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16TH NOVEMBER 2025 – THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday
No public Mass

Saturday Morning 9.30am Mass

Saturday Evening 6pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sunday 9.30am (English)

CONFESSION

Before Mass on Saturday evening, or any time on request

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 17th November **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** -Memorial

Tuesday 18th November **St. Fergus, Bishop**

Wednesday 19th November Weekday of 33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

Thursday 20th November **Weekday of Ordinary Time**

Friday 21st November

Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary in the Temple
Memorial

Saturday 22nd November St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr – Memorial

Sunday 23rd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Andrew's Deanery Pilgrimage. St. Andrew's Church, Braemar, 29th Nov. Mass at 11:00am, Celebrated by Bishop Hugh. Talk and refreshments! All welcome!

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole. Students, parents, teachers and others are asked to reflect on their own roles in the education process – at home, in school, in the local parish and in other educational settings.

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom." "Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the 'first heralds' for their children" (Catechism, nn. 2223, 2225).

Campaign Against Assisted Dying are inviting parishioners to work with people from other parishes to lobby local MSPs. CAAD will set up local face-to-face meeting with groups to support them with facts and concerns which can best challenge stages 2 and 3, and the final vote on the Assisted Dying Bill. The timing of the final vote may be before Christmas, so it's vital to act now. If you're interested in helping in a group to lobby local MSPs, please let Fr. Bruno know, or email the parish on catholicchurchbanff@gmail.com

Abortion Law Change Danger

Right to Life carry this unsettling news: An "expert group" commissioned by a previous First Minister to undertake a review of abortion law in Scotland has released sweeping recommendations for extreme changes to Scotland's abortion laws.

They have recommended that the Scottish Government scrap the current 24-week time limit for abortion – and abortion be available on social grounds right up to birth in Scotland. Unborn babies could legally have their lives ended throughout all nine months of pregnancy – right up to when the baby is about to be born.

This law change would also **make sex-selective abortion legal** – allowing a baby to be aborted simply because she is a girl.

The proposed changes in the law would leave Scotland with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world.

This closely follows more than 30 organisations, supported by Green Party MSP Gillian Mackay, launching a major campaign to make abortion up to birth legal in Scotland.

Contacting your MSP makes a difference!

Please use this handy tool to email your MSP to ask them to stop abortion up to birth being introduced in Scotland: https://righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthscotland. It only takes 30secs.

November Book of Remembrance

It's a holy a pious thought to pray for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin. (Cf. 2Mac 12:45)

Offertory collections:

Sun 9th Nov: Cash £250.10 Gift Aid Envelopes: £10 St. Anthony Donation £10

Thank you for your

Fraserburgh Church Opening Times.

The church in Fraserburgh is now open on **Tuesdays and Saturdays: 9:00am** – **3:00pm**. Pop in for a prayer and a "hello" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Drostan Church, 73 Commerce Street, AB43 9LR.

Gift Aid Reimbursement, FY 24-25

We have recently received £1,155 back from HMRC for your donations make as part of the gift aid scheme during last financial year. This is really helpful to the parish. If you pay tax on your income (earnings, pensions, etc.), please consider registering as a Gift-Aider.