



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE  
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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: Fr Douglas McMillan, Hugh Connolly and Joe Kerr, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time...

FR DOUGLAS MCMILLAN RIP: Fr Douglas who has been retired from active ministry was called to the Lord suddenly last Thursday at St Joseph's in Greenock. Funeral details will follow later when arrangements are in place. RIP

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (26 Jan): Offertory: 493.90, B. Fund: £347.50. St Fergus: Offertory: £189.00, B. Fund £90.00, Donation £221.00

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 Fr Thomas. 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 the insurance company won't pay any compensation for any property damage caused by the poor condition of a roof or by blocked gutters. The parish also needs to look into other repairs immediately.

ST FERGUS' GOLDEN STAR: Each month St Fergus will run a sheet to become the golden star and raise money for parish funds. Each number will cost £2 to purchase, at the end of the month, half the funds will go to the winning number which will be selected at random and half will go to parish funds.

MASS IN ST FERGUS: The school joins the community for mass in the following days: P6 on Monday and P5 on Wednesday.

QUIZ NIGHT: As you have been informed a few months ago, the Quiz Night will start at St Peter's on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are underway and more details will follow in the coming two Sundays. It is a social gathering to find sometime to enjoy and relax amidst worries and cares of this life. Please come in families and groups to enjoy and support one another.

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (Both parishes). 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. For more information see the notice board.

SPRED SPECIAL COLLECTION – 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025: Today's special collection is for the SPRED which offers help for people with learning disabilities and accompanies them on their faith journey, in our diocese. Twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our church halls and special needs schools. In 2024 there was a deficit of £20,815 which was funded from general reserves. If you wish, you may also donate to SPRED using our new Charities Trust online giving page.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> 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@griefftoGraceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griefftoGraceuk.org)

ALPHA & YOUTH ALPHA: Alpha is a wonderful programme for adults and young people who want to know more about their Christian faith. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. For the adults the course began last Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and for the youth it will begin on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Both Alphas will take place in St. Bernadette's Church Hall, Park Drive, Erskine. It is a ten-week programme. If you are interested you can either register at [www.catholicerskine.website](http://www.catholicerskine.website) or contact Fr Thomas.

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.

WORLD DAY FOR MARRIAGE: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 marks the World Day for Marriage when we are asked to pray particularly for all married couples that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from diocesan marriage counsellors [Marriage Counselling | Marriage and Family Life](#) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Lenten Retreat Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 1.45pm-5pm. The theme is The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Retreat takes place in St James's church and halls on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: [www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25](http://www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25). Email Fr Ryan for more info: [VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk).

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – 2025: Safeguarding Induction training has been organised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed Part 1 training more than one year ago, you are invited to sign up for the training sessions. Next training is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley.

PROMOTION OF HUMAN DIGNITY: Even today, in the face of so many violations of human dignity that seriously threaten the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every human person, regardless of their physical, mental, cultural, social, and religious characteristics. Pope Francis' says: "I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us." Please write to your MSPs and MPs and ask them not to allow assisted suicide on the NHS in Scotland: <https://writetothem.com>