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**SUNDAY 08 DECEMBER 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: MASS OF
COMMITMENT & FAMILY MASS**

(Readings: Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:3-11, Lk 3:1-6)



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

MASS OF COMMITMENT AND FAMILY MASS FOR ST PETER'S SCHOOL:

Today, the 8th December (second Sunday of Advent) at 10.00am, we celebrate the mass of commitment for Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary School. It is done in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Also, it the family mass for Primary 4 & 7 children. The parents/guardians are expected to attend this mass. Primary 4 will have the usual 'Do this in Memory of Me' catechesis programme during Lent.

MASS OF COMMITMENT IN ST FERGUS

SCHOOL: On Monday 9th December, at 9:30am. St Fergus School will have the Mass of Enrolment /Commitment for all those children in Primary 3, who will receive their Sacraments in March and April of 2026, Primary 4, who will receive their Sacraments in March and April of 2025 and Primary 7 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May, in the school. It is important that families are represented at this Mass just as they were at their child's baptism. There will be tea and coffee with your children after Mass. Parishioners are welcome. Primary 4 will have the usual 'Do this in Memory of Me' catechesis programme during Lent.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT: The theme for the second Sunday of Advent is peace. On this day we light the second candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, candle of peace that Christ brought to mankind with His birth and incarnation. Also, it reflects on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. Every year on the second Sunday of Advent, the Church has us ponder the words and deeds of Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting and longing for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply in our lives and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

Advent often focus on preparation for the birth of Jesus, and on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. It is 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McPhee, and Isobel MacFadyen ... Those who recently died.... and anniversaries: Charie Doherty, and Thomas McLurg

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (01 Dec): Offertory: £707.50, B. Fund: £425.95, St Fergus: Offertory £290., Donation £220.00

THE GIVING TREE: At the altar of the Sacred Heart you can see the Giving Tree. It is an invitation to donate Christmas gifts for children/families in need. 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.

PARISH MASS BOOKS: The revised edition of the mass book and lectionary have come into use from 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS: This year one of the highlights of Christmas Vigil in St Peter's is the carol service and nativity play by our children's liturgy and also children from other classes, at 4.00pm, followed by Mass.

While in St Fergus, the carol service by school children at 2.00pm followed by Mass.

ST PETER'S PARISH WEBSITE: I am happy to announce 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: WWW.STPETERSPAISLEY.CO.UK

The parish also has a Facebook. It is mentioned on the front page of the bulletin. The user ID is St Peter's Catholic Church Paisley

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

TEA & COFFEE: Tea, coffee available in the parish halls after the morning mass. All welcome.

Diocesan News

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.

LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ: Booking is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 28th June-3rd July 2025. Booking is currently via the Tangney Tours website, booking forms will be available soon. If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or a taking regular medication you should register with the medical/nursing team. If you wish to come to Lourdes as part of the medical/nursing or helper team, please attend the meeting on 7th January at 7pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock. If you would like to come to Lourdes as a registered sick pilgrim please come to the meeting on 26th January at 2pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise pilgrimage co-ordinator on 01475 638132

THE SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday the 9th December. In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall.

"Our Lady has always been present in the life of Jesus, from the manger to Calvary. So, she is always present in the life of the Church, from its beginning to its end. This faithfulness of hers gives us hope, this presence of hers is a guarantee of victory. It impels us to believe that his faithfulness is stronger than our infidelities, and in this faithfulness the Church can always find herself faithful to Jesus Christ. Inside the storms of modern times; in the midst of the icy winds of secularism, modernism, and relativism; under the threats of apostasy and idolatry, the Church remaining with Mary will triumph, will triumph because like Mary and with Mary, it is faithful to Christ to the end" (*The story behind the Immaculate Conception banner at every Vatican Angelus in Catholic News Agency*).