

The week ahead 12—19 October 2025



Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 11 October Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	27th Week of the Year 28th Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 12 October	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	28th Sunday of the Year	Dorothy Adam RIP People of the Parishes
Monday 13 October	St Peter's	9.30am	28th Week of the Year	
Tuesday 14 October	St Columba's	9.30am	28th Week of the Year	Clare Hopkins RIP
Wednesday 15 October	St Peter's	9.30am*	St. Teresa of Jesus	
Thursday 16 October	St Columba's	9.30am	28th Week of the Year	
Friday 17 October	St Peter's	9.30am	St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Saturday 18 October Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	St. Luke 29th Sunday of the Year	
Sunday 19 October	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	29th Sunday of the Year	Patrick Maher 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 12 October readings: page 149**  
**First reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17  
**Psalm:** 98(97): 1 2-3b 3c4 R cf 2b  
**Response:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations  
**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19

**Young Adults' Talk Series at the Cathedral** (ages 18-40)  
Starts Tuesday 16 September, weekly until **Tuesday 25 November**. Talks start 7.30pm in the Cathedral rooms, St Mary's Cathedral, 63 York Place, Edinburgh.

- What the Church teaches on crucial issues from the time of Pope Leo XIII to our present Pope Leo XIV
- Concludes with Confessions/Night Prayer and refreshments. For more information contact frrobert@stmaryscathedral.co.uk
- See <https://archedinburgh.org/event/young-adults-talk-series-at-the-cathedral/2025-09-30/>

**Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue. Nostra Aetate 60th Anniversary Conference: 18 October 2025**  
Interreligious Dialogue in a time of Conflict. Conforti Institute, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge. 10 - 4pm. Refreshments on arrival & Lunch £10. For information/ reserve a place contact joseph.sikora@bcos.org.uk

**Approaching Advent: A Retreat in Daily Life**  
26 October 5.30pm, closing Session: 30 November 5.30pm. Pray Daily/Meet Weekly. Explore the profound presence of God in every aspect of your life. From the bustling city streets to quiet moments of solitude. Through prayer, meditation and reflection, uncover the sacredness within the ordinary and deepen your connection to the Divine. Cost: £55. To apply scan the QR code.

For more information email: ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk  
Facilitated in collaboration with Edinburgh Jesuit Church and the Epiphany Group.

**Want to know how to hear God's voice more clearly?**  
[God's invitation to relationship](#) - 6 week prayer course online introducing people to ways of praying from the [Epiphany Group](#). Supporting you in a deeper prayer life through facilitators' input (trained spiritual directors); guided prayer experience; sharing. Participants have said: *'I am forever changed due to the course and very excited to grow deeper in my spirituality through prayer'.*  
**Course dates:** Wednesdays 7pm- 8.30/9pm GMT; (Zooming from Scotland) 5, 12, 19 ,26 Nov and 3, 10 Dec. Flyers at the back of the church.  
**Course is offered free** by the [Epiphany Group of Spiritual Directors](#). To register and for more information email [www.epiphanygroup.org.uk](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk)

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  
28th Sunday of the Year —Year C  
12—19 October 2025

Here we have the story of ten people who were cured of leprosy by Jesus, and how only one of them came back to thank him. The one that came back was a Samaritan, that is, a foreigner like Naaman. It is presumed that the other nine were Jews. The stranger puts the Jews to shame. The reaction of the Samaritan anticipates the glad reception of the good news by the Samaritan in acts 8: 1-25. **Flor McCarthy SDB**

Canon Kenneth writes ...

There is turmoil in our world today. We need to intensify our efforts at prayer to overcome the limitations of this world. It is to God that we need to look afresh to find ways of working for justice and helping peoples and nations to live together.

- The scourge of war is very much to the forefront at the present time. We need peacemakers that can find new ways of living together.
- There is much political unrest in many parts of the world. We need new and innovative ways of bringing our communities together.
- We need to take this moment as an invitation to share the power of the gospel with the wider world so as to find new solutions to inequality and selfishness.

**The Jubilee Year requires making a choice:** serving God and justice or money and inequity, Pope Leo XIV said, marking the Jubilee of Migrants and the Jubilee of the Missions. *"We pray to be a church that does not serve money or itself, but the kingdom of God and his justice,"* he said during a special audience in St. Peter's Square 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It was the same day that the pope also signed his first apostolic exhortation, *"Dilexi Te" ("I Have Loved You")*, which will be released 9 October.

Fabric Update

**St Columba's Halls:** this week the newly painted radiators were re-installed in the Main hall and work there is nearing an end. The painters next will move to the stairwell.

**St Peter's sanctuary:** by the end of October the main sanctuary field and two sides of it will be cladded with stone. The electricians will begin the new lighting at the beginning of November. Soon the new ambo will be in place, followed by the altar. Then the apse and Blessed Sacrament pedestal will be complete by the beginning of December.

Archbishop Leo Cushley has agreed to come to consecrate the altar on Saturday 21 February 2026 at 5.30pm Mass.

**The Caretakers Flat :** permission has been received from the Trustees of the diocese to go ahead with the renovation of the flat. We have applied to the city of Edinburgh for a Building Warrant and as soon as that is granted work will begin.

**A new initiative on deepening our faith.** On **Thursday 30 October** you are invited to the Parish Room for a discussion on 'Solidarity in the Middle East.' We see this as a series which will take different topics each time. 7-9pm, please sign up at the back of the church. Bring some food to share.

Dates for future diary

- St. Columba's General Parish Meeting: Sunday 16 November after 9.30am Mass in the Main Hall
- St. Columba's Nativity Play and Carols: Sunday 14 December
- St. Peter's Parish Social for the feast of St. Andrew: Friday 28 November at 7pm

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This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 12 October	28th Sunday of the Year —Year C Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish
Monday 13	7.30pm, RCIA meeting, St. Peter's Parish room
Tuesday 14	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's 7.30pm, St. Peter's SSVp meeting, Parish room
Wednesday 15	St. Peter's Mass is at 09.30am until the Spring
Saturday 18	10.30am: St. Columba's Justice & Peace Group Saturday Talk: Developments & Challenges of Fresh start, Biddy Kelly, Managing Director. Refreshments from 10am, Middle Hall*
Sunday 19 October	29th Sunday of the Year —Year C World Mission Sunday - special collection** Teas and coffees after morning Mass in each Parish



Upcoming events in our Parishes ...

Thursday 30 October	7-9pm, 'Solidarity in the Middle East. St. Peter's Parish room (see front page)
Friday 7 November	7-8.30pm, Curry Night for Mary's Meals
Sunday 16 November	St. Columba's General Parish Meeting: after 9.30am Mass in the Main Hall
Friday 28 November	7pm, St. Andrew's day event, St. Peter's Parish room

**Homelessness Sunday (last Sunday 5 October). Thank you** for pre-loved and new household items, cleaning materials, toiletries and non-perishable food for 'Fresh start' to use in starter packs for homeless people. **Donations are always needed** and can be put in the big box at back of St. Peter's Church throughout the year.

**Congratulations** to this month's St. Peter's SCIAF 200 Club October winners: Steph Kirby (Rogerson) £25 and Maura Shanley £15.

**\*Saturday 18 October 10.00 for 10.30 in the Middle Hall.** Biddy Kelly, Managing Director of the Edinburgh based charity Fresh Start, will discuss how they continue to help formerly homeless people establish themselves in their new homes. Admission is, as always, free. Voluntary collection for Fresh Start at the end.

**\*\*Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples. Next Sunday, 19 October, is World Mission Sunday** when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, **through a special collection.** This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 0207 821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Pick up a magazine at the back of the Church.

**St Columba's Men's Group. Saturday 25 October:** Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Broughton Street. Lunch at Coffee Saints from 1pm followed by pilgrimage programme in the Cathedral starting at 2pm.

Heart and Soul swing band, as seen on BBC Songs of Praise **Saturday 25 October, 7pm.** Greenbank Parish Church, Braidburn Terrace. Free entry but donations requested for **Christian Aid.** Five local Churches are supporting this concert (St. Peter's, Fairmilehead, Greenbank, Morningside, St. Fillan's).

**Wednesday 29 October, 7pm second meeting of Catholic Teens Group (for P7- S4).** Meeting monthly 7-8.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at St. Columba's Hall to have fun and learn more about our faith. A good number of young parishioners joined last month for our first get together. Ask your parent/guardian to register interest, emailing: [teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk](mailto:teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk).

**Curry Night for Mary's Meals Friday 7 November** in the newly renovated Main Hall. Meal plus complimentary glass of wine/soft drink. Tickets available at the back of church after October Sunday masses, via [stc-jp@hotmail.com](mailto:stc-jp@hotmail.com) or by talking to any Justice & Peace committee member. Adults £20, Children under 12 £10, Family tickets available at £50. Donations for Mary's Meals very welcome if you can't make it!

**Piano wanted** for the St. Peter's Saturday Vigil Church music group. If you've a piano in good condition that you don't need please message Antonia on 07766 424 472. The St. Peter's Saturday Vigil music group would also love to welcome **new members** - please contact Antonia if interested.

**Parish news continued overleaf...**

Learning about St. Kenneth

The feast of St Kenneth is 11 October and is celebrated in the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles. St Kenneth, Abbot. AD 599.

With St. Columba, Sr. Bridget and St. Maelrubba, St. Kenneth ranks among the most popular of the Irish saints honoured in Scotland.

He was the child of poor Irish parents, and was employed during his early years in tending sheep. When he attained the years of manhood he became a monk, and passed over to Wales, where he became the disciple of the renown St Cadoc. He was one of that Saint's most beloved followers on account of his perfect obedience.

After being ordained a Priest he made a pilgrimage to Rome, and returning to Ireland became a disciple of St. Mobbi and St. Finnian. St. Columba, St. Comgall and St. Kieran lived with him as members of the same community.

Later on St. Kenneth visited Scotland where he lived as monk. He is believed to have founded a monastery at St. Andrews and to have built churches in other parts of the country, converting many by the fervor of his preaching.

He spent time with St. Columba at Iona, and accompanied that Saint in his visit to King Brude at Inverness, and it was St. Kenneth who, with the sign of the cross, caused the King's hand to wither, when he drew his word against the missionaries.

St. Kenneth died in Ireland. He founded the monastery at Aghaboe, and around it grew up the town of that name, which in the twelfth century was the seat of the Bishops of Ossory, who residence was later transferred to Kilkenny.

In Scotland this saint had many dedications:

- Kilchenzie, in Kintyre
- Kilkenneth, in Tiree
- Kilchainnech, in Iona
- Kilchainie, in South Uist
- Laggan in Inverness-shire, and others

The great abbey of Cambuskenneth takes its name from him, as well as Chenzie Island in the river of Islay and Kennoway (anciently Kennoch) in Fifeshire.

**A Calendar of Scottish Saints, Abbey Press, Fort Augustus, 1919**

Reflection

I used to think gratitude a heavy burden for one to carry.  
Now I know that it is something that makes the heart lighter.  
The ungrateful person seems to me to be one who walks  
with feet and heart of lead.  
But when one has learned, however inadequately,  
what a lovely thing gratitude is,  
ones feet go lightly over sand and sea,  
and one finds a strange joy revealed to one,  
the joy of counting up,  
not what one possesses but what one owes.  
I hoard my debts now in the treasury of my heart,  
and piece of gold by piece of gold,  
I range them in order at dawn and at evening.

Oscar Wilde

Gratitude  
changes  
every  
Thing

Parish news continued...

The **SCIAF Remembrance Mass** will be held in the Sacred Heart Church on **Saturday 8 November, 12.30.** There is a book of remembrance to which can be added the names of dearly departed friends and relatives.

**Assisted suicide bill in the Scottish Parliament.** The Bill passed its first stage earlier this year but the support can be overturned. You can contact your local MSP [Daniel.Johnson.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Daniel.Johnson.msp@parliament.scot) to talk to them about the dangers of the Bill and urge them to vote against it at Stage 3.

**Justice & Peace Scotland invites you to 'Pray and Act for Gaza'** as we approach two years of war in the Holy Land. You are encouraged to write to your MP urgently calling for action to end the suffering in Gaza. Find out more and download a template letter here: [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Light-a-Prayer-for-Peace](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Light-a-Prayer-for-Peace)