This Week in our Parishes ...

22nd Sunday of the Year —Year C Sunday 31 August

> Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after morning Mass at St. Peter's

Justice & Peace Breakfast for Mbare, after 9.30 Mass. St. Columba's

Tuesday 2 September Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's

7pm, Annual Caritas Mass Justice & Peace Group Mass, St. Columba's, followed by

reception in hall

23rd Sunday of the Year —Year C Sunday 7

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Parish news (...continued from front page)

Anne-Marie Douglas, from St. Peter's Parish features in SCIAF's 60th anniversary magazine highlighting her 40 years of volunteering as Parish SCIAF representative. Thank you Anne-Marie for your hard work and service. See the poster at the back of St. Peter's for the article.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Four new candidates have indicated an interest in coming to our first meeting on Monday 29 September, 7.30pm, St. Peter's Parish room. Anyone else interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith contact Canon Owens or Derek Buglass (derek.buglass13@gmail.com) to register interest.

Fabric update St Columba's: The outside windows of the convent have been painted. The five external windows of the Parish Room will be painted on 22 September. The main hall will close on 1 September to allow the painters to paint the ceiling. Once the ceiling is complete the hall will be sectioned off to allow each area to be painted. After the main hall is finished the stair well will be painted. Once the hall is complete the painters will wash the radiator marks above the radiators in the church.

Fabric update St Peter's: The main sanctuary will be completed by end September including the sanctuary field, altar and ambo along with the railings. The apse and the Blessed Sacrament pedestal will be complete by October. I'm looking forward to the feast of the Chair of Peter (22 February 2026) as a possible date for the consecration of the new altar.

The caretaker's flat above the parish room: plans have been drawn for the separation of the kitchen and bathroom and are available at the back of the church. We are applying for listed building consent in order to do the necessary changes. In September we will ask the Trustees of the diocese for permission to carry out the repairs. I

hope they will start in October. Anyone wanting to see the flat can have a look before and after Masses this weekend.

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 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)

A chance to deepen your faith. Last chance to apply to study Masters in Applied Catholic Theology, Gillis centre from **September.** For information/speak to course lead email Stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk. Details on poster.

Meeting to launch new Edinburgh SPUC branch: Wednesday 10 September, 7pm, Parish rooms, St. Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Rd. EH4 3DS. Please consider coming along. The team are looking for people to take on Branch leadership roles but also to support in other ways big or small. If you can't attend but want to be updated or if you have any questions email terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Save the date: Saturday 20 September, 10am in the Middle Hall. Jane Watson, President of our neighbouring Saint Vincent de Paul cluster will speak about what the SSVP is doing to help those in need in South Edinburgh, and how our weekly collections are helping their work.

26-28 September 2025: the beginning experience is holding a weekend for those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. At the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. Contact Maggie (01389 751677 or beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com). Completed applications must be returned by 12 September 2025.

Sunday 31 August readings: page 127

St Peter's: Saturday 11-1145am (during Adoration) and 4.30-515pm. St Columba's: Sunday 6-615pm

Confessions:

Adoration: St Peter's: Saturday 11am

First reading: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm: 68 (67):4-5ac 6-7b 10-11 Rcf 11b Response: In your goodness, O God, you

provide a home for the poor

Second reading: Hebrews 12:18,19 22-24a.

Gospel: Luke 14:1 7-14

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St Peter's St. Columba's

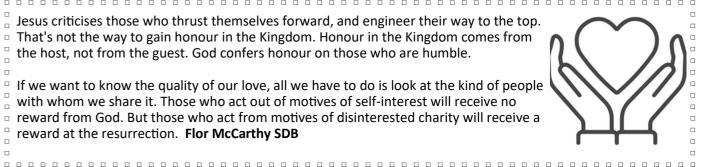
Items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Sharon Kedney at office.stpeteredinburgh@staned.org.uk by Wednesday evening please. St Peter's website contact Juliet MacKellaig at julietmmackellaig@gmail.com. * You can find our Privacy Notices on the websites * The Newsletter is posted on the parish websites * 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 22nd Sunday of the Year —Year C 31 August - 7 September 2025



Jesus criticises those who thrust themselves forward, and engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honour in the Kingdom. Honour in the Kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honour on those who are humble.

If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share it. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Flor McCarthy SDB



Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 30 August Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	21st Week of the Year 22nd Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 31 August	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	22nd Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes John Quinn RIP
Monday 1 September	No Service		22nd Week of the Year	
Tuesday 2 September	St Columba's	9.30am	22nd Week of the Year	
Weds 3 September	St Peter's	6pm	St. Gregory the Great	Doris Hannon RIP
Thursday 4 September	St Columba's	9.30am	22nd Week of the Year	Tom MacDonald RIP
Friday 5 September	St Peter's	9.30am	22nd Week of the Year	
Saturday 6 September Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	22nd Week of the Year 23rd Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 7 September	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	23rd Sunday of the Year	Jeanine Byrne RIP People of the Parishes

Parish news (continued overleaf...)

Today after 9.30 Mass - Justice & Peace Breakfast for **Mbare.** Come and help support our sister Parish in Zimbabwe by eating delicious, fresh cooked breakfast rolls with your tea or coffee! Adults £5, Children £3. Eat well and help out!

Sale of preserves and home baking AGAIN this weekend. Do support the sale of home-made preserves and home baking (including morning-fresh scones), at St. Peter's this weekend. All sale proceeds to the Parish SCIAF Project.

Welcome to Fr. Daniel Magaji - joining us as Assistant Priest on Tuesday of this week arriving in Edinburgh from his home in Nigeria. He is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Tuesday 2 September 7pm. The Annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass at St. Columba's. Canon Kenneth will speak about the work and challenges facing our Justice and Peace Group. With a chance to discuss the year ahead over hot refreshments in the Middle Hall following the Mass. All welcome, so do spread the word.

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