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SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER 2024: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: SPRED MASS

(Readings: Jr 33:14-16, 1 Th 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-36)



Sunday Mass:

St. Peter's 4.00pm (Sat) & 10.00 am, St. Fergus' 6pm (Sat) & 11.30 am

Weekday Mass: St Peter's - Tue, Thu & Sat; St Fergus - Mon, Wed & Fri

Confessions: St Peter's 3.15-3.50pm, St Fergus' 5.20-5.50pm; and on request

Parish News

PARISH MASS BOOKS

The revised edition of the mass book and lectionary will come into use from today the first Sunday of Advent. The remaining five editions of Year - ABC will be available later. St Peter's has ordered 100 copies each of these editions and St Fergus 50. Each mass book costs £5.00. If you would like to dedicate one or more copies of these books in memory of a loved one or to the parish, please speak to Fr Thomas.

SPRED MASS

The annual SPRED mass is celebrated today (1st December) in St Peter's at 10am. We welcome the entire SPRED family to this Mass. We assure them of our prayers and support. We hope they will enjoy our spiritual support and the refreshment after the mass in the hall. Children's liturgy joins the mass. All are welcome.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent often focus on preparation for the birth of Jesus, and on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." The message of Advent, therefore, is "Prepare the way for the Lord. Get ready. The Lord is coming." It is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of

self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. An ideal preparation for welcoming the Lord is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May this Advent be a time of spiritual awakening and renewal for you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the World.

MASS OF COMMITMENT FOR PRIMARY 4 AND FAMILY MASS

On Sunday 8th December (second Sunday of Advent) we have the family mass for children of Primary 4 & 7 of St Peter's. Also, as part of preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary School will have their Mass of Commitment on this day during 10am Mass. Parents and children are expected to attend this mass. Primary 4 will have the 'Do this in Memory of Me' catechesis programme during Lent.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN ST PETER'S SCHOOL

Children of St Peter's School will have the First Friday Mass in the school on Friday 6th December at 10am. Parishioners welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McPhee ... Those who have recently died: George Busby, Isabella

McGarvey, John Bolland and Dawn Rennie and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bryan Faulels

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St Peter's (24 Nov): Offertory: 437.90, B. Fund: £301.80, St Fergus: Offertory £289.00, Donation £322.00.

THE GIVING TREE

From today, the First Sunday of Advent (1st December) we will display the Giving Tree with tags for generous people to select to donate Christmas gifts for children/families in need. It is calling on the community to support anyone this Christmas who struggle to make ends meet over the festive season. You can pick up a tag or more from the tree that lists the details of the things. If you can't buy what is suggested on card, any gift for a boy or girl up to 16 years is most welcome. Please do not forget to place the tag on the gift as you bring it to the church in order to give it to the right receiver. Your gift can be dropped off at the tree on the following Sunday.

FUNERAL

In St Peter's, a requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of George Busby at 10.00 am on Wednesday 4 December. His remains will be received into the church on Tuesday 3 December at 6.00pm. There is no 9.30 am mass in St Fergus.

In St Peter's, a requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Isabella McGarvey at 10.00am on Thursday 5 December. Her remains will be received into the church prior to the mass.

Dawn Rennie, one of the support staff members of St Fergus School, passed away suddenly. We shall pray for the eternal rest of the departed soul and also pray for the bereaved family. RIP

ST PETER'S PARISH WEBSITE

I am happy to inform you that St Peter's has launched a new website. Thanks to Brian Thorburn who has been working for the last couple of weeks to deliver this website. It is only a humble beginning. As and when more programmes and activities are organised we can add them to it. Please go through it. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Website:

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STALL

Stalls have a good collection of Christmas cards and gifts items. Please visit.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2024

The Western Catholic Calendar 2024 that gives addresses and details of the dioceses of Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisley is available in the stalls for the price of £3.75.

TEA & COFFEE

Tea, coffee available in the parish halls after the morning mass. All welcome.

Diocesan News

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass of the season will be offered in St Aidan's, Johnstone, on Friday the 6th of December at 7 PM; Adoration & Confession from 6 pm.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: The Church seeks to restore the fabric of broken lives and heal the pain of survivors.

CATHEDRAL ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS: Come Home for Christmas! On Thursday 12th December, priests will be available to hear Confessions from 8.30am (after 8am Mass) until 7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. There will be 30-minute breaks while Masses are celebrated at 10am and 1pm.

The Diocese of Paisley podcast is available to listen to on the website rcdop.org.uk/podcast or on the major streaming platforms Spotify, Amazon, Apple etc.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2025 –

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We invite engaged couples due to be Married in 2025 to register for one of our courses running next year. The first course starts in January and will consist of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. For any additional details please contact marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk

The cost for the course per couple is £70 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. Once couples have registered we will contact them directly regarding attendance at the course and a certificate will be issued upon completion. This course fulfils church requirements regarding preparation before marriage and is a wonderful opportunity to meet other couples and share in fellowship. You can follow the link to access further information <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation> or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!

ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have expressed dismay after a historic vote yesterday, Nov. 29, during which Members of Parliament (MPs) voted in favour of assisted suicide. Following a five-hour, Second Reading debate in the House of Commons, 330 MPs voted in favor of the TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) Bill, while 275 voted against it.....