

The week ahead 3—10 November 2024



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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 2 November	St Peter's	12 noon	Commemoration of all the faithful departed	Lelio DeMarco RIP (25th Anniversary)
Vigil	St Peter's	5.30pm	31st Sunday Ordinary Time	Owen Bonnar RIP
Sunday 3 November	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	31st Sunday Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Monday 4 November	No Service		31st Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 5 November	St Columba's	9.30am	31st Ordinary Time	Special intention
Weds 6 November	No service**		31st Ordinary Time	
Thursday 7 November	St Columba's	9.30am	31st Ordinary Time	Marie-Elizabeth Bougeard
Friday 8 November	St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11am	31st Ordinary Time Blessed John Duns Scotus	The Hunter family Funeral Mass Esther Sangster RIP
Saturday 9 November	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	Dedication of Laterna Basilica 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time	
Vigil				
Sunday 10 November	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	32nd Sunday Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes In thanksgiving (95th birthday)

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 page 152
First reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6
Psalm: 17 2-4, 47, 52 response v 2
Second reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28
Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Holy Year event, Saturday 9 November - the Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at bit.ly/hollyyearevent

SCIAF will be hosting two remembrance Masses 15 and 16 November. Glasgow: St Andrew's Cathedral, 15th and Edinburgh, Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 16th, followed by light refreshments and a chance for supporters to come together. To register attendance or to add a loved ones name to our book of Remembrance, please contact us at sciaf@sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555.

Youth Day; Wonder Woman St Margaret, Saturday 16 November 11am to 3pm, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Hosted by Archdiocese for P4-7 children to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Games, talks, activities and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

Marie Curie estimates that 90% of us will need palliative care at some point. As we don't have enough hospices an estimated 100,000 UK people, that could benefit from palliative care, die without receiving it each year. In countries which have allowed assisted suicide, hospices have been forced to close. **Please ask your MSPs to support hospice care and not to allow assisted suicide to be part of our NHS:** <https://writetothem.com>

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 447 4210 or julietmackellaig@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
Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B
 3—10 November 2024

By rabbinical count, the law consisted of some 613 commandments. The scribe's question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament: the first in Deuteronomy 6: 4 (First reading), the second in Leviticus 19: 18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasising their essential relatedness. No rabbi had previously done this.

Another thing. In Leviticus, the commandment: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself' is restricted to fellow Israelites. But Jesus broadened it to include everyone, Gentiles as well as Jews, enemies as well as friends. The emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion.



The scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does a scribe emerge in such a favourable light.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Canon Kenneth writes ...

Pope Francis closed the global Synod on Synodality's final assembly on Sunday with a call for a Church that "hears the cry of the world" without being "blind" to the urgent issues facing our time.

At the synod's closing Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis said that a synodal Church must be "on the move" following Christ in serving those in need.

"We do not need a sedentary and defeatist Church but a Church that hears the cry of the world ... and gets its hands dirty in serving the Lord," the Pope said in his homily on 27 October.

Pope Francis underlined that the Church cannot remain inert before "the questions raised by the women and men of today, the challenges of our time, the urgency of evangelization, and the many wounds that afflict humanity."

"Brothers and sisters, not a sedentary Church, but a Church on her feet. Not a silent Church, but a Church that embraces the cry of humanity. Not a blind Church, but a Church, enlightened by Christ, that brings the light of the Gospel to others. Not a static Church, but a missionary Church that walks with her Lord through the streets of the world," he said.

"So many things along the way can make us blind, incapable of perceiving the presence of the Lord, unprepared to face the challenges of reality, sometimes unable to offer adequate responses to the questions of so many who cry out to us," the Pope said.

"A sedentary Church, that inadvertently withdraws from life and confines itself to the margins of reality, is a Church that risks remaining blind and becoming comfortable with its own unease," he said. "If we remain stuck in our blindness, we will continuously fail to grasp the urgency of giving a pastoral response to the many problems of our world."

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 3	Census of attendance at Sunday Masses Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish
Monday 4	7.30pm RCIA meeting, St. Peter's, Parish room
Tuesday 5	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's 7pm Parish Pastoral Council, St. Columba's, Parish Room
Wednesday 6	No 09.30 Mass at St. Peter's today
Friday 8	11am, Requiem Mass Esther Sangster RIP 7pm Curry night at St. Columba's
Saturday 9	7pm Curry night at St. Columba's
Sunday 10	Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today 09.30 Baptism of Robyn Oskouii at Mass today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish



TODAY: at 09.30 Mass, St. Columba's there will be a fire drill - after the Offertory Procession

- Leave your belongings and books and exit the church at:
 - The fire exit at the front or
 - The fire exit at the back
 - The middle door is NOT a fire exit
- The assembly point is in the main Street on the other side of the road so that everybody can get out
- Do not block the pavement on the Church side
- Those who need assistance to leave the Church should wait until the main body of the congregation have left then one of the pass keepers will assist you to come back in
- Once all the rooms in the Church have been checked you will be invited to come back in

As many know, **Father Gordon Brown**, over the last few months, has been failing in health. At this stage he asks for your prayers as he has a number of difficulties. Please keep him before the Lord as he is very thankful for your prayers.

A census of Mass attendance will take place at all Sunday Masses today.

SCIAF Christmas Cards on sale today at the 11.30 Mass, St. Peter's.

Congratulations to October 200 Club winners at St. Peter's: Colin Dale (£25) and Marnie Queen (£15).

There will be **no 09.30 Mass at St. Peter's** this coming **Wednesday 6 November**.

Could all who go into St Columba's hall building please be careful. Unfortunately a freezer was turned off recently and a large quantity of food intended for the Mary's Meals curry nights and Zimbabwe breakfast is now unusable.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mrs Esther Sangster RIP who died on 16 October 2024. Her Requiem Mass will be in St. Columba's, Friday 8 November, 11am and thereafter to Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery. It would be good if Parishioners could join us for that Mass as there is no surviving family.

Next synodal meeting 7pm, Tuesday 12 November, St Columba's Middle hall. All invited. Introduced by Sr. Jeanette McGlone. The questions are: What is the particular role of a religious sister in a synodal, missionary

Church? Does the work of religious sister suggest what particular gifts women may bring in a synodal church? Are these gifts appreciated?

SVDP collection: last Sundays of month at St. Columba's (when no special collection). After discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council we've decided that once a month we'll help communities in need via our neighbouring SVDP cluster (St Catherine/St John Vianney's/St Gregory's). They've got great initiatives in the south east of the city supporting the needy and are very proactive. Their President, Jane Watson, will report regularly on how the funds are used. We'll also support the Missionaries of Charity in their work in the city centre.

This year St. Peter's had a gift aid repayment of £8308.86 from gift aided offerings. If you're a taxpayer and contribute to the Parish, please consider completing a gift aid form. A painless way to add to Parish funds. Forms at the back of church or speak to Andrew Thackrey or Anne-Marie Douglas. Thanks to those who've already done so.

More donations needed please. Thanks for donations at back of Church of warm clothing, shoes and trainers, for asylum seekers and of woollen hats for 'Stella Maris' for sea men.

Southside Faith Care partnering with 'Home Instead' is hosting a **series of talks around care.** Priestfield Church Fridays: this coming Friday 8 November and then 6 December, 10 January 12.30-1.30. The talks are free, open to all and with a light bite to eat. Details on poster at back of Church.

The month of November

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the dead.

It begins with the celebration of the **Solemnity of All Saints**. We reflect on those holy men and women who the church has recognised as living a virtuous life. The Gospel of the day sets out the Beatitudes as the hallmarks of Christian discipleship.

On 2nd November we celebrate the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. Traditionally known as All Souls Day. It is an opportunity to pray for those whom we have known and loved in this life and who have died.

During the month of November we also pray for the Holy Souls, those who have no one to pray for them.

Spiritual exercises include:

- adding the 'Eternal rest O Lord', prayer to your regular prayer routine
- visit a cemetery and pray for the departed
- making sacrifices for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- get a Mass said
- light a candle in memory of a loved one

Prayer

Bearing the fruits of love

Lord, open our hearts when they are closed,
Soften them when they are hard,
Warm them when they are cold,
Fill them when they are empty,
Heal them when they are wounded,
Mend them when they are broken,
So that we, your disciples, may bear the fruits of love.

St. Columba's Curry Nights: This coming Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November 2024, St. Columba's hall

7.00pm-8.30pm: buffet service. All proceeds to Mary's Meals. You can still book a ticket!

Tickets: £20 adults, £10 children under 12 (incl. two-course buffet dinner & complimentary glass of wine or soft drink).

Tickets available: after 9.30 & 6.30pm Sunday Masses at St. Columba's or you can also email StC-JP@hotmail.com stating your name and number of tickets required. Payment by cash, check or BACS.

Raffle tickets on sale after Mass: you can make a donation even if you can't be there.

Raffle prizes can be left with the coffee team after 9.30 mass today.

Freshstart Christmas appeal: An Edinburgh-based charity helping people who've been homeless get established in their new homes.

Collection of Festive Fare for food hampers. During November the charity will collect Festive Fare items for food hampers for needy families. Mince pies, biscuits, sweets and any non perishable foods e.g. tins of meat or fish, pasta etc. Donations can be left in the box at rear of Church. (In addition to your continued generous donations of pre-loved or new household items used by Freshstart to create home starter packs).

Cookers for Christmas raises funds to buy brand new cookers, washing machines and fridge freezers throughout the year for people moving into their new tenancy or those who are struggling financially. To donate see: www.freshstartweb.org.uk/what-we-do/white-goods

Fresh start's latest newsletter is at the back of the Church - please pick up a copy, there is a good case study on the front.

Temporary accommodation needed for a women. She is a Mum of two children and needs accommodation for herself whilst they are looking for a house to rent. If you are able to help please contact Emanuela on 07401 270 471