



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS
Bulletin
SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025: THE BAPTISM OF THE
LORD - FEAST
(Readings: Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-22)



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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

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died in particular: Carol Ball, Jim McLaughlin, Juliana Neilson, Thomas McCarthy and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Mary McLurg, Jacqueline Anderson, Ellen Ewing, Rena & Jack McGoldrick, Mary & John Fadian

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (5 Jan): Offertory: 491.20, B. Fund: £378.40, Justice & Peace £100.00, St Margaret's Adoption Society £355.15, Votives: £417.45 St Fergus: Offertory £189.00, Justice & Peace: £75.00, St Margaret's Adoption Society: £48.00

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. If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or a taking regular medication you should register with the medical/nursing team. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise pilgrimage co-ordinator on 01475 638132

JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025: On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. This marked the start of a Jubilee Year. It will be an ordinary holy year. In keeping with Church tradition, a holy year is celebrated every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their lives. Throughout the year, those who participate in a Holy Year pilgrimage will be granted a plenary indulgence; and those who are

unable to attend in person are invited to participate spiritually, 'offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.' The pope wants this jubilee year to be lived as a 'year of hope.'

The tradition dates to the 13th century. It was originally intended to be celebrated every one hundred years; in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years. Then in 1470 Pope Paul II reduced it to 25 years. There will be different events, celebrations and observances throughout the year. For more information and to download the calendar www.iubilaeum2025.va

Let us pray the Jubilee prayer at the end of mass (please see the prayer at the last part of your bulletin)

REGISTRATION AND SUGGESTIONS: (In St Peter's and St Fergus') – As I had mentioned earlier, it is a humble request to new members of the parish in particular or anyone who wishes, to enter your name and address in our new parish register which is placed in the main chapel as you enter (St Peter's). (In St Fergus it will be available soon). This is in view of contacting you if any need arises and to facilitate pastoral activities with you. It is done in accordance with GDPR rules. Or you can also contact me at any time to register your name. Also, we have placed a suggestion box at the same place and if anyone has suggestions for the betterment of the parish you are most welcome to do so. Thanks.

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

ST PETER'S PARISH WEBSITE: The latest Christmas programme is available on our website. Please go through it. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Website Id: WWW.STPETERSPAISLEY.CO.UK. The parish also has a Facebook. The user ID is St Peter's Catholic Church Paisley.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE PARISH: Every parish community is to be a community of missionary disciples. A missionary or a disciple focuses on Jesus. Jesus came to us to preach the Good News – to give people an understanding of the Kingdom of God and the eternal hope through Him. For this He began his ministry of teaching, proclaiming the good news, and healing. And He particularly delighted in doing this among the impoverished, the weak, the poor and the rejected in society. His words in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 compel us to “go out into all the world and make disciples,” as we are His witnesses.” He was on a mission, therefore, to seek and save the lost, making disciples and drawing a people to Himself for all eternity. He said, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life". Today, this message is typically presented as the story of God's amazing love, unmerited grace, and free offer of eternal life. Our purpose on earth is to love God, then show the same love he offers us to others so they can come to know him. God wants us to lead others to him through our love for them. Like Jesus who said search for the sheep and so focus on renewal, rebuilding trust, and inviting people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many times, you may be the only person in a loved one's life who can reach them when they are feeling lost or disconnected. Your encounters can mark the beginning of their return. We are in the Jubilee Year 2025, under the theme, ‘Pilgrims of Hope.’ This is our shared mission: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ's love, mercy, and resurrection to our families and friends that desperately needs it. Our current task is to carry that hope to those who feel distant from the Church. We know many of our baptized Catholics don't come to Church. That fact needs to make us

uncomfortable. Therefore, we as parish community reach out to others with hope that is helping out to someone who longs for Jesus' Good News. My request to you all: ‘could you, each family/member of the parish make some efforts to reach out to at least one person or one family to return to the Church/faith? We can then celebrate the Jubilee at the end of the year with hearts full of gratitude to God for having enabled us to be his missionaries.

FIRST FEMALE VATICAN PREFECT: Pope Francis on Jan 6 appointed the first ever female to lead a Vatican department. Sr. Simona Brambilla will serve as prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Vatican office that works with religious orders and their members.

PILGRIMS TO THE VATICAN: According to Vatican more than half a million pilgrims crossed the threshold of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the first two weeks after Pope Francis opened it. From Dec. 24, when the pope inaugurated the Holy Year, to Jan. 7, the Vatican said, 545,532 people from around the world have made the journey along the lengthy avenue leading to St. Peter's Square and crossed through the basilica's Holy Door. The Vatican said that the “great desire to participate in the Jubilee was also visible in the thousands of people who filled the four papal basilicas on the days celebrating the opening of the Holy Doors. The first major event of the Holy Year is the Jubilee of the World of Communications Jan. 24-26, which will bring to Rome thousands of journalists, experts and communications workers from all over the world, the Vatican said.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed be glory and praise for ever. Amen.