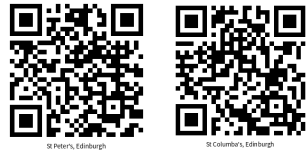


This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 19 July	16th Sunday of the Year —Year A At 09.30 Mass: Baptism, Flora Eve Camilleri-Brennan, St. Columba's Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes
Tuesday 21	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's
Thursday 23	11am, Requiem Mass, Elizabeth Brunsdon RIP, St. Columba's
Friday 24	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter's
Sunday 26	17th Sunday of the Year —Year A Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes
Tuesday 28	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's 11am, Requiem Mass, Rocca Chianta RIP, St. Columba's
Friday 31	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter's
Sunday 2 August	18th Sunday of the Year —Year A Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes



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Congratulations to Andrew Bombace Martinez, baptised Saturday 11 July at St. Peter's.

Congratulations to Flora Eve Camilleri-Brennan, baptised Sunday 19 July at St. Columba's.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Brunsdon RIP**. The Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 23 July, 11am, at St. Columba's**. We express our prayers and sympathy to the family.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Rocca Chianta RIP**. The Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 28 July, 11am, at St. Columba's. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord.

On Monday 20 July a cherry picker will arrive in St. Peter's Church. The benches on half of the Church will be removed; the cherry picker will be used to remove the old lights from the ceiling of the Church; the benches will be replaced - finishing Friday and the Church will be usable at the weekend. **Masses at St. Peter's on Monday 20, Wednesday 22, Friday 24 will be in the Parish room.** The following week, starting Monday 27 July the same process again for the second half of the Church with Masses on **Monday 27, Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 in the Parish room.** Once work is completed the new Church light fittings will arrive (after 11 August) and the carpet and new sound system will go in. Let's hope all that goes to plan!

Thank you to Fr. Rozario Arputham SMA for celebrating our weekend Masses whilst Canon Kenneth and Fr. Daniel took a break at the beginning of July. The special

collection for the Society of Missionaries for Africa raised **£1,073.05** (St. Columba's £524.61 and St. Peter's £548.44) - thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Thanks to all who came along and helped raise **£215.73** for **Stella Maris** at the Sea Sunday Coffee and rolls on 12 July at St. Columba's.

Canon Kenneth is away after Mass on Friday 31 July, returning Saturday 8 August, Masses during this time will be celebrated by Fr. Daniel.

This newsletter covers **two weeks (Sunday 19 July - 2 August)**. Our next newsletter, also covering two weeks, will be Sunday 2 August. Please provide any content by **Wednesday 29 July**.

Donations for Foodbank reminder for the first Sunday of month - 2 August: please leave donations in basket at back of St. Columba's and cash can be given in the sacristy.

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

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

Sunday 19 July readings: p105
First reading: Wisdom: 12:13, 16-19
Psalm: 86 (85): 5-6 9-10 15-16a R5a
Response: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving**
Second reading: Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Sunday 26 July readings: p108
First reading: 1 Kings 3:5-6a 7-12
Psalm: 119 (118) : 57 72 76-77 127-128 129-130 R97a
Response: **O Lord, how I love your law**
Second reading: Romans 8: 28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

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
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year —Year A
19 July—2 August 2026
(This newsletter covers 2 weeks)



Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds originally addressed the problem of sinners in the kingdom. The Pharisees believed that the kingdom was for saints only; sinners should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Jesus didn't agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the kingdom will be a mixed bag, consisting of saints and sinners. The Church's part is to preach repentance and practice leniency. **Flor McCarthy SDB**

Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 18 July Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12noon 5.30pm	15th week of the Year 16th Sunday of the Year	KO: Edward Collier RIP
Sunday 19 July	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	16th Sunday of the Year	DM: Peter Ramsey 90th birthday People of the Parishes
Monday 20 July	St Peter's	9.30am	16th week of the Year	Intentions of Mrs Anne Davies
Tuesday 21 July	St Columba's	9.30am	16th week of the Year	Cassie & Michael Doherty RIP
Wednesday 22 July	St Peter's	6pm*	St Mary Magdalene	DM: Irene Lugton Ewing KO: Harry Reid RIP
Thursday 23 July	St Columba's St Columba's	9.30am 11am	St Bridget of Sweden Funeral Elizabeth Brunsdon RIP	Intentions of Clare Devlin
Friday 24 July	St Peter's	9.30am	16th week of the Year	Intentions of Margaret Hunter
Saturday 25 July Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	St James 17th Sunday of the Year	Lewis Cameron RIP People of the Parishes
Sunday 26 July	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	17th Sunday of the Year	Intentions of Mary and John Wastle
Monday 27 July	St Peter's	9.30am	17th week of the Year	
Tuesday 28 July	St Columba's St Columba's	9.30am 11am	17th week of the Year Funeral Rocca Chianta RIP	George Robb RIP
Wednesday 29 July	St Peter's	6pm*	SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus	
Thursday 30 July	St Columba's	9.30am	17th week of the Year	Intentions of Laura Clark
Friday 31 July	St Peter's	9.30am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Intentions of the Hunter family
Saturday 1 August Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12noon 5.30pm	St Alphonsus Liguori 18th Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 2 August	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	18th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes Baby Jack Foy RIP

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