

10 - 17 May 2026



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Date	Church	Time	Feast	Mass intention
Saturday 9 May Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	5th week in Eastertide 6th Sunday of Easter	Archie Cairns RIP
Sunday 10 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	6th Sunday of Easter	DM: Dante Lannie RIP KO: Thank you to Parishioners from Anne-Marie & Bill Douglas People of the Parishes
Monday 11 May	St Peter's	9.30am	6th week in Eastertide	Clenton Dimney RIP
Tuesday 12 May	St Columba's	9.30am	6th week in Eastertide	Stephen RIP
Wednesday 13 May	St Peter's	6pm*	6th week in Eastertide	Charmain Bingham RIP
Thursday 14 May	St Peter's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11am 7pm	The Ascension of the Lord	DM: Intentions of Edward Smith KO: Stephen McMahon RIP
Friday 15 May	St Peter's	9.30am	6th week in Eastertide	Gail Wardle RIP
Saturday 16 May Vigil	St Peter's St Peter's	12 noon 5.30pm	6th week in Eastertide 7th Sunday of Easter	Catherine Noble
Sunday 17 May	St Columba's St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	7th Sunday of Easter	KO: Edemonte Ferry RIP DM: Archie Cairns RIP People of the Parishes

**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 10 May readings: p268**  
**First reading:** Acts 8: 5-8  
**Psalm:** 65: 1-7, 16, 20 R v 1  
**Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth**  
**Second reading:** 1 Peter 3: 15-18  
**Gospel:** John 14: 15-21

**Southside Faith care are hosting sessions with Police Scotland and Barclays Bank** to update on frauds and scams and how to keep safe online. Some may like to make a list of questions to bring. Tea, coffee etc. will be available. Please spread the word. **Thursday 14 May:** 1.30 - 3.30pm, Newington Trinity Priestfield, 2 Marchall Place, Edinburgh EH16 5HW

**Care Conversation Series:** Talking about care can be an emotive topic and **it helps to be well prepared for the care conversation.** A partnership between Southside Faith Care, Home Instead and Morningside United Church are hosting a series of relaxed and informative care conversations at **Morningside United Church, 15 Chamberlain Rd, EH10 4DH.**

- Power of Attorney: **Thurs 21 May 2.30-4pm**
- Bereavement Support with William Purves Funeral Directors: **Thurs 18 June 2.30-4pm**

Whatever your interest in care **join us** for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Listen, share your experiences and ask questions. Just come along on the day or **contact us** for further details at **Home Instead 0131 300 0599** or **Southside Faith Care 07478 543510.** For other events organised by Southside Faith Care please see poster at the back of Church.

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland** invite you to the **Camp Out for Hope.** A powerful event to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Come along for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn how you can make a real difference, and time to relax and build new friendships. Saturday, 30 May - Sunday, 31st May, Carfin Grotto 8pm - 8am. Head to [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) to sign up, or scan the QR code. Spaces are limited, so signing up is essential. Free to register, and there is a special fundraising element woven into the event. Every bit helps - but the more we raise the more lives are changed. £50 is a great starting point. When you sign up, you'll get a fundraising pack and a link to join our JustGiving team page.

Contact ACN Scotland at [scotland@acnuk.org](mailto:scotland@acnuk.org) or 01698 337 470 for more information. Note that you must be age 16+ to participate.



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St Columba's and St Peter's, Edinburgh  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter —Year A**  
 10– 17 May 2026

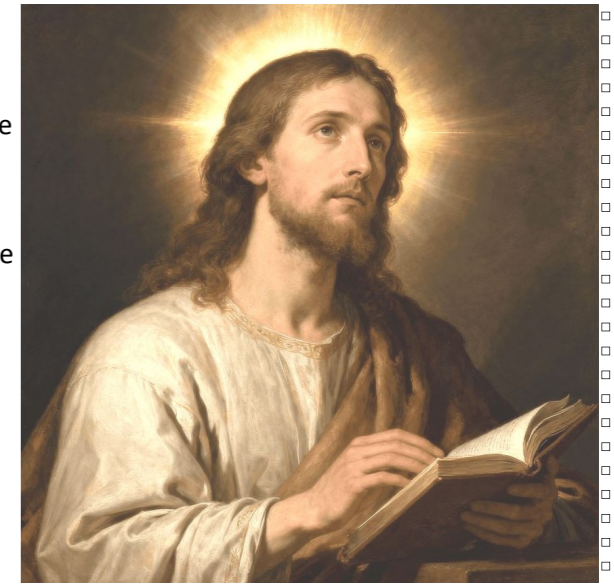
This is part of Jesus' farewell discourse. Loving Jesus means listening to his word and putting it into practice. To those who respond in this way he promises the gift of the Spirit. Jesus will not leave his disciples orphaned. By their faith, they will be able to see him and share in his life and in the life of the Father.

From this we learned that we cannot claim to be at one with Jesus, and to be living according to the spirit, unless we observe his commands in our lives.

We are not talking about keeping a specific set of commandments but rather about following his way of life. What is involved here is Christian discipleship. We can't truly call ourselves disciples of Jesus if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them.

One wouldn't be much of a Christian if one didn't try to live as Jesus taught. But we must be clear about one thing. We don't keep his commandments so that he will love us; we keep his commandments *because* he loves us.

**Flor McCarthy SDB**



**Canon Kenneth writes ...**

How does the story of Pentecost show the power of the Holy Spirit? Some reflection questions for Pentecost Sunday which is 24 May this year

- In what ways has the Holy Spirit given you courage in your life?
- How can you use your gifts to serve others and strengthen the Church?
- What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to be a constant companion?
- How do you recognise the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
- How does the Holy Spirit help overcome divisions among people?
- In what ways can you be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit?
- How can you share the message of Jesus with those around you?
- What does the image of Jesus breathing the Spirit on His disciples teach us?
- How can you pray for a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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**This Week in our Parishes ...**



Sunday 10	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter —Year A</b> Children’s Liturgy at both morning Masses today Teas and coffees after the morning Masses in both Parishes
Monday 11	7.30pm, RCIA meeting, St. Peter’s Parish room
Tuesday 12	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Columba’s 8pm, St. Columba’s Fabric and Maintenance Committee meeting, Parish room
Wednesday 13	Mass at St. Peter’s will revert back to <b>6pm</b>
Thursday 14	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> , Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: • 09.30, St. Peter’s • 11am, School Mass, St. Peter’s (all welcome) • 7pm, St. Columba’s
Friday 15	Teas and coffees after Mass at St. Peter’s
Sunday 17	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter —Year A</b> Children’s Liturgy at St. Peter’s today ( <u>NOT</u> at St. Columba’s) Teas and coffees after the morning Masses; and this week after 09.30 Mass at St. Columba’s is the Justice & Peace Breakfast for Mbare (fresh cooked breakfast rolls with your tea or coffee).

**Congratulations** to the children from both of our Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Leo Cushley, last Wednesday at St. Peter’s.

**Thank you to a parishioner from St. Columba’s Parish** who recently left us £2,000 in their will, we are very grateful. Please consider remembering the Parish in your will.

From this coming **Wednesday, 13 May** Mass at St. Peter’s will revert back to 6pm.

**The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 14 May**, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are:

- 09.30 St. St. Peter’s
- 11am School Mass St. Peter’s (all welcome)
- 7pm St. Columba’s

**Sale of Preserves for SCIAF.** Before and after Mass at St. Peter’s on **Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May**, there’ll be a sale of home-made jams, marmalade, chutney - and featuring wild garlic pesto. All proceeds to the Parish SCIAF Project.

**Justice & Peace Breakfast for Mbare, Sunday 17 May after 9.30 Mass** at St. Columba’s. Come and help support our sister parish in Zimbabwe - by eating delicious, fresh cooked breakfast rolls with your tea or coffee. Eat well and help out!

**Congratulations** to St. Peter’s April "200 Club" winners **Susan Norrie** (£25) and **Maddie Horne** (£15). This was the final draw for the 25/26 year. Thank you to all have already renewed. There is still plenty of time for those who have not yet done so. **We are still short of 200 so please do consider joining.** It only costs £12 a year. Forms at back of church or speak to Anne-Marie Douglas.

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to **celebrate Pentecost at St. Andrew’s Church, 77 Belford**

Road, EH4 3DP, on **Saturday 23 May**, starting 4pm. There’ll be a **talk from Fr. Daniel Magaji**, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. Albert’s Chaplaincy. Register [here](http://bit.ly/pentecost26) or at [bit.ly/pentecost26](http://bit.ly/pentecost26)

**Wednesday, 27 May, 7pm** is the next monthly meeting of our **Catholic Teens Group (for P7- S4)**. We meet monthly at 7—8.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at St. Columba’s Hall to have fun and learn more about our faith. Ask your parent/guardian to register your interest, emailing [teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk](mailto:teens.stcolumbaedinburgh@staned.org.uk).

**‘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.

**The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage** - route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Corstorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur’s Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St. Mary’s Catholic Cathedral, Broughton Street, **9am Saturday 13 June** with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Register [here](http://bit.ly/pentecost26).

**Date for your diary: Saturday 20 June at the Vigil Mass:** Dedication of the new Altar at St. Peter’s by Archbishop Leo Cushley (approx 1.5 hours). Followed by Prosecco and cake in St. Peter’s courtyard and Parish room.

A reliable single woman seeks to **share a flat** in the area. Please contact Elizabeth at [vanzwetelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:vanzwetelizabeth@gmail.com)

**Parish news continued overleaf...**

**Future of the Gillis Centre complex**

Following a process of review, the full Gillis Centre complex is to be placed on the market for sale.

The site at 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, has served as the administrative base of the Archdiocese since 1993.

Archbishop Cushley said: “This decision comes after a long process of review and discernment. We are responding carefully and responsibly regarding the stewardship of our Archdiocese and how best to support the mission entrusted to us.

“The Trustees and I are required to ensure that resources are used in support of the Archdiocese’s charitable purposes, and our review concluded that continued investment in the current site would not represent the most effective use of those resources.

“The Gillis Centre holds historical, spiritual and personal significance for many clergy and people across the Archdiocese and beyond as a place of formation, prayer, administration, education and encounter, so I ask for your prayers as we undertake this next chapter together.”

The review process factored in the cost of maintaining the building, repairs, its size and suitability for Archdiocesan needs and the Church’s mission.



The site will be formally placed on the market for sale later in the year. While the sale process is ongoing administration and events will continue to be based at Gillis.

Fr Jeremy Milne, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, said: “The Gillis Centre holds a special place in our history and people can be assured that the transition is dealt with sensitively.

“We will now work to support the sale process and will relocate to suitable alternative premises in Edinburgh in due course. Clergy and parishioners will be updated throughout this process.”

**Reflection**

A thing you notice about birds  
Is how they are able to take advantage of the wind.  
They go with it, they go against it,  
They soar into the sky, they plunge back to earth.  
All the time they're availing of the power of the wind.  
And I think of how we, the disciples of Jesus, are so easily blown off course by the winds of adversity.  
Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, help us and to turn the hard and the easy to our advantage,  
So that everything that happens to us  
May bear us along the road to your Kingdom.



**Parish news continued...**

**St. Peter’s Primary School annual summer fair, Saturday 13 June, 11am - 2pm.** Open to the whole community, free to attend. A great way to bring together families, friends and local residents. We’d love to see you there.

• Toys, games, school clothing or unwanted gifts can be **donated for the tombola by Friday 12 June** to the St. Peter’s school office. Home baking also gratefully received on the day.

• One of the biggest fundraisers on the day is the **annual auction**.



Raising vital funds for the school to support its Equity Fund and provide essential equipment for sports, IT and literacy. Last year we purchased 10 bikes to teach children road safety and 10 violins to support the school orchestra.

• We’re seeking donations for our auction from local residents and businesses: products, services, vouchers or experiences are all welcome.

• Names of all donors will be published in our school newsletter (read by 350 local families) and also publicly acknowledged on the day.

• Please email: [ptastpetersprimary@gmail.com](mailto:ptastpetersprimary@gmail.com) if you can donate. Thank you so much!