

The week ahead 5-12 May 2024

Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 4 May Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	6th Sunday of Easter	Donna Andrew RIP D/M of the Foy Family
Sunday 5 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	6th Sunday of Easter	Danti Lannie People of the Parishes
Monday 6 May	No Service		6th Week of Easter	
Tuesday 7 May	St Columba's	9.30am	6th Week of Easter	Clare Nicolson RIP
Weds 8 May	St Peter's	9.30am 6pm	6th Week of Easter	Funeral Frank Saddler RIP
Thursday 9 May	St. Peter's St. Peter's St. Columba's	9.30am 11am 7pm	Ascension of the Lord School Mass	Helen and George Winter & Family RIP
Friday 10 May	St Peter's	9.30am	6th Week of Easter	Dennis Dimney RIP
Saturday 11 May Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	6th Week of Easter 7th Sunday of Easter	Catherine Noble Clenton Dimney RIP
Sunday 12 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	7th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes Heather Bremner RIP



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


Sunday's readings on
(p. 266 St. Columba's, p. 270 St. Peter's)
First reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm: 97: 1-4 response cf v 2
Second reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Growth in Prayer and reflective living (GPRL)

This 20 week in person course aims to help participants develop and deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively.

It offers opportunities to come to a much closer relationship with God.

The course runs 31 Oct 2024 to 1 May 2025 and applications now open. Find out more from leaflets at the back of the church and www.epiphanygroup.org.uk.



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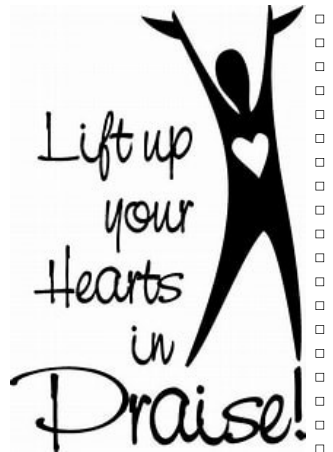
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St Columba's and St Peter's, Edinburgh
Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B
 5 May 2024

Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus' love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father's commandments, so they should observe his.

Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.

Flor McCarthy SDB




Canon Kenneth writes ...

The word that struck me the most in the gospel this Sunday was joy. Here are some thoughts on joy.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118: 24

- Joy appears throughout the Gospels, registering the presence of the Spirit and the arrival of grace.
- In the Christian tradition joy occupies a privileged place as the register of the good news. Savouring that we are born in the image of God, recalling our failures can be forgiven, sharing in the community of faith - in all these realisations our response is a healing movement of joy.
- Throughout the New Testament joy marks the entry of God in our lives - made present through Jesus' healing and the Spirit's energising appearance.
- Joy appears regularly in the parables in response to the surprising works of grace. When Jesus' disciples witnessed him performing miracles or debating those who challenged him, they "rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him" (Lk13: 17)



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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 5	No Children's Liturgy at either morning Masses Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish
Monday 6	7.30pm RCIA meeting in St Peter's Parish Room
Tuesday 7	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's
Wednesday 8	09.30 Requiem Mass for Frank Saddler RIP, St. Peter's
Thursday 9	The Ascension of the Lord—Holy day of Obligation
Saturday 11	1pm Baptism of Charles Alexander Arnold, St. Peter's
Sunday 12	Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses Teas and coffee after the morning Masses in each Parish 10.30am St. Columba's: Sr Karin's Sacramental Preparation groups for 1st Communion and Confirmation



Upcoming events in our Parishes...

Thursday 9 May	Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation 9.30am Mass St. Peter's 11am School Mass at St. Peter's Church (all welcome) 7pm Mass St. Columba's
Weds 15 May	Confirmations by Archbishop Leo Cushley at 7pm, St. Mark's Oxfangs
Sunday 2 June	First Holy Communion during 09.30am Mass St. Columba's
Saturday 8 June	First Holy Communion 10am Mass at St. Peter's St. Columba's Feast day social 1pm St. Columba's Halls
Tuesday 25 June	11am School Leavers P7 Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 28 June	7pm, St. Peter's social evening, Parish room

Congratulations to Marcos Maxwell Evans Perez baptised on **Saturday 4 May** at St. Peter's. We offer our prayers to Marcos and his family.

Requiem Mass for Frank Saddler RIP, 09.30 Wednesday 8 May, St. Peter's. We offer prayers and support to his family and friends at this time.

The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 9 May is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: 09.30 St. St. Peter's; 11am School Mass at St. Peter's (all welcome) and 7pm at St. Columba's.

May is month of Our Lady: perhaps consider taking time to pray the rosary daily or a decade of the rosary with your family. Or take a pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto, Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. The Grotto welcomes 70,000 pilgrims annually from across the Globe. It's almost on our doorstep, Parish of St Francis Xavier, Carfin near Motherwell.

Christian Aid Week coffee morning Sat 18 May 10-12 noon, Morningside Parish Church (Braid road entrance). Held by The Morningside Churches Christian Aid joint committee, on which St Peter's is represented. There'll be stalls with home baking, preserves, books, tombola, plants and a musical performance. Tickets (include coffee/tea/scone) can be bought in advance or on the morning for £5. Or you can donate a bottle or jar containing produce of any kind for **the tombola, which will be St. Peter's particular contribution.** Please leave tombola donations in the box at the back of Church or contact

Joyce Cullen (07977 182112) to arrange collection prior to the event. Thank you.

Accord Choir Concert Saturday 25 May, 7pm. St. Columba's Church hall. Tickets £10 Adults, £8 concessions, refreshments included.

Kevock Choir annual Concert Saturday 25 May, 7.30pm, Nicolson Square Venue, Edinburgh Programme includes choral suite from Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace". Further information and tickets (£16; concessions £14) contact Peter Nicholson; panicholson@blueyonder.co.uk

Wednesday 29 May, 7.15pm. Annual Mass for married and engaged couples at the Cathedral

St Peter's Fresh Start Lenten Appeal. Thanks for generously donated food to the Fresh Start appeal. Once again the charity is looking for basic household items for the 'Starter Packs' which are so necessary for those being rehoused - e.g. mugs, bowls, utensils, kettles, toasters, towels, bedding. These can be left in the Fresh Start box at the back of St Peter's.

Congratulations to St. Peter's April "200 club" winners Mary Parker (£25) and Louise Smith (£15). The first draw of the new club year takes place end of May. We have, if everyone renews, 180 members. **Please consider joining**—it only costs £12 a year. Forms at the back of church or contact Anne-Marie Douglas amdhillaire@aol.com or 0131 445 4337.

May is the month when we honour Mary

Mary appears just nine times in the New Testament:

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Nativity
4. Escape to Egypt
5. Presentation
6. Finding Jesus in the Temple
7. Wedding at Cana "Do whatever He tells you"
8. Foot the cross
9. Pentecost

However she appears throughout the bible...

Mary the New Eve

- Undoing Eve's disobedience with her FIAT; Jesus being the new Adam
- To understand the profound meaning of Jesus calling His mother "woman" at the wedding feast of Cana, St John highlights how this scene takes place on the seventh day of the new creation week. John's Gospel leads us to view Jesus and Mary in light of the creation story. In this context, Jesus calls Mary "woman". With the Genesis themes in the background, this title would bring to mind the "woman" of Genesis, Eve (Gen. 2:23; 3:20).
- This woman of Genesis played an important part in the first prophecy given to humanity. After the fall, God confronted the serpent and announced his eventual defeat, saying: I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15)
- Given at the dawn of creation, these words, known as the **Protoevangelium** ("First Gospel"), foretell how the woman one day will have a seed, a son, who will crush the head of the serpent (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 410).
- Centuries later, at the wedding feast of Cana, this prophecy begins to be fulfilled. By calling Mary "woman" with the creation story in the background, Jesus in the narrative of John's Gospel is not merely addressing her politely, as He does Mary Magdalene or the Samaritan woman, rather, He is identifying Mary as the woman of Genesis 3:15.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven

- In the Old Testament the King's mother was on the throne beside him—not the King's wife. This position was known as The Gebirah, she was an Intercessor to King for people [1 Kings 2:13-21] and exercised her role as counsellor [2 Chronicles 22:3]. This meant that the first Christians immediately saw Jesus' mother as Queen of Heaven alongside her Son as intercessor in her Son's new kingdom. She's also seen with a Queen's crown on her head defeating Satan in Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10.

Mary as the Arc of the New Covenant

- Luke (Ch 1) sets up Mary as being the Arc of the New Covenant in his presentation of the Visitation

story with John the Baptist dancing in front of His Lord in Mary's womb as David did in front the Arc in the Old Testament. She is then seen in heaven being identified as the New Arc in Revelation 11: 19, 12:1

- "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; a great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

Comparing the Old and New Arcs of the Covenant Inside the Ark of the Old Covenant

- The stone tablets of the law, the word of God inscribed on stone
- The urn filled with manna from the wilderness, the miraculous bread come down from heaven
- The rod of Aaron that budded to prove and defend the true high priest

Inside Mary, Ark of the New Covenant

- The body of Jesus Christ, the word of God in the flesh
- The womb containing Jesus, the bread of life come down from heaven (John 6:41)
- The actual and eternal High Priest

Other titles of Mary

- **Spouse of the Spirit** - seen at the Annunciation
- **Mother of God/Theotokos**—to point to two natures of Christ. (Council of Ephesus of 431, to dispel Nestorian heresy)
- **Mother of the Church** as she is present at the birth of the Church at Pentecost with the Apostles and disciples
- **Immaculate Conception** (from Gabriel's greeting at annunciation "Hail Mary FULL OF GRACE")
- She was the very first disciple and is also Our mother given to us at the foot of the cross who is the first disciple
- **Make sure she is your mother interceding for you and your loved ones with her son**



With thanks to Juliet Mackellaig for this insight