



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025: 6th SUNDAY OF THE
YEAR - C

(Readings: Jer 17: 5-8, 1 Cor15: 12-20, Lk 6: 17, 20-26) p. 139



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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, Jenny Kennedy, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Philip Duffy...

FR DOUGLAS MCMILLAN RIP: The funeral will take place in St Joseph's Church, Clarkston. Reception of the remains, Thursday 20th Feb at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass, Friday 21st at 12noon. Thereafter to St Conval's Cemetery, Barrhead, arriving circa 1.15pm.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (09 Feb): Offertory: £346.85, B. Fund: £323.90, SPRED £110.00, Donation for Church Repair £448.65, Hall £100.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £262.00, SPRED £46.00

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.

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR: We reach out to you for your humble donation towards the cost of Church repairs starting in the first week of March. So far you raised £448.65. Thanks to you all for your generous giving. The collection box is placed inside the church as you enter and at side door.

QUIZ NIGHT: The much-awaited Quiz Night will start at St Peter's on Friday 28th. Please collect a flyer at the end of the mass for more information.

It is a social gathering to find some time to enjoy and relax amidst worries and cares of this life. Please come in families and groups to enjoy and support one another. All are welcome.,

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.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: There will be a White Flower appeal in St Peter's Parish during weekend (22nd and 23rd Feb). They would appreciate a retiring collection from us.

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).

P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Lenten Retreat Day on Sunday 9th 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. Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS TO LOURDES: The Diocese of Paisley is going to Lourdes this summer from 27th June- 3rd July. Fr. Joe McGill is leading a group of young adults (18-35) as a part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining the group, please email joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk by 1st March.

SSVP SCOTLAND VACANCIES: Society of St Vincent De Paul Scotland are recruiting for two new posts based in the National Office in Glasgow: National Youth Co-ordinator, and Finance and Administration Manager.

More details are available on the website www.ssvpscotland.com and on the SSVP Scotland Facebook page

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 25th February at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley.

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults series of 'Ascend the Mountain - 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues' talks continue with 'Sloth vs Zeal' by Fr Matthew Carlin on Wednesday 26th February at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices. All young Catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk

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@griegtogracescotland.org

APOSTLES OF THE SLAVS: BROTHER SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS: On 14 February, the Church celebrates the feast of these brother saints, who are called the “Apostles of the Slavs” for their

tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century. Such was their influence in Church history, through their evangelization efforts, that the late Pope John Paul II named the two brothers the patron saints of Europe along with fifth-century monastic leader St. Benedict.

They were born into a prestigious family in Thessalonica, in 827 and 826 respectively, they renounced their wealth and status, choosing to become priests instead. Both were living in a monastery on the Bosphorus — an internationally significant waterway now more commonly known as the Istanbul strait and a continental boundary between Asia and Europe — when the authorities from the Khazar Empire sent to Constantinople for a Christian missionary. Cyril was chosen and was accompanied by his brother. Both learned the Khazar language and converted many of the people. Soon after the Khazar mission, there was a request from officials in Moravia — a region in the present-day Czech Republic — for missionaries who could preach and celebrate liturgical services in the local dialect.

In order to fulfil this mission, Cyril and Methodius took the step of adapting the Greek alphabet into a script for the Slavonic language. The result was the “Cyrillic” alphabet, which was first used to translate the Bible and liturgical books. It also became the primary means of written communication for large portions of the world, including modern-day Russia.

Cyril and Methodius were commended by the pope for their missionary activity and ordained bishops. Yet Cyril would not return to Moravia and died in Rome in 869. Methodius’ use of the Slavic languages in worship and his translations of the Bible, despite controversy from some quarters of the Church, especially the German Church, continue to inspire and attract people to Jesus.

Eventually, with the assistance of several Greek priests, he translated the whole Bible into the language that is known today as Church Slavonic. Sts. Cyril and Methodius’ missionary work among the Slavs laid the essential foundation for the later Christianization of Ukraine and Russia in 988, when the Russian Prince Vladimir accepted baptism (*extract from CNA*).