



The week ahead 11—18 May 2025



SCAN ME

Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 10 May Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	3rd Week in Eastertide 4th Sunday of Easter	Special Intention
Sunday 11 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	4th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
Monday 12 May	No Service		4th Week in Eastertide	
Tuesday 13 May	No Service		4th Week in Eastertide	
Weds 14 May	St Peter's	6pm*	St. Matthias	
Thursday 15 May	St Columba's	9.30am	4th Week in Eastertide	
Friday 16 May	St Peter's	9.30am	4th Week in Eastertide	
Saturday 17 May Vigil	St Peter's	5.30pm	5th Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 18 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	5th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes Souls of Frank and Gracy Pereira

<p>Confessions (usual times)</p> <p>St Peter's: Saturday 11am (during Adoration) and 4.30pm St Columba's: Sunday before 6.30pm Mass</p> <p>Adoration: St Peter's: Saturday 11am</p> <p>NOTE: No Confession or Adoration Saturday 17 May</p>	<p>Sunday's readings: page 262</p> <p>First reading: Acts 13: 14, 43b,-52 Psalm: 100 (99):1-2, 3, 5 R3c Psalm response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Second reading: Revelation 7-9: 13a, 14b-17 Gospel: John 10: 27-30</p>	<p>Scan to make donations</p> <p>St Peter's St. Columba's</p>  
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God's invitation to relationship

A FREE six week prayer course online to introduce people to ways of praying from the [Epiphany Group](#).

Supporting you into a deeper prayer life through: facilitators' input (all trained spiritual directors with the [Epiphany Group](#)); guided prayer experience and sharing.

Participants have said: *'I am forever changed due to the course and very excited to grow deeper in my spirituality through prayer.'*

To register email invitation@epiphanygroup.org.uk and see the flyers at the back of the Church

Dates for next course: **Wednesdays 7- 8.30/9pm: 14, 21, 28 May & 4, 11, June**

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 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
Fourth Sunday of Easter —Year C
11—18 May 2025

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snap from his care the sheep that belong to him. He will give them eternal life.

What does 'belonging to him' involve?

The **first requirement** is to listen to his voice, that is, to heed his teachings.

And the **second requirement** is to follow him, that is, to do his word.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the loveliest images we have of him. And we owe it to Jesus himself. This is how he described himself and his mission.

Jesus is no hireling. The hireling doesn't own the sheep, and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf approaching. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The sheep belong to him, and he's ready to die for them.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

On Wednesday of this week we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and hopefully our candidates will grow in faith through this outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity to remind us of the gifts of the Spirit:

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray, O God who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and rejoice in your consolation, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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This Week in our Parishes ...



Sunday 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year C
also Good Shepherd Sunday and World day of prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life
Special collection—Mission appeal*
Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today
10.30 St. Columba’s: Sister Karin’s Sacramental Preparation groups for First Holy Communion
Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

Monday 12 7.30pm, RCIA meeting, St. Peter’s Parish room

Tuesday 13 No Mass today at St. Columba’s and therefore no teas and coffees at St. Columba’s

Wednesday 14 Note: St. Peter’s Mass time changes from 09.30am to 6pm until approx. end September

Thursday 15 7pm, St. Peter’s Parish Pastoral Council meeting, Presbytery Dining Room

Saturday 17 May 10am-3pm, St. Columba’s Parish Pilgrimage to Nunraw Abbey. All welcome**
No exposition, Confession or 12noon Mass at St. Peter’s today

Sunday 18 May Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year C
Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

Upcoming events in our Parishes...

Sunday 25 May Celebration of Sacrament of First Holy Communion St. Columba’s during 09.30 Mass

Thursday 29 May Ascension, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses as follows:
09.30 St. Peter’s
11am School Mass, St. Peter’s (all welcome)
7pm St. Columba’s

Saturday 31 May 10am, celebration of Sacrament of First Holy Communion St. Peter’s

Saturday 7 June 2-4pm, St. Columba’s Feast day Social event, St. Columba’s Halls and Garden

Saturday 21 June 12noon - 3pm, St. Peter’s Pilgrimage to St. Mary’s Cathedral***

Tuesday 24 June 11am, School Leavers P7 Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 27 June 7pm, St. Peter’s Social evening, Parish room

Congratulations to Callie Annelena McKinnon, Baptised last Saturday at St. Peter's.

Congratulations to the children from both of our Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Leo Cushley, last Wednesday at St. Peter's.

***Special collection at Masses this Sunday.** Sister Pennie MacInnes from the Sisters of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will make an appeal for the Mission next Saturday at the 5.30pm Vigil and all the Sunday Masses.

Note there is **no Mass at St. Columba’s, Tuesday 13 May.**

Note that from **Wednesday 14 May Mass time** will move from a 09.30am to a **6pm Mass** (until approx. end Sept.)

Parish Pilgrimages in celebration of the Jubilee year of Hope:

- ****Saturday 17 May 10am - 3pm: St. Columba’s Parish Pilgrimage to Nunraw Abbey**, outside Haddington. We’ll leave St. Columba’s at 10am, arriving for Mass at 11am. Please bring a picnic lunch. We’ll leave the Abbey at 3pm. All welcome. Cost £10 for Adults, children free. Please speak to Peter McDermott at the back of the Church. 21 people have already booked —more needed.
- Due to the Pilgrimage **please note** there’ll be no

exposition, Confession or 12 noon Mass at St. Peter’s on Saturday 17 May.

- *****Saturday 21 June. St. Peter’s visit to St. Mary’s Cathedral.** Starting with 12 noon Mass at St. Peter’s, then meeting at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 1.30pm for a service, followed by teas and coffees in the Saints café at St. Mary’s Cathedral.
- Parishioners from both Parishes can attend either or both of the Pilgrimages.

Congratulations to Ros McKenzie winner of this month’s St. Columba’s 100 club.

Chalice Ministers needed: we are looking for new chalice ministers to join the 09.30am rota at St. Columba’s. If you can help please speak to Canon Kenneth.

Volunteers needed for general cleaning in St. Columba’s **on Saturday 24 May 1-4pm.** Please come to help.

Save the date: St. Columba’s Feast day Social event Saturday 7 June 2-4pm St. Columba’s Halls & Garden. Tickets are now available.

Fresh Start donations for May. Please leave at back of the St. Columba’s Church. Items needed: dishes, cutlery, pots & pans, bed linen (all sizes), curtains, small household electric items ,microwaves, musical systems.

Fabric Update for St Columba's and St Peter's

St Columba's: The work at the back of the church has been successfully completed. The cross on the external church roof has been replaced. The new carpets have been fitted on the sanctuary and the aisles.

Now we have, hopefully beginning soon, the painting of the large hall and stair well. The exterior windows of the convent are to be painted. Budget cost for hall are £25,000 and for the windows £13,000.

St Peter's sanctuary: Many share my frustration at the length of time the stone masons are taking on the sanctuary. This is due to problems they’ve had with weather and their vehicle. They have now produced a programme of works which will see the sanctuary field finished at the beginning of June and the new pieces of sanctuary furniture appearing during the summer months. Let's ask for God's blessing on the work. The new lighting, sound system and carpet are all ready to go once the stone masons have completed their work.

Budged costs

1. Stone £86,903
2. Carpet £21,000
3. Sound £22,950
4. Lighting £51,637
5. **Sub-total** £182,490

Contingency @ 10% £18,249
Fees (RLB incl.PM/QS/PD & Architectural) £27,000
VAT on construction works £36,449.80
VAT on professional Fees £5,400
Total for budgetary purposes **£269,588.80**

So far

Simon Ormsby Stone masons £43,036
Professional fees £20,400
£63, 436

Week Beginning	Work to be completed
28 April	Side steps to be fitted
5 May (workshop)	Material preparation Delivery of stone to site
12 May	Sanctuary field to be started Main Sanctuary steps to be installed
19 May (workshop)	Altar components & stall risers
26 May	Sanctuary field
2 June	Sanctuary Field
9 June	Stall Risers installed Sanctuary field grouted and 'polished'
16 June (workshop)	Lectern & Altar
23 June (workshop)	Blessed Sacrament Pedestal
30 June (workshop)	Blessed Sacrament Pedestal and Lectern
7 July	Blessed Sacrament Pedestal area floor
14 July	Commence altar installation Blessed Sacrament Pedestal area floor
21 July (workshop)	Complete manufacture of furniture
28 July	Grout and hone Blessed Sacrament Pedestal floor
4 August	Install lectern Complete Altar installation
11 August	Install Railings
18 August	Install Blessed Sacrament Pedestal
25 August	Seal all floor & snagging
1 September	Complete

The Caretaker's Flat. 77a Falcon Ave

The flat previously lived in by Fr. Gordon Brown is now vacant. It needs significant improvement to bring it up to standard. At present our architect is drawing up plans to separate the kitchen and the bathroom and complete the renovation. We will also need to apply for listed building consent.

Reflection

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us through life's dark valleys.
The valley we most fear is the value of death
but Jesus himself walked through that dark valley,
and emerged into the dawn of Easter.
He will not abandon us when our time comes.
Lord, may your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road,
so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades
and the life that never ends.



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 at the Parish of St Francis Xavier, Carfin near Motherwell.

Nearer to home there is a Lourdes Grotto in the grounds of the Gillis Centre in Strathearn Road— perhaps say a decade of the Rosary there.

