

Parish Bulletin

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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024: 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – B. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

(Readings: Dn 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-18, Mk 3:24-32)

Parish Priest: Rev. Thomas John

(Resident at St Peter's)

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Wood

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (10 Nov): Offertory: 536.05, B. Fund: £372.60

St Fergus: Offertory £202.00

Sunday 24: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Solemnity

MASS IN ST FERGUS & ST PETER'S THIS WEEK: No mass in St Fergus on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th morning as 40 hours adoration will be going on in St Peter's. Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st at 10am in the Church.

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES: The third and final catechesis programme for the primary 7 children of St Peter's School who will be receiving Confirmation within the next year is this Sunday (17th November) during our 10am Mass. The children will receive a catechesis during the Mass. While for Primary 7 children of St Fergus it will be on Wednesday 20th at 1.45pm in the Church.

ST PETER'S 40 HOURS: Our 40 hours Eucharistic Devotion begins on 18th November (Monday 18th – Thursday 21st). We need at least one person/two persons for every hourly slot. The devotion begins at 9am and ends at 7pm every day. This may enable those who for work to spend some time in prayer after their return from work. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church and at the side door of the Church. Please be generous with your time to encourage and spread this devotion. St Peter's School will join us.

NOT DEAD YET UK: A bill has been introduced to Parliament to legalise assisted suicide. This will be voted on by MPs on 29th November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to vote against the bill. Postcards from the disability campaign group *Not Dead Yet UK*, a network of people who have disabilities who oppose assisted suicide, are available at the back of the church. Please sign and sent to your MPs to encourage them to vote against assisted suicide. Our MPs are telling us this is the biggest item in their postbags at present with a small majority asking them to oppose the Bill. Please keep up the pressure. Every card helps.

PRESENTATION TO FR JOHN: St Fergus parish community would like to thank Fr John Morrison, the former Parish Priest for his valuable and generous service for the past seven years. The presentation will take place on Sunday the 24th during morning Mass.

SPRED MASS: The annual SPRED mass will be celebrated on 1st December, the first Sunday of Advent in St Peter's at 10am.

HAWKHEAD CEMETERY MASS: The annual Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery will be celebrated at 2pm on Sun 24th Nov. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the souls of those buried there. Requiescant in pace.

P4-7 ADVENT RETREAT: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-7 to an Advent Retreat Day on Sunday 1st December from 2-5pm. The day begins and ends in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall, with Holy Mass in the cathedral. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: <http://tinyurl.com/dpy-primary-advent>. Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

ST PETER'S QUIZ NIGHT: Parish quiz night is a social event for the members of the parish, their family and friends to come together and have some fun together in an evening. This helps us with a tension free and relaxed environment to associate and cultivate friendship. St Peter's parish is hoping to start quiz night every month starting from this December/January. Please share this information with your family and friends so that you can gather teams of up to, say, five or six or seven people for the event. It will be on a Friday in the parish hall from 7pm and will be finished by 10pm. Entry costs for adults and children will be very minimum. You can bring your own drinks and snacks. We need volunteers to organise it. Would some of you please come forward to help run it? All are welcome.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets are available at the end of the masses in St Fergus. The proceeds go to aid the work of the charity.

LUCKY STARS AT ST PETER'S: St Peter's parish is happy to announce the starting of the Lucky Stars. The Lucky Stars draw is very popular as a great fund raiser for the parish. The draw will take place on Fridays. It's £1 a go. Half of the takings go to the winner with the other half going to St Peter's parish fund. If nobody picks the winning numbers, it's a rollover to the following week. We're looking for someone to sell tickets at Saturday vigil mass and Sunday morning mass. So, if anyone is keen to get involved please contact Fr Thomas.

THE GIVING TREE: Giving Tree is a Christmas 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 take a tag from the tree that lists the details of the things and that your generous gift donation will go on to support the beneficiaries. Our Giving Tree will be displayed from the First Sunday of Advent (1st December). Your gift can be dropped off at the tree when you come on the following Sunday.

ST COLUMBA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY: To help celebrate the 50th anniversary of St Columba's Renfrew, Fr. Bernard Fox and Sr. Sally will be leading reflection and Prayer beginning with the celebration of the Masses in St. Columba's on 23/24 November. On the evenings of Monday 25 November to Wednesday 27 November they will lead the congregation in prayer and Reflection. Bishop John Keenan will be celebrating the 50th anniversary Mass on Sunday 1 December which is the first Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday of the Holy Year. There will be refreshments in the hall after Mass. Please bring all the family and friends along to join in the celebration. All welcome.

Public Demonstration Against Assisted Suicide. Glasgow, Friday 22 November, 6.00-9.00pm: You are encouraged to attend a Public Demonstration Against Assisted Suicide in Glasgow at 6.00-9.00pm on Friday 22 November. The event, organised by an Alliance of Concern and supported by the Campaign Against Assisted Dying, will hear civic concerns around the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which will be voted on by MPs in the UK Parliament on Friday 29 November. All MPs and MSPs in the Central Belt have been invited to attend. This event is supported by our Scottish Bishops' Parliamentary Office and Marriage, Family and Life Office. Meet at Blythswood Square, Glasgow at 6.00pm to make the short walk to Renfield St. Stephen's Centre on Bath Street for the Public meeting from 7.00-9.00pm. For more information contact assisthelp04@gmail.com

Bishops' Statement on Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation and Just Transition: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) have released a statement encouraging world leaders to agree to and establish a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, committing all nations to a rapid and just transition away from fossil fuels. The statement, which is released to mark the COP29 climate summit taking place in Azerbaijan from 11th – 22nd November, calls on Scotland to play its role in realising the common good by participating in a swift transition away from fossil fuels to protect people and our planet, both now and in the future, from further global warming caused by fossil fuel extraction. Crucially, in recognising the workers and communities in Scotland who rely on fossil fuel industries for their livelihood, the statement emphasises that any such transition must have justice at its core and ensure that no one is left behind, particularly those currently employed in this sector who must be ensured secure work in the move towards renewables. The full text of the statement can be read on the BCOS, Justice & Peace Scotland, and Office for the Care of Creation websites.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2024: We regard as paramount our concern for the safety of all in our parish communities especially children and vulnerable adults. The next training is on Thursday 21st November at 7pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley.