

This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 10 August

19th Sunday of the Year —Year C

Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

Tuesday 12

Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's

Friday 15

The Assumption of our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 16

Masses: 09.30 St. Peters, 7pm St. Columba's (no 11am School Mass at St. Peter's)

Saturday 16

1pm, Baptism, Gael Andreu Burns, St. Columba's

Sunday 17

20th Sunday of the Year —Year C

Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

Monday 18

11am, Requiem Mass, Jeanine Byrne RIP, St. Peter's

Tuesday 19

Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's

Sunday 24

21st Sunday of the Year —Year C

Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish

DIARY

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St Peter's

St. Columba's

This week's newsletter covers **2 weeks: 10-24 August.**

Content providers please note: the next newsletter will also cover 2 weeks (24 August—7 September). Please provide content for this period by close of day Weds 6 August.

Every blessing to **Alix Irvine** celebrating her 100th birthday today. We hope the party with family and friends goes well and we offer a cake with the Christmas scene at St. Columba's and flowers as a token of our appreciation.

Please pray for the soul of Jeanine Byrne RIP who died 31 July 2025. Her Requiem Mass will be at St. Peter's on Monday 18 August at 11am. All welcome. We give thanks for Jeanine's contribution to parish life and ask that her soul may now rest eternally.

Welcome Mother Marion Schiele FSO, new International Superior for the Sisters Community of The Spiritual Family The Work. We hope she enjoys her first visit to Edinburgh. We welcome Sister Isabelle who joins the Edinburgh community and will be working at Gillis on the youth initiative joining Sister Karin and Sister Mirjam.

Congratulations Joseph D'Inverno St. Columba's 100 Club winner.

Sincere thanks to the St. Peter's coffee team for the donation of £100 to SCIAF and to all those who contribute so generously after Mass on a Sunday.

Grateful thanks to a family who donated £5,000 to St. Peter's Parish. We are very grateful for this generosity.

Friday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation when we celebrate **the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Masses: 9am at St. Peter's and 7pm St. Columba's. Note: **no** 11am School Mass at St. Peter's.

Children's Liturgy returns at St. Peter's on 17 August Sunday morning Mass. It's the Liturgy of the word suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. Giving them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message and participate in the Eucharist celebration at their own level.

Please pray for the children and young people returning to school. Especially of those starting school for the first time and for those transitioning to high school. We also remember their teachers.

Sale of home-made preserves and home baking (incl. oven-fresh scones). At St Peter's after 5.30pm **Vigil Mass 23 August and 11.30 Mass on 24 August.** Sale proceeds to the Parish SCIAF Project. Bring a carrier bag and lots of cash.

The next series of RCIA meetings will likely start in September with details of the start date notified in this newsletters. RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to join. Contact Canon Kenneth or Derek Buglass derek.buglass13@gmail.com to register interest.

Registration for Sacramental preparation course 2025/26. Parents of children who'll be in P3/4/7 in September 2025 and are attending non-denominational schools, we'll start Sacramental preparation classes **in October:** 1st Confession (P3), 1st Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7-S1). Classes on Sunday mornings 10.30-11.30am, St. Columba's Halls every 2–3 weeks. For information/registration please contact Sister Karin (sister@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk)

Donations needed of trainers for men; backpack bags; laptops and phones for refugees. Please leave at back of both Churches.

Confessions:	Sunday 10 August readings: page 121	Sunday 17 August readings: page 124
St Peter's: Saturday 11-1145am (during Adoration) and 4.30-515pm. St Columba's: Sunday 6-615pm Adoration: St Peter's: Saturday 11am	First reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9 Psalm: 33(32): 1.12.18-19.20.22. R 12b Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage Second reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48	First reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 Psalm: 40 (39): 2. 3. 4. 18. R14b Response: Lord make haste to help me! Second reading: Hebrews 12 1-4 Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

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

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SCAN ME

The emphasis here is on readiness for the return of the Lord. Even though the disciples are only a 'little flock' in a hostile world, they must not be discouraged, but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen them for His Kingdom. The longer form of the gospel contains 3 parables. (1) the parable of the bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom, Jesus, to return from the wedding feast. (2) The parable of the householder waiting for the thief who comes in the night. (3) The parable of the servants waiting for their master to return. Essentially, they make the same point. They all relate to the coming of the Son of Man. Since the disciples do not know the exact hour of his return, they must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness. Though these words have relevance for all Christians, Luke was thinking especially of leaders in the community, and calling them to a selfless service of their Lord and of their fellow Christians.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 9 August Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 19th Sunday of the Year	June Jackson RIP
Sunday 10 August	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	19th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes
Monday 11 August	No Service		St. Clare	
Tuesday 12 August	St Columba's	9.30am	19th Week of the Year	Patsy Buckley RIP & Sr. Mary Veronica osc RIP
Weds 13 August	St Peter's	6pm*	19th Week of the Year	Special intention
Thursday 14 August	St Columba's	9.30am	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe	Damian RIP
Friday 15 August *Holy Day of Obligation	St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 7pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Julia McGuire RIP
Saturday 16 August Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	19th Week of the Year 20th Sunday of the Year	Lindsay Waddell RIP
Sunday 17 August	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	20th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes Camillo and Bernardina RIP
Monday 18 August	St. Peter's	11am	20th Week of the Year	Requiem Mass Jeanine Byrne RIP
Tuesday 19 August	St Columba's	9.30am	20th Week of the Year	Damian RIP
Weds 20 August	St Peter's	6pm*	St Bernard	Jeanine Byrne RIP
Thursday 21 August	St Columba's	9.30am	St. Pius X	
Friday 22 August	St Peter's	9.30am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Saturday 23 August Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	20th Week of the Year 21st Sunday of the Year	Moira and Peter Middlehurst RIP
Sunday 24 August	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	21st Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes

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