



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 02 MARCH 2025: 8th SUNDAY OF THE
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(Readings: Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Cor15: 54-58, Lk 6: 39-45) p. 144



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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: Kevin Donnelly, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alexander Muggins, and Jimmy McGrath.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (23 Feb): Offertory: £435.45, B. Fund: £308.70. St Fergus: Offertory: £204.00

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: Thanks to St Peter's for the donation of £389.45

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. You can also know the Ash Wednesday mass and service times throughout the diocese on the diocesan website at <https://rcdop.org.uk/ash>. It's a day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE.

No mass on Monday 3rd March in St Fergus

WORKS OF MERCY: Three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The Church emphasizes the practice of spiritual and corporal works of mercy throughout the year, but particularly during the season of Lent, as these acts of charity are seen as a way to live out Christian compassion and are strongly connected to the teachings of Jesus. There are seven Spiritual Works of Mercy and seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

Spiritual Works of Mercy address emotional and spiritual needs. They are:

Instruct the ignorant: Teach those who lack knowledge.

Counsel the doubtful: Offer guidance to the uncertain.

Admonish the sinner: Encourage repentance gently.

Bear wrongs patiently: Endure wrongs without retaliation.

Forgive willingly: Let go of grudges.

Comfort the afflicted: Support those who are suffering.

Pray for the living and the dead: Intercede through prayer.

Corporal Works of Mercy address physical needs: They are

Feed the hungry: Provide food to those in need.

Give drink to the thirsty: Offer water to those in need.

Clothe the naked: Donate clothes.

Shelter the homeless: Offer a place to stay.

Visit the imprisoned: Spend time with those in prison.

Care for the sick: Attend to those who are ill.

Bury the dead: Ensure the deceased are laid to rest.

BIBLE READING: From Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil, Fr Thomas will read Bible every day at 7pm that will be available on parish Facebook (St Peter's Catholic Church Paisley and St Fergus Catholic Church). The duration will be for about 15 to 20 minutes. It is one of the preparations for the great

Jubilee of the universal Church. You are most welcome to join him in reading Bible. Let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God.

'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. On 16th March we will also celebrate the Family Mass. The first confession of P4 of St Peter's School is on Wednesday 26th.

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.

DAFFODIL TEA: St Peter's children's liturgy would like to invite all elders in St Peter's and St Fergus parishes 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.

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: 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. 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).

LENT CLUSTER MASSES: As in last year, Paisley cluster parishes will have one evening mass throughout the Lent. The days are as follows. On Mondays in St Mary's, on Tuesdays in St Peter's, on Wednesdays in St Mirin's Cathedral and on Thursdays in St Charles. While in St Peter's Adoration and Confession will begin at 6pm followed by mass at 6.30 pm, in other parishes adoration and confession will be at 6.30pm followed by mass at 7pm.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE ABUSED: The day suggested for the Prayer for those who have suffered abuse is Friday after Ash Wednesday. In St Petr's this event will be observed on Thursday 6th March during 10am mass and in St Fergus on Friday 7th during 9.30am mass. After the mass, the community will pray the stations of the cross.

'JOIN PAISLEY'S PRO-LIFE GROUP: Recently SPUC Pro-Life Group started a SPUC chapter for Paisley to promote the value of life from conception to natural death through talks, prayer, and grass root initiatives. The first meeting of the group will be held Sunday, March 2nd at 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral hall. To get involved, please contact Grace Deighan on 07711266486. "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." – Pope Benedict XVI'

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE - 7th March 2025 - St John's, Barrhead: 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 John's, Barrhead, on Friday the 7th of March at 7 pm; Adoration & Confession from 6 pm.

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

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