

Parish Bulletin

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SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2024: 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – B.
(Readings: Dt 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 12:28-34)

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 New

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Fergus (27 Oct): Offertory £233.00; Votive: £277.76

St Conval's Cemetery Mass: Bishop John will celebrate the annual Cemetery Mass to pray for the souls of those laid to rest in our diocesan cemetery this Sunday, 3rd Nov, at 2pm. All welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed for people unable to travel, at

<https://youtube.com/live/1PgUETP0MSc?feature=share>.

The annual Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery will be celebrated at 2pm on Sun 24th Nov.

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES: This Sunday (3rd November) at our 10am Mass we will be launching our parish catechesis programme for the children of St Peter's Primary who will be receiving Confirmation within the next year. The children will receive a catechesis during the Mass. Please keep the children and families in your prayers. While for children of St Fergus Primary 7 it will be on Wednesday 6th at 1.45pm in the school. This programme for the Primary 7 of our cluster will continue for another two consecutive Sundays: 10th & 17th November; for St Fergus: Wednesdays 13th & 20th.

NOVEMBER LIST: In November, the month the Church dedicates to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There is an important pious custom of giving a list of names of deceased loved ones to the Church. Masses will be celebrated each day in this month for their happy repose especially those whose names appear on our lists in both parishes. Envelopes are now available for collection. Please return your completed lists with any offerings enclosed in the collection baskets, or return them to the chapel house. The given offerings will be sent for charity.

ST PETER 40 HOURS: Our 40 hours Eucharistic Devotion begins on 18th November (Monday 18th – Thursday 21st). It is required that when the Eucharist is exposed there should be at least one person be present in the Church. So, 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. Those of you are free during the day please avail this time in prayer. Please be generous with your time to encourage and spread this devotion.

READING MATERIALS ON VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR: During our P7 pilgrimage to the site of the National Shrine to Venerable Margaret Sinclair in Edinburgh, we have collected some inspiring reading materials on Sinclair. They are available at the back of the Church. You may please collect them.

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.

LUCKY STARS: In order to meet the cost of our planned church repair we are thinking of starting the 'Lucky Stars.' Any little donation from this will go towards our cause. Anybody (volunteer) willing to run this, please give your name.

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 displaced from the First Sunday of Advent (1st December). Your gift can be dropped off at the tree when you come on the following Sunday.

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.

DONATION TO PARISH THROUGH DIRECT DEBIT: One of the best ways to make the parishes financially sound is to set up a standing order. If you wish to donate to the parish please make use of the direct debit, so that whatever the little donation you make will go straight into the parish account without any commission charge. Here below are the bank details of both parishes.

ST PETER'S: Account Number: 16382568, sort code: 80-22-60, Bank: Bank of Scotland

ST FERGUS: Account number: 16819664, Sort Code: 80-22-60, Bank: Bank of Scotland

GIFT AID: If you pay tax and you haven't already signed a Gift Aid declaration for the parish, please do so.

All your contributions will be augmented by 25% at no cost to you.

COFFEE MORNING: All welcome after 10am Mass in St Peter's and after 11.30am Mass in St Fergus.

POPE FRANCIS: CONFIRMATION IS THE 'SACRAMENT OF WITNESS,' NOT THE 'SACRAMENT OF GOODBYE': Most often we wonder at those children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation are not back again to the Church. Hundreds of children in our Diocese receive the Sacrament every year. Perhaps they don't see it as a Sacrament to witness Jesus in life. One of the practical and evident forms of witnessing one's faith is when they go to Church, receive the sacraments and involve in various Church activities. In this context the words of Pope Francis are so valid. Pope Francis addressed thousands of international pilgrims in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, urging them not to turn the sacrament of confirmation into their "last rites" as Catholics but to use it as "the beginning of an active participation in the Church." Continuing his catechetical series on the Holy Spirit and the Church, the Holy Father said confirmation is a "gift of God" and a "milestone" that should not mark a departure from the Church for Catholics. "People say that it is the 'sacrament of goodbye' because once young people have done it they leave," he said. "They come back for weddings. That's what people say." The pope suggested that lay faithful "who have had a personal encounter with Christ and have had some experience of the Spirit" could reignite their own faith by helping other Catholics to better prepare for confirmation, which is the sacrament of the Holy Spirit "par excellence." Reflecting on the accounts of the confirmation of the first Christians, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and in St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Pope Francis said it is God himself who anoints believers. "He has put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts. Confirmation is for all the faithful what Pentecost was for the entire Church. It strengthens the baptismal incorporation into Christ and the Church, and the royal consecration to the prophetic, royal, and priestly mission," he added.

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER: Heavenly father, as October came to a close and November is in, I come to You with a grateful heart. Thank You for the changing seasons, which remind me of the transformation that happens when I surrender my heart to You. I realise that in this month, You may be calling me to embrace new challenges and opportunities. As I step into the unknown, please grant me Your guidance and wisdom. Help me trust that Your ways are always for my good. Lord, I lift my plans to You and ask for Your will to be done in this month. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Mass of Remembrance: there will be a mass of remembrance for all those who have died in the parish over the past year. This will take place at the 7pm mass on Sunday. relatives and friends of anyone who has died during the past year are especially invited to come along to this mass to remember and pray for their deceased relatives.

Supporting the Parish: The best way to make recurring weekly or monthly donations is by setting up a standing order; you can set this up with your online banking or by calling in at a branch of your bank with the Parish bank details (from Fr Joe/Fr Ryan). Alternatively, parishioners can use PayaCharity (for single and repeat donations) but please note that PayaCharity receives 5% commission from all contributions.

Following recent changes to the PayaCharity scheme, the new QR code you can scan to support the parish can be found at the top of the bulletin. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dear God, as we begin this new day, we lift our hearts to you. Grant us the strength to face today's challenges with unwavering faith. Help us to trust in your plan and to find courage in your promises. May we walk confidently in the path you have laid out for us, knowing that you are with us every step of the way. Amen.

Parent Partnership: The St John Ogilvie Parent Partnership will be selling raffle tickets in the cathedral porch after Masses this weekend. Tickets cost £1 each. Top prize is a £100 voucher for Silverburn, with more prizes up for grabs. Raffle tickets will also be available at the Coffee Morning after 11am Mass today, Sun 27th Oct. The raffle will be drawn at the school's Christmas Fayre on Sat 9th Nov (10am-12 noon).

Baptisms & Weddings by request

House Blessings and Prayers: Can you host an icon of the Holy Family for one week and pray for the parish and other intentions? You might consider inviting friends, neighbours or fellow parishioners to join you at some point in the week. You can also have Fr Joe or Fr Ryan visit to pray the Rosary and bless your home.

Sign up in the sacristy or email stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk.

Parish Register: We have established a register of parishioners with contact details, enabling us to email bulletins and other important information from the parishes. To register, please visit the website. We would appreciate it if as many people as possible would register.