

Parish Bulletin

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SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE- SOLEMNITY-B

(Readings: Dn 7:13-14, Rv 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37)

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: Kevin McPhee ... For all who have recently died: Roseleen Cumming, Mary Gillian, Donald McEachern, and Margaret Crampsey and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Barr,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (17 Nov): Offertory: 467.20, B. Fund: £280.90, Education £164.00. St Fergus: Offertory £188.00, Education £83.00

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 today the 24th during morning Mass.

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.

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.

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.

THE GIVING TREE: From 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 just pick up 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. Your gift can be dropped off at the tree on the following Sunday.

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

ST PETER'S QUIZ NIGHT: St Peter's parish is hoping to start quiz night every month starting from January next. 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.

LONGING FOR LIGHT: Journeying through Advent with the Scriptures. You are invited to some/all of four talks on the scriptures of Advent with Fr Ryan Black, in the Diocesan Office from 7pm. Tue 26th Nov; Wed 4th Dec; Wed 11th Dec; Tue 17th Dec.

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: The next Divine Mercy monthly mass is on Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration at St Mary's church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. Monsignor Joe Burke is the celebrant. All are welcome.

BIBLICAL BASIS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: A) Old Testament texts: The title "*Christ the King*" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the *Kingdom of God*. In most of the Messianic prophecies, given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. B) New Testament texts: a) In the Annunciation, recorded in Lk 1:32-33, we read: "...and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there will be no end." In fact, the *Kingdom of God* is the center of Jesus' teaching, and the phrase "*Kingdom of God*" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are uses by Jesus. b) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt 2:2) "*Where is the Baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw His star... and we have come to worship Him.*" c) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "*God bless the King, Who comes in the name of the Lord.*" d) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question : ("*Are you the king of the Jews?*" (Jn 18:33), and Jesus replied: "*You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth*" (Jn:18:37) e) The signboard hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "*Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.*" f) Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared: "*All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me; go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ...*" (Mt 28:18ff)." g) Finally, in Matthew 25:31, we read that Christ the King will come in glory to judge us on the day of the Last Judgment.

"I die the king's good servant, but God's first." St. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers and politicians, among others, was a brilliant lawyer and diplomat in 16th century England. His patriotism and loyalty to the throne attracted the attention of King Henry VIII who made him Lord Chancellor of England. What Henry VIII did not know was that Thomas More's first loyalty was to Christ, the King of kings. When Henry VIII decided to divorce his wife Catherine of Aragon, marry Anne Boleyn, and then make himself head of the Church of England, More knew this was wrong. Rather than approve what he believed to be against the Divine will, he resigned from his prestigious, wealthy position as Lord Chancellor and lived a life of poverty. Since he would not give his support to the king, Thomas More was arrested, convicted of treason, imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1534 and beheaded in July of the following year. On his way to public execution, More encouraged the people to remain steadfast in the Faith. His last recorded words were: "*I die the king's good servant, but God's first.*" — For More, it was not simply enough to confess Christ privately in the safety of his heart and home; he believed one must also confess Christ in one's business and professional life as well as in the laws and policies that govern society. (Fr. Munacci). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).