



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025: 7th SUNDAY OF THE
YEAR - C

(Readings: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9, 1 Cor15: 45-49, Lk 6: 27-38) p. 141



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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: Martin Flaherty, Mary Nolan, and Michael Lowry and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alexander Mullen, Winifred Barclay, and James Mullen,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (16 Feb): Offertory: £502.50, B. Fund: £378.05, Retired Priests: 77.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £311.00.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: Speakers from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will make the annual White Flower appeal in St Peter's Parish this weekend. The retiring collection will be for their work.

FUNERAL: In St Peter's, a requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Robert McNally at 10.00am on Tuesday 25 Feb. His remains will be received into the Church immediately before mass. *Requiescat in pace.*

ASH WEDNESDAY: The Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 5 March is as follows. In St Fergus, the parish community joins the School for the mass at 9.30am. In St Peter's, the school joins the parish community at 11.00am in the Church.

QUIZ NIGHT: The much-awaited Quiz Night will start in St Peter's on Friday 28th. Please collect a flyer at the end of the mass for more information. Please come in families and groups to enjoy and support one another. All are welcome.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME' FOR PRIMARY 4:
As in 2024, the Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary

School will have the sacramental preparation called 'Do this in Memory of Me' on Sunday 16th March, Sunday 23rd March and Sunday 30th March during 10am mass.

ST FERGUS PRIMARY SCHOOL: In St Fergus, the sacramental preparation has been arranged during week days. As such, the Primary 4 of St Fergus will have the first sacramental preparation 'Do this in Memory of me' on Wednesday 5th March in the afternoon. However, from next academic year, the sacramental preparation of Primary 4 and Primary 7 will be only on Sundays in the Church.

Primary 1 & 2 for mass in the church on 24th Feb, Primary 6 on 26th, and Primary 7 on 28th.

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. The new ID of St Fergus Facebook is St Fergus Catholic Church.

ST FERGUS SVDP: The SVDP of St Fergus requests that if anyone wishes to contribute foodstuffs (no alcohol) for distribution to the needy, please leave them at the foyer of the Church.

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR: You are welcome to donate towards the cost of Church repair.

100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S: The parish council is hoping to introduce a 100 club, in order to raise funds for ongoing work in the church and chapel house. The cost would be £5 monthly and this amount would be payable on the last Sunday of the month. Each month £250 will go to the parish and £250 to the winner.

Friends and family members would be welcome to join as happened with Lucky Stars. More details will be given in the next few weeks. We hope to start in the last week of March.

DAFFODIL TEA: 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.

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.

BIG BREW 2025 SUNDAY 9TH MARCH.

The Big Brew is organizing a fair in St Peter's parish hall on Sunday 9th March after the morning mass to support the Fairtrade. All are welcome to enjoy a Fairtrade tea and coffee. You can browse their stall. It is a nation-wide campaign this March to create a more just system of trading. For more information - [Big Brew — Transform Trade and from https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk](https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk)

LENT RETREAT GROUP: You are welcome to join a weekly group on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3pm-4pm beginning on 11th March on Fruits of the Spirit. The materials used for the said retreat are from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre (and booklets will be available). Further details contact maureenbrough@aol.com

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: There will be a Divine Mercy Mass and Adoration on Wednesday 26 February at 7 p.m. at St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN which will be celebrated by Monsignor Joe Burke.

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.

FAITH AND THE FUTURE: HOW CHRISTIANITY CAN SAVE THE WEST: Bishop Robert Barron during the recent Alliance for Responsible Citizenship conference in London calls for a renewed sense of the sacred. In his address he stressed that that “there can be no real economic and political development without some reference to the *summum bonum*, to the highest good. You can't tell the story of Western civilization without reference to God.”

Acknowledging God, he continued, provides a crucial sense of judgment and prevents the deification of political leaders or arrangements. Belief in God also inspires greater achievements in justice, beauty, science and truth, and a “holy longing” acts as a motivator, pushing humanity toward continuous improvement. “A very keen and lively sense of God spurs you on, upward, upward,” said Bishop Barron.

The human soul, he said, has a natural inclination towards the infinite, with the mind seeking truth, the will seeking good, and the soul desiring beauty in their unconditioned forms — in other words, God. But frustration of this innate desire leads to cultural and societal stagnation. Bishop Barron recalled Pope St. John Paul II's visit to Soviet-ruled Poland in 1979 when the people began to chant, “We want God! We want God!” Bishop Barron said he sees the same yearning today, “especially in young people in the West” because “they're sensing that's the key — not only to their personal flourishing, but to the flourishing of our society.”

Speaking to the Register, Bishop Barron said he believed the priority for Western civilization ought to be to “recover the moral sense, the sense of the transcendent, to sort of reenchant our society, this flattened-out secularism, this scientific rationalism. “All of that,” he said, “has been deadly.”

“We have a generation that's been, I think, suffocating from this sort of secularism,” he continued, adding that is why it is important to revive “a reenchanted universe, a sense of God, of the sacred, of the divine,” which he believes “does lead to a healthier and more just society” (*excerpt National Catholic Register*).

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – 2025:

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.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of
Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 – Perth. If you are
interested in this confidential healing retreat, please
contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at
margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org