



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEAST

(Readings: Mal 3: 1-4, Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40) p. 299



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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 10.00am; St Fergus - Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am

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 in particular: Joe Fitzhenry, Robert Stewart and Ho Thi Thaih, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Cathie Adam, Michael McNamara, and Nguyen Quoc Anh

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (26 Jan): Offertory: 420.40, B. Fund: £286.85, Hall let: £150.00, Justice & Peace (extra): £60.00, Sick & Rtd Clergy (extra) £: 54.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £167.00, Votives: 253.26

FAMILY MASS AND SCHOOL MASS: Today we celebrate the Family Mass for children of St Peter's Primary School (10am), especially for P4 & P7 as part of their sacramental preparation. The school will be in the Parish church for mass on Friday 7th at 10.am.

MASS IN ST FERGUS: On Monday 3rd, mass for the St Fergus parish community and school is in the school at 9.30am. NO MASS IN ST FERGUS ON FRIDAY 7TH.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ST FERGUS: As received from the Finance office.

In the bank: £3563.00

Parish loan from the Diocese: £209,072.00

Those of you wishing to set up standing order please complete a standing order form and gift aid declaration, if applicable and return them to me.

Through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p from every £1 paid of taxpayer donations. These forms can be obtained from the parish website. Alternatively, you can set up regular faster payment to the parish via your online banking system using the bank details below:

St Fergus Parish:

Sort Code: 83-46-00

Account Number: 00618771

St Peter's Parish

Sort Code 80-22-60

Account No: 16382568

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR: Your humble donations are welcome towards the cost of Church repairs starting in the first week of March. The collection box is placed inside the church as you enter and at side door. The recent notification from the Diocese says that it is mandatory every flat roof is inspected at least every 3 years and gutters cleared bi-annually. Records of all roof and gutter inspections and repairs should be retained and made available to insurers if requested in the event of a claim. Claims for any property damage caused by the poor condition of a roof or by blocked gutters will be declined. So, once this work has been completed we will ask the same company to inspect and do the necessary repairs of various parts of flat roofs that need immediate attention. I would also like to bring to your attention that at some places on the roofs of the church and chapel house the roofing felts have been blown away by the recent storm causing water leakage.

DAFFODIL TEA: As part of activities for the Jubilee Year, St Peter's children's liturgy would like to invite all elders in the parish to a Daffodil tea on Sunday 16th March from 1.00pm-3.00pm in St Peter's church hall. The children will organise and host this event and provide entertainment. Further details will be given nearer the time. Please put this date in your diary and come and join us. We are sure you will have a lovely afternoon.

REGISTRATION: If you are a new parishioner, please enter your name and address in our new parish register which is placed in the main chapel as you enter. This is in view of contacting you if any need arises and to facilitate pastoral activities with you.

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

LITTLE SISTERS GREENOCK OPEN DAY, SATURDAY 1 MARCH: Families are invited to come and see the Little Sisters Home for the Elderly in Greenock or arrange private visits and tours. The Home receives applications either for an independent living apartment or for a room in the Care Home and can facilitate entry without much delay for those whose needs can no longer be met in family homes. This Catholic environment has a resident Chaplain to provide daily Mass and the Sacraments alongside highly trained nursing and care staff, associates and volunteers to meet the spiritual, physical and social needs of each resident in a family environment (more information see the notice board).

SPRED SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION – 9TH FEBRUARY 2025: Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities: a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a parish community. Twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our church halls and special needs schools, allowing two hundred parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love. Paisley SPRED now employs two staff members, following a retirement in 2024. *In SPRED "I feel that I belong and everyone is my friend"*. In 2024 (draft) total income for SPRED was £54,610 with £25,298 of this raised from the Special Collection. This was after a large fundraising appeal by friends of SPRED, which increased collection income to £25,298 (up £7,686 on the 2023 figure). In 2024 total expenditure for SPRED was £75,425 resulting in a deficit of £20,815 which was funded from general reserves. In 2024 collection income funded 34% of the total costs. We are very grateful for your ongoing generous support of this work. You can also donate to SPRED using our new Charities Trust online giving page.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 – Perth: Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact:

Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griegtograceskine.org

ALPHA & YOUTH ALPHA: Alpha is a series of group conversations that take place in a warm and friendly environment, where everyone's welcome to freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. The Alpha course begins on Wednesday 5th of February at 6.30 pm. A Youth Alpha will start on Sunday, 9th February, at 2:30 p.m. Come and join us for Pizza and a friendly discussion. Both Alphas will take place in St. Bernadette's Church Hall. Park Drive, Erskine. Don't forget to secure your spot by registering for these events at www.catholicerskine.website. We look forward to welcoming you. If anybody is interested in this programme you can either register at the above website or give your name to Fr Thomas.

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE – 7th February 2025 – St Joseph Clarkston: Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass of the season will be offered in St Joseph's, Clarkston, on Friday the 7th of February at 7 pm; Adoration & Confession from 6 pm.

LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ: Booking is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 28th June-3rd July 2025. It is currently via the Tangney Tours website. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise pilgrimage co-ordinator on 01475 638132

Change from PAYA Charity to Charities Trust for Online Giving: At the start of the Covid pandemic, the Diocese of Paisley set up online giving with PAYA Charity to allow Parishioners to donate to their Parishes while unable to attend Mass in person. Since PAYA Charity no longer provide the same level of service, we have moved to Charities Trust. You can find the new links at <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/online-giving>

The most efficient way to donate on a regular basis to your Parish is by using standing orders, which can be set up using a form or using online banking. The Charities Trust however is a useful additional way of giving to your Parish, and allows visitors to Parishes to make one-off donations. Note that the existing QR codes and weblinks to PAYA Charity still work (although we do not have the weblink on the Diocesan website). We will keep these accounts open for now, with a view to closing them in the near future. We will be contacting donors by email to inform them of the change and to explain how to cancel any recurring donations they may have set up with PAYA Charity.