

| The week ahead 21—28 September 2025 |  |                             |   |  |
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| Date                                | Church                                     | Time                        | Feast   | Mass intention                                   |
| Saturday 20 September               | St Peter's                                 | 12 noon                     | St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang    |  |
| Vigil                               | St Peter's                                 | 5.30pm                      | 25th Sunday of the Year                       |  |
| Sunday 21 September                 | St Columba's<br>St Peter's<br>St Columba's | 9.30am<br>11.30am<br>6.30pm | 25th Sunday of the Year                       | Jane Rogan RIP<br><br>People of the Parishes     |
| Monday 22 September                 | St Peter's                                 | 9.30am                      | 25th Week of the Year                         | Kathleen and Albert Morris RIP                   |
| Tuesday 23 September                | St Columba's                               | 9.30am                      | St Pius of Pietrelcina                        |  |
| Weds 24 September                   | St Peter's                                 | 6pm*                        | 25th Week of the Year                         | 15 year wedding Anniversary<br>Louie & Louchelle |
| Thursday 25 September               | St Columba's                               | 9.30am                      | 25th Week of the Year                         | Mass for Fr. Kingsley's birthday                 |
| Friday 26 September                 | St Peter's                                 | 9.30am                      | 25th Week of the Year                         | Dorothy Rose Gilhooly RIP                        |
| Saturday 27 September               | St Peter's<br>St Peter's                   | 12 noon<br>5.30pm           | St Vincent De Paul<br>26th Sunday of the Year | Dorothy Rose Gilhooly RIP                        |
| Sunday 28 September                 | St Columba's<br>St Peter's<br>St Columba's | 9.30am<br>11.30am<br>6.30pm | 26th Sunday of the Year                       | Elizabeth Gardner RIP<br>People of the Parishes  |



Confessions:

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

Sunday 21 September readings: page 140

First reading: Amos8: 4-7  
Psalm: 113 (112): 1-2. 4-6. 7-8. Rcf 1a, 7b  
Response: Praise the Lord who raises the poor.  
Second reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8  
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Sunday 21 September: 2025 Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Annual SSVP Mass Saturday 27 September, Carfin Grotto

- 12:30 - 1:30pm: Refreshments; sale of candles & goods
- 1:30 - 2:30pm: Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions)
- 3-4pm: Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair given by Fr Joe McAuley, Vice-Postulator with Prayers, Petitions & Blessings with Relic
- 4:30 - 5:30pm: Holy Mass (Sung).  
Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Leo Cushley  
Homilist: Fr Jamie McMorris
- Confessions available all day

Refreshments from 11.30am  
Followed by the Rosary at 1pm  
Mass at 2pm  
All welcome

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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

25th Sunday of the Year —Year C

21—28 September 2025

The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated.

At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of the latter.

The astute but dishonest steward is brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon.

For Luke to use money wisely is to give it to the poor, and thus ensure ones eternal salvation.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Canon Kenneth writes ...

It seems appropriate this week to make some mention of the arrival of more international clergy here in the Archdiocese.

In the recent changes six more priest have arrived - five from Nigeria and one from India. That brings the number to around thirty two. At this time we have forty active Edinburgh Archdiocesan priests.

They bring with them the experience of being in a church which has thirty one million Catholics and in 2023 had a weekly practice rate of 94%. However we need to remember that Nigeria is the same size as Europe and there is a lot of regional variations.

They are also here to learn from us. To receive something of the wisdom and practice of the faith that we have to offer. To give them help in developing the logistics of parishes and see the great involvement of the laity.

Let us learn together and pray for each other!

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This Week in our Parishes ...



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| Sunday 21 September | 25th Sunday of the Year —Year C<br>Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today<br>Second collection at St. Peter’s for Fr. Kingsley’s work in Nigeria*<br>Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish<br>12.30-6pm, 2025 Centenary Pilgrimage, Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair<br>St. Patrick’s Church, Cowgate.  |
| Tuesday 23          | Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba’s  |
| Wednesday 24        | 7—8.30pm Catholic Teens Group, St. Columba's <b>Church</b> (In Church not in hall this month)   |
| Saturday 27         | 1pm, Baptism, Elliott Alexander Andreas, St. Peter's  |
| Sunday 28           | 26th Sunday of the Year —Year C<br>Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today<br>Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish<br>At St. Columba’s today we welcome Fr. Daniel, celebrating his arrival and his second Ordination anniversary with cake alongside our usual teas and coffees*<br>10.30—11.30 St. Columba’s: Sister Karin’s Sacramental Preparation group for First Confession<br>1-5pm, <b>St. Peter’s taking part in Open Doors event.</b> All Welcome!* |

**\*Today at St. Peter’s** we have a second collection, as suggested by a St. Peter’s parishioner, for Fr. Kingsley’s work in the seminary where he’s a Professor of Metaphysics.

**Last Sunday’s Coffee morning at St. Columba's** raised **£198** to support Fr. Kingsley's work in Nigeria. Thank you to all those who prepared, served, cleared up - and most of all to those who came along to make this event such a success.

**Congratulations to Alice Taylor** Baptised at St. Peter’s on Saturday 20 September.

**Canon Kenneth is away in Rome** Tuesday 22 - Thursday 25 September and Fr. Daniel will celebrate Masses on these days.

**The Catholic Teens Group restarts Wednesday 24 September** for P7- S4. And the September session will be in the church rather than the halls. Meeting monthly 7 - 8.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month, St Columba’s Halls, Upper Gray Street. Come along to make new friends, play fun games and get involved in excursions and service opportunities, whilst learning more about our faith. Ask your parent/ guardian to register your interest by emailing: [teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk](mailto:teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk)

**Mary’s Meals Event: Thursday 25 September, 7pm.** A chance to learn about the work of this charity in St. John’s Church (corner of Lothian Rd. and Princes St.) It was recently announced that the Scottish charity was now feeding 3 million children every day, in their places of education, for only 10p per day. Do come along and find out more.

**\*Next Sunday 28 September after 09.30am Mass at St. Columba’s** Parishioners will welcome Fr. Daniel and celebrate both his arrival and the second anniversary of his Ordination with cake to accompany teas and coffees. Please join us. All welcome.

**Sacramental preparation classes start next Sunday 28 September.** For children attending non-Catholic schools (in P3, P4 and P7 in September 2025). Classes will be on Sunday mornings **10.30 - 11.30** in St. Columba’s Halls every 2-3 weeks. 1st Confession (P3), 1st Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7-S1). For information and registration please contact Sister Karin: [sister@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk](mailto:sister@stcolumbasrcedinburgh.org.uk)

**\*Doors Open Days: next Sunday, 28 September, 1-5pm, St. Peter’s:** we will showcase our beautiful church. Last year it was a great success with over 200 visitors. It will be a real parish event with guided tours, a rolling slideshow, an I-Spy trail for younger visitors, a produce stall for SCIAF, and refreshments available! Please come along and bring your friends.

**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](mailto:derek.buglass13@gmail.com)) to register interest.

**Wednesday Mass at St. Peter’s:** from **Wednesday 1 October** this Mass will move back to a morning Mass at 09.30, until the Spring.

Timothy Radcliff, Listening together. Meditations on synodality, Liturgical Press, 2024

Over the four weeks of September we will reflect on some of the input that Cardinal Timothy Radcliff made in preparation for the Synod.

Conversations on the way to Emmaus

Shared words are the life blood of our Church.

True conversations leads to conversions.

When the disciples fled to Emmaus they were filled with anger and disappointment.

- St Benedict teaches us to seek consensus
- St Dominic to love debate
- St Catherine of Siena to delight in conversation
- St Ignatius the art of discernment
- St Philip Neri teaches us the role of laughter
- St Francis of Assisi teaches us not to take ourselves too seriously



During the Synod, can we learn the ecstatic pleasure of disagreement leading to insight?

“were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road” (Lk 24: 32)

It is as if it was only afterwards that they become aware of the joy they had as they walked with the Lord.



Questions and reflection thoughts

Conversations that lead to conversions...

1. How do we do this as a parish community?
2. What spirituality do you find most enriching?
3. How best as a parish community can we learn from disagreements?
4. Where do you experience the joy of walking with the risen Lord?

Prayer/Reflection

Jesus says: ‘Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me scatters.’

**I sometimes feel** that I live in a world of twilight, halfway between day and night.  
**I sometimes feel** that I am in a state of indifference, halfway between love and hate.  
**I sometimes feel** I am trudging along a safe little path, halfway between good and evil.

Lord, save me from the illusion that because I am not against you I am therefore for you.

**Above all, save me from being neutral.**