The week ahead 22—29 June 2025

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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention	
Saturday 21 June Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	St Aloysuis Gonzaga The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Heather Bremner RIP Giuseppe & Gianna Pi RIP	
Sunday 22 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 Parishe	S
Monday 23 June	No Service		12th Week of the Year		
Tuesday 24 June	St Columba's	9.30am	12th Week of the Year	Kate Gill RIP	
Weds 25 June	St Peter's	6pm*	12th Week of the Year	People of the Parishes	
Thursday 26 June	St Columba's	9.30am	12th Week of the Year		
Friday 27 June	St Peter's	9.30am	12th Week of the Year	Margaret Hunter	
Saturday 28 June Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	12th Week of the Year St. Peter and St. Paul	Louise Smith	
Sunday 29 June	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	St. Peter and St. Paul	Nicholas Rogan RIP People of the Parishe	S

Confessions

St Peter's:

Saturday 11-1145am (during Adoration)

and 4.30–515pm **St Columba's:** Sunday 6 - 6.15pm

Adoration:

St Peter's: Saturday 11am

Sunday's readings: page 83

First reading: Genesis 14: 18-20 Psalm: 110 (109): 1, 2, 3, 4 R4bc Psalm response: You are a priest forever according to the order of

Melchizedek

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-

26

Gospel: Luke 9: 11b-17

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Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living (GRPL) Online + 3 in person days in Edinburgh October 2025 – May 2026

A 20 week course that will deepen your experience of prayer and live more reflectively.

What previous participants have said:

- The regularity has helped create a focus and a rhythm in an otherwise quite chaotic life;
- New ways to think about God and about prayer;
 God has become more approachable;
- It has helped me see areas I can work with God in my prayer life and it has made me more excited about prayer;
- The course has slowed me down, made me take more time with God.

Flyers at the back of the church Visit www.epiphanygroup.org.uk

Summer retreat? A place like home

A complete retreat package to use at home or away this summer. £30 (£35 with printed booklet), available late June.

- What does it mean to "remain" in God?
- How do we put down roots and grow in an increasingly rootless world?
- Are we nomads on earth, or committed citizens?
- How do we come home to ourselves, and to the God who makes a home in us?

A Place Like Home is a complete retreat package with reflections to read and listen to and other materials to linger with, suitable to use on retreat or at home at your own pace. The approach uses art, poetry, Scripture, wisdom writing and other creative material.

To book visit: https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/a-place-like-home/

Postcards at the back of the church

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 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —Year C 22—29 June 2025

The Eucharistic significance of the multiplication of the loaves is brought out by the use of liturgical language.

Luke uses the same words here as at the Last Supper
 and at Emmaus: Jesus:

`took...blessed...broke...gave.'

In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus to teach, to heal, and to nourish the people of God.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Canon Kenneth writes ...

At this time of year there are a lot of endings.

- Children say goodbye to their primary schools where hopefully they have had seven happy years.
- High schoolers say farewell to their school as they move to the world of college, university and work.

Many people take a short break in July or August to prepare for the next year.

"What we call the beginning is often the end.

And to make an end is to make a beginning.

The end is where we start from."

T.S. Eliot

T.S. Eliot's writings frequently explore the cyclical nature of time and existence, with a recurring motif of beginnings and endings. He suggests that endings are not absolute, but rather transitions into new beginnings, and vice versa. This idea is most prominently featured in his Four Quartets, particularly in the line "In my beginning is my end" from East Coker.

We take a break from the four page newsletter and return in September.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —Year C

Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

Tuesday 24 Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's

11am School Leavers P7 Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 27 1pm, Baptism Rory Mark Alexander Gillespie, St. Peter's

*7pm, St. Peter's Social evening, Parish room

Sunday 29 St. Peter and St. Paul —Year C

Teas and coffees after morning Mass at St. Peter's

**Justic and Peace Breakfast for Mbare after 09.30 Mass St. Columba's

Upcoming events in our Parishes...

Sunday 28 Sept 1-5pm, St. Peter's taking part in Open Doors event

Teens Group has now finished our regular meetings for Summer. If you'd like to sign up for next term please email *teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk*.

Next week's newsletter will cover 2 weeks: 29 June - 13 July. If you have content for this period please provide as usual by close of play this coming Wednesday (earlier if possible).

*St. Peter's social evening will take place at 7pm on Friday
27 June in the Parish room. Celebrate with us!

Please bring a plate of food to share (your choice of starter, main or dessert—just fill in list at back of Church) and your own bottle. Can you help with set up, serving or clean up - please add your details to the Helper's list. Come along and celebrate - everyone is welcome to join!

exercise class for 5 mobility and much 23-30 June and the campaign/a05WSC appear on this page on Monday 23rd.

**Justice & Peace Peter and Paul Breakfast for Mbare. Sunday 29 June after 09.30 Mass St. Columba's. Come and help support our sister parish in Zimbabwe - by eating a delicious, fresh cooked buffet breakfast with your tea or coffee! Adults £10, Children £5. Eat well and help out!

St. Columba's Fabric update

- Painting on the Convent windows will start Monday 23 June.
- We are still negotiating a date for the painting to begin in the Hall. We anticipate that that will be the beginning of September.

St. Peter's Fabric update

- The Stonemasons are on three weeks holiday now, so there will be no work on the Sanctury over this period.
- The Caretakers flat: plans have been drawn up for the renovation of the flat and are currently being costed.

The Open Door Edinburgh is part of the Big Give's Small Charity Week. Each donation made to our campaign via BigGive.org during the week of 23-30 June 2025 will be doubled. Helping deliver crucial Day Services for older adults in Edinburgh so they experience better mental and physical health, feel less lonely and provide respite for their families. Donations help in many ways e.g.: £1 - coffee and biscuits and a friendly chat; £5 - freshly cooked hot meal (often the only hot meal that week); £10 - seated exercise class for 5 Day Service members with reduced mobility and much more. Please add a diary reminder for 23-30 June and this link https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS000004T56sYAC The donate button will appear on this page when the campaign starts at midday on Monday 23rd.

Vacancy at the council for the Church Representative.

The Church Rep is directly appointed by the Archbishop for a fixed term of three years with the possibility of extending the appointment at the discretion of the Archbishop. For further details please contact Canon Kenneth.

More cleaners needed for St. Peter's; can you help for an hour on a Friday, once every six weeks, after 09.30 Mass? Help needed particularly over the summer to cover people who are away. Please contact Tina O'Donoghue christinaodonoghue@yahoo.co.uk or 0131 447 4840.

We have an electronic payment device at the back of St. Peter's church. It's easy to use, takes most debit cards and Apple Pay, useful for making donations, paying for magazines, teas and coffees, bake sales or fundraisers.

Doctors, nurses and First Aiders attending 6.30pm mass at St. Columba's, please speak to Canon Kenneth or Agatha.

Donations for refugees. We need trainers for young men size 39 - 45+ and backpack bags for men. Please leave at back of the Church in St. Columba's and St. Peter's.



The Solemnity of Corpus Christi Year C celebrates the gift of the Eucharist. It reminds us of God's love and the unity of the Church through the Body and Blood of Christ.

- Jesus as the Bread of Life: The Gospel shows
 Jesus feeding the crowd, pointing to the Eucharist
 as spiritual food. The Eucharist nourishes our souls
 and unites us with Jesus.
- The Priesthood of Christ: Melchizedek brings bread and wine in Genesis, symbolizing Christ as the eternal priest. Jesus continues this priesthood in the Eucharist, offering himself to the Father.
- Sacrifice and Thanksgiving: The Eucharist is a sacrifice and an act of thanksgiving, as seen in Genesis and Corinthians. We give thanks for Christ's sacrifice, which brings us salvation.
- The Institution of the Eucharist: Paul recounts
 the Last Supper, reminding us of the sacred origins
 of the Eucharist. This teaches us to cherish and
 remember Christ's presence in this gift.
- Unity of the Church: The Eucharist brings us together as one Body in Christ. It reminds us to care for each other and live in harmony.
- Generosity and Abundance: In the Gospel, Jesus feeds a great crowd with little food. The Eucharist shows God's generous love, providing for our deepest needs.
- God's Covenant with Us: The readings highlight God's faithful love and covenant. The Eucharist is the new covenant, bringing us closer to God.

Corpus Christi Year C calls us to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist. It strengthens our faith and helps us live in love and unity with one another.

 How does the Eucharist remind me of Jesus' role as the eternal priest?

- What does it mean to me that Jesus offers himself to the Father for my salvation?
- How can I express my gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist in my daily life?
 - What does the feeding of the crowd teach me about God's care for my spiritual needs?
- How can I trust more deeply in God's generous love for me and others?
- In what ways can I share God's blessings with those in need?
- How does the Eucharist help me reflect on God's faithfulness to his covenant?
- What does it mean to renew my relationship with God each time I receive the Eucharist?
- How can I live out the love and service that the Eucharist calls me to?
- What steps can I take to better prepare myself to receive the Eucharist with faith and gratitude?



Prayer/ reflection

Outside the church the noisy traffic flows past
But I have left that world behind
And I am here before you, Lord
I close my mind and open my heart.
Here I experience my true worth,
Which consists not in my possessions or achievements
But in knowing that I am loved by you.