

5—12 April 2026



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| Date | Church | Time | Feast | Mass intention |
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| Saturday 4 April | St Columba's St Peter's | 8pm 8pm | Easter Vigil Easter Vigil | People of the Parishes |
| Sunday 5 April | St Columba's St Peter's | 9.30am 11.30am | Easter Sunday | KO: Carmel Tipping RIP DM: Donald Alex MacEachen RIP |
| Monday 6 April | St Peter's | 9.30am | Monday in Easter Octave | Archie Cairns RIP |
| Tuesday 7 April | St Columba's | 9.30am | Tuesday in Easter Octave | Patricia McCormack RIP |
| Wednesday 8 April | St Peter's | 9.30am | Wednesday in Easter Octave | Brenda Carey RIP |
| Thursday 9 April | St Columba's | 9.30am | Thursday in Easter Octave | Mary Maguire RIP |
| Friday 10 April | St Peter's | 9.30am | Friday in the Easter Octave | Giuseppe and Gianna Picciotto RIP |
| Saturday 11 April Vigil | St Peter's St Peter's | 12 noon 5.30pm | Saturday in the Easter Octave Second Sunday of Easter— Divine Mercy Sunday | Archie Cairns RIP (Month's mind) |
| Sunday 12 April | St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's | 9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm | Second Sunday of Easter— Divine Mercy Sunday | People of the Parishes Jim Gray RIP |

Confessions:
St Peter's: Saturday 11-11.45am (during Adoration) and 4.30-5.15pm.
St Columba's: Sunday 6-6.15pm
Adoration: St Peter's: Saturday 11am

Sunday 5 April readings: p251
First reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Psalm: 118 (117): 1-2 16-17 22-23 R24
Response: This is the day that the Lord made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.
Second reading: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Reflection

During the course of our lives we experience many losses and disappointments. This brings home to us how fragile are our hopes and how brittle our dreams.

Lord, may the splendour of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the Kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.



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'God's invitation to relationship': 6 week prayer course online to support people into a deeper prayer life through tutors' input, guided prayer experience and sharing.
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 Enquiries: invitation@epiphanygroup.org.uk Run by the Epiphany Group of Spiritual Directors in Scotland
www.epiphanygroup.org.uk

Wednesdays (zooming from Scotland) starting 8 April (7-9pm); 15, 22, 29 April (7-8.30pm); 6, 13 May (7-8.30pm). Offered free although donations are accepted. Participants have said:

'This is the most exciting prayer journey I could ever have imagined.; 'I am forever changed due to the course and very excited to grow deeper in my spirituality through

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St Columba's and St Peter's, Edinburgh
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord —Year A
 5—12 April 2026

- Almost every element in this story is charged with symbolism.
 - The darkness of the 'first day of the week' evokes the darkness of Genesis 1, suggesting that Jesus' death is the prelude to a new creation.
 - The burial clothes, and especially their arrangement, are a sign that Mary Magdalen's interpretation of the empty tomb is not the correct one.
 - Jesus has not been 'taken' anywhere. Rather, he has left the things of mortality behind him.
 - However, only the beloved disciple correctly interprets this sign.
 - He realises what has happened. And he believes. It is not what he has read in Scripture that convinces him that Jesus is risen. (Later, of course, the words of Scripture would confirm him in his disbelief).
- Flor McCarthy SDB**



Canon Kenneth writes ...

Thanks for journeying together during the season of Lent. I enjoyed particularly the opportunity to once again read the Confessions of St. Augustine and to see how God intervenes in our lives so that we may experience his love.

Thanks to all who have helped to prepare our churches for the joyful celebration of the liturgy during Holy Week and for Easter. May we continue to receive blessings from the risen Lord.

I'm going off to the Isle of Mull next week, Monday to Friday, so I leave you in the capable hands of Fr. Daniel.

Fr Daniel writes:

Dear Parishioners, A blessed and joyful Easter to you all!

I am grateful to Canon Kenneth Owens for guiding us through Lent, especially in our prayerful reflection on the Confessions of St. Augustine of Hippo. This has helped us encounter more deeply God's love at work in our lives. I'm grateful for a shared moment with the parishioners in the journey of the Stations of the Cross.

I am happy to be with you and hope that Canon Kenneth enjoys his time away. As this is my first Easter in Scotland, I thank you for your warmth and faith. May the risen Lord fill us with hope, joy, and new life. Be assured of my prayers for you all.

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This Week in our Parishes ...

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| Holy Saturday 4 April | 8pm Easter Vigil St. Columba's 8pm Easter Vigil St. Peter's Note: no 12 noon Mass, Adoration or Confessions on Holy Saturday |
| Easter Sunday 5 | 9.30am Mass St. Columba's 11.30am Mass St. Peter's Easter Sunday teas and coffees after the morning Masses in each Parish Note: no evening Confession or 6.30pm Mass in St. Columba's |
| Monday 6 | 10am, Baptism, Mila Nazli Senturk, St. Peter's No RCIA meeting this week, the next meeting is Monday 13 April |
| Tuesday 7 | Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba's |
| Friday 10 | Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter's |
| Sunday 12 | Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) —Year A At 09.30 Mass: Baptism, Austin Lorenzo Chansa Guthrie, St. Columba's Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes From 2.50pm: Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions and Benediction at St. Peter's |



Thank you to all who contributed to the liturgies over Holy Week, it was a great to celebrate the Triduum in both communities along with Father Daniel on his first Easter in Scotland. Thanks also to all who did so much preparation and work to celebrate the liturgies worthily.

Welcome to Sricheta Karmaker; Chin Chun Lui; Cansu Senturk; Erdi Senturk; Stephen Turner; Isla Tierney; Scott Dunlop; Angus Field and Edward Robinson, who were received into full communion at St. Peter's at the Easter Vigil. Please pray that the Risen Christ will always light their way.

Canon Kenneth will be away next week returning Tuesday 14 April. Fr. Daniel will celebrate all masses during this period.

St. Peter's sanctuary: another important milestone has been achieved. All the Lancashire stone has been laid in the sanctuary field and the apse. The tabernacle is now on the temporary pedestal awaiting the stone fixtures. We are delighted that the new altar cloths have arrived in time for Easter. Thanks to a generous benefactor who paid for the altar cloths.

WEE BOX, BIG THANKS From everyone at SCIAF, we wish you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter filled with peace and hope. Thank you for your generous support of this year's WEE BOX Appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weebox or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity.

The new tax year begins 6 April. For Gift Aiders at St. Peter's who use the weekly Lockie envelopes these are available now. A good number of Gift Aiders prefer to give contributions via Direct Debit. Taxpayers who'd like to sign up for Gift Aid please see Andrew Thackrey after Saturday evening Mass or Anne Marie Douglas after Sunday Mass (or give their names to any pass keeper). Some extra envelopes may be available for use by those who aren't Gift Aiders but who like to use the weekly envelopes.

Sunday 12 April is Divine Mercy Sunday and there will be Confessions and Benediction from 2.50pm at St. Peter's.

Don't miss it! **Saturday April 25, 12.30 for 1pm** in St. Columba's Main Hall - **Justice & Peace Family lunch with kids' corner.** Adults £15, Children £7 - all profits go to Food Vouchers for local Catholic schools. Tickets available at the back of church after 9.30 and before 6.30 Sunday Masses. Eat well and help out!

Date for the diary: 'Eat and share', St. Peter's Parish room, **Thursday 28 May, 7pm**, our topic will be 'Our Lady', and we welcome as our speaker: Fr. Ray Warren OMI (Oblate of Mary Immaculate), Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

SCIAF: We have opened a **new bank account** for St. Peter's, with RBS, as Bank of Scotland now impose charges: **SORT CODE 16-00-07, A/C NO. 16350959**

St. Peter's 200 Club renewal reminders will be issued shortly.

Congratulations to St. Peter's 200 Club March winners: Pamela Nelson Shaw (£25)and Ann Mulhern (£15)

The Refugee group is planning a workshop on 'Journalism for 'Refugee Week' 15—21 June 2026. We are looking for Journalists' to attend at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston place, Edinburgh. If you can help please put your name and contact on the list at the back of both Churches.



He is risen as he said

Reflections by Canon Kenneth at Assisi 2019

Light has overcome the darkness.

Easter joy, alleluia!

Christ has risen as he said.

No more need we fear death,
the risen Lord walks before us!

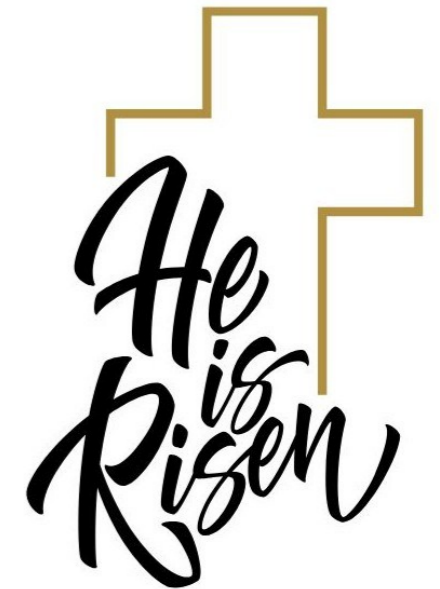
He leads the way to new life.

Risen glory, Christ our light

beckon us into the power of your glow

that are steps may be guided by your grace

and our lives enriched by the splendour of
your risen radiance.



Light of Christ,
centre of unity,
hope of nations,
bearer of peace,
giver of justice,
comforter of the afflicted,
sustainer of our need,
refuge for sinners,
solace for our wounds,
courage on our journey,
companion in our joy.

Bread broken for a new world

The bread of Life that heals.

The bread of Life that calls us into service.

The bread of Life that beckons us towards our neighbour.

The bread of Life that leads to justice.

The bread of Life that urges us to the margins.

The bread of Life that gives in courage in darkness.

The bread of Life that strengths us in our doubt.

The bread of Life that is food for life's journey.

The bread of Life that sustains us in hope.

The bread of Life that offers hope in despair.

The bread of Life that enables is to respond with generosity.

The bread of Life that opens us to the possible.

The bread of Life that confirms us in our faith.

