

7—14 June 2026



Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 6 June Vigil	St Peter's	5.30pm	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
Sunday 7 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
Monday 8 June	St Peter's	9.30am	10th week of the Year	
Tuesday 9 June	St Columba's	9.30am	St Columba	Thomas Dibble RIP
Wednesday 10 June	St Peter's	6pm*	10th week of the Year	Sanjerome Mario Sijoy 1st birthday
Thursday 11 June	St Columba's	9.30am	St Barnabas	
Friday 12 June	St Peter's	9.30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Saturday 13 June Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	10th week of the Year 11th Sunday of the Year	DM: Grace and Bruce Jeffrey Golden Wedding
Sunday 14 June	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	11th Sunday of the Year	Norma Mary Dale RIP People of the Parishes

Confessions: (usual times)

St Peter's: Saturday 11-11.45am (during Adoration) and 4.30-5.15pm.

St Columba's: Sunday 6-6.15pm

Adoration: St Peter's: Saturday 11am

***No Confessions, Exposition or 12 noon Mass at St. Peter's on Saturday 6 June**

Sunday 31 May readings: p83

First reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2—3

Psalm: 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 R12a

Response: **O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living (GPRL).

This course aims to help participants develop and deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively. An opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper, closer relationship with God. Space to examine hopes and desires; move towards the fullness of life we long for in ourselves, in those around us and in the global community. Facilitated by the Epiphany Group, runs online on **Tuesday evenings 7-9pm from 3 November 2026 to 16 March 2027** with 3 in-person days in Edinburgh (Saturdays 21 November 2026, 30 January and 6 March 2027). Cost is £450; we're keen no one is excluded for financial reasons so if this is a consideration for you, please enquire about financial help.

For more information visit <https://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/growth-in-prayer/> to download an application form. Apply early as places are limited. For more information: gprl@epiphanygroup.org.uk.



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St Peter's St. Columba's



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St Columba's and St Peter's, Edinburgh
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —Year A
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John's account of the multiplication of the loaves (6: 1– 14) is followed by two discourses on the 'bread of life'. In the first (6:35-50) the 'bread' is the revelation of Jesus. The second discourse (6: 51-58) is clearly eucharistic.

In the Hebrew idiom the term 'flesh and blood' stands for the whole person. 'Eating and drinking' implies communion. Eucharistic eating and drinking is a personal encounter with Jesus who shares his life and the life of the Father with us. A source of life here and now, Jesus is the pledge of eternal life beyond death.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most holy Body and Blood of Christ. Here are some reflections on the eucharist:

- **Living Bread from Heaven:** Jesus calls Himself the living bread. This reminds us that the Eucharist is not just a symbol, but real food for our souls.
- **God Provides in Hard Times:** In the desert, God gave manna and water to His people. This shows He cares for us even when things are hard.
- **Unity Through the Eucharist:** Sharing one bread brings us together. The Eucharist makes us one Church, one body in Christ.
- **True Life in Christ:** Jesus says we must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have life. The Eucharist connects us to eternal life.
- **Trusting God's Word:** God told His people they live by His word, not just by bread. We are reminded to listen and trust Him, especially when we are unsure.
- **Sacrifice and Gift:** The cup we bless reminds us of Christ's sacrifice. In every Mass, we remember His love and offer ourselves back to Him.
- **Memory of Salvation:** God told His people to remember what He did for them. The Eucharist helps us remember Jesus and what He has done to save us.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 7 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —Year A Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes
Tuesday 9	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's
Thursday 11	6-7pm, Adoration for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart , St. Columba's Church
Friday 12	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter's 6pm, Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart , St. Columba's Church
Saturday 13	11am - 2pm, St. Peter's Primary School annual summer fair 2-4pm, St. Columba's feast day social, Main hall
Sunday 14	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.



Fabric update

- **St. Columba's Church:** the Sacristy, Parish room and corridor are finished. Thanks to Nevan's of Leith for the good work. They are now moving on to the outside windows and doors of the Parish hall.
- **St. Peter's Church:** we are looking forward to the dedication of the new altar on Saturday 20 June at the 530pm Vigil Mass. Archbishop Leo Cushley will be principle celebrant and we will be joined by Canon Matthew Rushton and Fr. Ryan Bennett both from Christ Church Morningside and some of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre. We are also delighted to welcome 14 choristers from Christ Church Morningside who will supplement our own music ministry here at St. Peter's. After the celebration, hopefully in the sunshine, there will be drinks and nibbles in the courtyard and a presentation of how the Sanctuary used to look and how it has changed over the last 18 months. A bit like Notre Dame in Paris - not every aspect of our work will be finished but the altar is ready for dedication.

Today, Sunday 7 June is Corpus Christi Sunday. Details of the Corpus Christi procession in Galashiels can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/event-guide-corpus-christi-procession/>

Thank you to those who gift aid their donations. We are happy to report that the Inland Revenue has credited the St. Peter's account with **£13,769**. This may be an occasion to consider gift aiding your donations.

Saturday 13 June, 2-4pm. St. Columba's feast day social. Looking forward to seeing everybody on Saturday at the St. Columba's feast day social. Please join us and bring a starter, a main or a dessert.

Sunday 14 June: St. Peter's Pastoral Council General meeting, in the Church **12.30pm following 11.30am Mass.** All welcome.

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: next meeting is **Friday 19 June , St. Columba's Church starting 7pm.** Teas & Coffees from 6.30pm in the Parish room. Our guest speaker is **Fr. Federico Dundas, SJS**, a Missionary priest of the Saint John Society from Argentina.

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.

A letter of thanks was received from a grateful recipient of St. Peter's SSVP: I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Parishioners of St. Peter's for helping me in my time of need. I needed a phone urgently, and typical of the SSVP they listened and organised this in no time at all...it was truly humbling'. My sincere thanks to you all. John

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@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk

The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage, route approx. 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Corstorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Broughton Street, **9am, Saturday 13 June** with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Register [here](#).

Parish news continued overleaf...

Deanery day—how we become a Synodal Church

The Priests of the city of Edinburgh had a deanery day last week looking at how we become a Synodal Church.

We were joined by Bishop Brian McGee from Argyle and the Isles and Fr. Matthew Nuances, a Priest from the Archdiocese of Birmingham who works for the School of Synodality.

Fr. Matthew shared his work with Birmingham diocese when they has a Synod:

Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life

Becoming a Church that honours the vocation of all the baptised

Becoming a Church where synodality is embedded

Becoming a Church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission

Becoming a Church where young people and young adults flourish

Becoming a Church that cares for its priests



Parish news continued...

St. Peter's Primary School annual summer fair this coming Saturday 13 June, 11am- 2pm.

Open to the whole community, free to attend. Bringing together families, friends and local residents. We'd love to see you there. Toys, games, school clothing or unwanted gifts can be **donated for the tombola by Friday 12 June** to the St. Peter's school office. Home baking also gratefully received on the day. We're seeking **donations for our auction** from local residents and businesses for the **annual auction:** products, services, vouchers or experiences are all welcome. Donor names will be published in our school newsletter (read by and acknowledged on the day. Please email: ptastpetersprimary@gmail.com if you can donate.

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.

Reflection - I am the bread of life



Photograph: St. Andrew's Chapel, Livingston by Canon Kenneth

The Eucharist is the gift of love.
We all need that love.
That love enables us to be valued and accepted.
The Eucharist is the gift of a mission.
It is that invitation to go into the world and make a difference.
It is to bring brightness into darkness.
The Eucharist is a reminder that all is a gift from God.
We put our resources at the service of God's plan.
We allow space for God to speak to us so that it is indeed God's plan and not ours.