Please join us to hear more about the work that took place in the last year and plans for the forthcoming year.

Sunday 14 June is St. Margaret's procession, details can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/event-guide-st-margaret-pilgrimage-dunfermline/>

Thursday 18 June, 7pm, Archdiocesan Caritas Justice and Peace Mass at St. Peter's Livingston. All welcome.

****Men's Group - the meeting on Friday 19 June has been cancelled.** New date to follow.**

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the annual Mass for Married and Engaged couples at St. Mary's Cathedral **Friday 19 June, 7pm**. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive a special blessing upon your love. Refreshments afterwards in Coffee Saints. No registration needed.

Cleaning at St. Columba's on Saturday 20 June. Please come with family and friends for cleaning, chat and cups of tea and coffee.

Saturday 20 June at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate the **Dedication of the new Altar in St. Peter's** (approx. 1.5 hours). Followed by reception in St. Peter's courtyard and Parish room. Please join us.

We are looking for someone who has skills with video and photography to record the Dedication at the Vigil Mass next Saturday. If you can help with this please speak to Canon Kenneth.

Congratulations to St. Peter's April "200 Club" winners **Lucy Strathearn** (£25) and **Norah Mackenzie** (£15). We are currently 21 members short of 200 so, please consider joining. It is an easy way to support SCIAF only £12 a year, and you just might be a winner. Forms at

back of Church or speak to Anne-Marie Douglas email amdhillaire@aol.com.

Next weekend's newsletter will cover two weeks—from Sunday 21 June to Sunday 5 July. If you have any content for the newsletter for this two week period please provide by **close of play Wednesday 17 June**. We will continue with fortnightly newsletters throughout the summer school holidays.

Registration for Sacramental preparation course 2026-2027. Dear parents of children who will be in P3, P4 and P7 in September 2026 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 – 11.30am in St. Columba's Halls every 2 – 3 weeks. For information and registration please contact Sister Karin: sister@stcolumbascedinburgh.org.uk

Care Conversations. Talking about care can be an emotive topic and **it helps to be well prepared for the care conversation.** A partnership between Southside Faith Care, Home Instead and Morningside United Church are hosting a series of relaxed and informative care conversations **at Morningside United Church**, 15 Chamberlain Rd, EH10 4DH. The final session of this series is:

- Bereavement Support with William Purves Funeral Directors: **Thurs 18 June 2.30-4pm**

Whatever your interest in care **join us** for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Listen, share your experiences and ask questions. Just come along on the day or **contact us** for further details at **Home Instead 0131 300 0599 or Southside Faith Care 07478 543510.** For other events organised by Southside Faith Care please see poster at the back of Church.

Pope Leo at the Sagrada Família, Barcelona

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Pope Leo XIV began his visit to the Sagrada Família by praying before the Blessed Sacrament and visiting the tomb of Antoni Gaudí, whose vision shaped the Basilica into a monumental expression of Christian faith through architecture, light, color, and symbolism.

Celebrating Mass on the centenary of Gaudí's death and the blessing of the Tower of Jesus Christ, the Pope reflected on the Gospel's call to faith and stressed that authentic belief in Christ is incompatible with violence, indifference, and neglect of those who suffer.

In his homily, delivered in Catalan and Spanish, he recalled a passage from the Gospel of John: *"you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am He."* He noted that these are strong words, but also an invitation to salvation. He stressed that you cannot believe in Jesus and wage war. We cannot believe in Jesus and kill the innocent. We cannot believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, who weep, who flee from poverty.

Greeting King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, who welcomed him alongside Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, as well as political and ecclesiastical authorities, Pope Leo stressed that the Basilica of the Sagrada Família opens its doors like outstretched arms, inviting everyone to this altar, to listen to the Word of God, which makes us a family beloved by the Lord and nourished by His very life in the Eucharist.

Addressing civil and religious leaders, he described the Basilica as a sign of unity that gathers people around God's Word and the Eucharist. Drawing on its architecture, he compared the Church to a living structure built from many stones, with Christ as its foundation and goal. The ongoing construction of the Basilica, he said, symbolizes the Christian life as a work continually being completed by God, inviting believers to cooperate in His plan.



The Pope highlighted the spiritual meaning of the Basilica's design, noting that its façades and the newly blessed Tower of Jesus Christ point to the Cross as a sign of redemption, hope, and divine love. The illuminated cross atop the tower serves as a visible witness to faith and a beacon for the city.

He emphasized that art plays a unique role in expressing faith, praising Gaudí for creating a spiritual journey that leads visitors to encounter Christ.

Vatican News

Reflection

The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence.

Jesus looked at the ordinary people, and seeing how needy they were, he had compassion on them, and began to minister to them.

Lord, give us warm and generous hearts, so that we who have experienced your compassion may become agents of your compassion to others.

