



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - C

(Readings: Gen 15:5-18 Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 9:28-36. p. 156)



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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 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 John Devine... For all who have recently died in particular Jim Baillie, Nannag Gillies, Peter Ramsay and Jim Welsh and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Harry McMulkin, Catherine Lavelle, Bridget Lavelle, and John McGinley.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (09 March): Offertory: £486.60, B. Fund: £281.35, Stall £427.40. St Fergus: Offertory: £347.00, Donation and Lucky Star £104.00.

'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. Today we also celebrate the Family Mass for P4 & P7. The first confession of P4 of St Peter's School is on Wednesday 26th, and St Fergus on Thursday 27th. Primary 4 of St Fergus will have the second programme of 'Do this in Memory of Me' on Wednesday 19th March in St Fergus Church at 1.45pm. From next year the same programme will be held on Sundays only.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: Could some of you please volunteer to clean St Peter's Church once a week (at your convenience) for 30 minutes to one hour? If you are willing please inform Fr Thomas.

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. No tea or coffee in the hall today after the 10am mass as the hall needs to be prepared for the Daffodil Tea.

CONGRATULATIONS: St Peter's Parish community congratulates Liam Moohan for winning the Scottish

Golden Gloves 2025 Boxing Championship (youth category) held recently. We will felicitate him after the morning mass.

MINI VINNIES: A Mini Vinnies group has been established in St Peter's Primary School and are hoping to work alongside the SSVP (Society for St Vincent De Paul). The Lenten Task in the school is to collect food items and Easter Eggs to be donated to the local food bank.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN ST FERGUS: To encourage children going to Church and to help them growing in their faith, the parish will begin the children's liturgy from Sunday 16th March. Parents are encouraged to come with them for the 11.30am mass.

WAY OF THE CROSS: During Lent, St Peter's will have the Way of the Cross on every Thursday after the morning mass and St Fergus on every Friday after the morning mass.

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR - will begin this week. You are welcome to donate towards the cost of Church repair.

100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S: The parish is going 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. If we collect 100 names, the prize will be £250 for the winner and £250 for the Church. And if we don't

have enough numbers, then the prize will be half of what we have collected. Anyone joining this scheme would be registering for one calendar year. The first number chosen will be the same number for each month. The draw will be made on the first Sunday of every month. The winning number will be drawn each month by any person asked by Fr Thomas at the end of the vigil mass. The winners will be published on the website and parish bulletin. Friends and family members would be welcome to join as happened with Lucky Stars. We hope to start in the last week of March.

BIBLE READING: As part of preparation for the celebration of the great Jubilee of the Universal Church and the celebration of the upcoming Feast of the Easter, you are most welcome to join Fr Thomas in reading Bible (online) every day at 7pm. This programme is available on parish Facebook (St Peter's Catholic Church Paisley, St Fergus Catholic Church). He started this on Ash Wednesday. It is for 40 days until Palm Sunday. The duration is for about 15 to 20 minutes. Let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God during this year.

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES—GIFT AID:

As the new tax year starts on 6th April, the new Collection Envelopes will be available from 23rd March. Those who Gift Aid their donation will find their box of envelopes in the Sacristy. Your name is on the box. Please note that your envelope number may be different to your present one as the gift Aid Register sent out by the Diocese is in alphabetical order and envelopes are numbered against the names in numerical order. As people come out of the scheme or are added to the scheme, the order changes. So please don't worry if your number is different. Your name will be against your box number in the Register. Please do not use envelopes from any previous years and please only use your own numbered envelope so that we are putting in a correct claim to the Tax Office.

For those not in the Gift Aid Scheme who would like to have a box of envelopes, these are available at the back of the Church. Please take a box on your way out today.

GIFT AID: If you are a tax payer and not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider boosting your donation to the Parish by 25p for every £1 you give, by joining the Gift Aid Scheme. You will only require to sign a Form once. It is not an annual requirement. The Parish can reclaim 25p tax from the Government for every £1 you donate and this makes a difference of thousands of pounds to the Parish every year. It costs you nothing—you pay the tax anyway, we just claim it back! You must be a current UK tax payer to be included in this scheme and must complete a Declaration Form. If you stop paying tax for any reason, please advise the Parish Priest so that

we do not claim money from the Tax Office in error. You can also arrange to pay your donation by Standing Order if you wish. Gift Aid forms and Standing Order forms are available in the Sacristy.

If you are a tax payer and already pay by Standing Order, but are not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider joining today and collect a Gift Aid Form from the Sacristy. **THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.**

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 (due to Bible reading at 7pm), in other parishes adoration and confession will be at 6.30pm followed by mass at 7pm. On Tuesdays St Peter's will not have the morning mass as there is mass in the evening. (Mass will be in the chapel house).

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).

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE: Repairs on St Peter's chapel house roof, damaged by the recent storm costs £1860. Also, replacement of outdoor lights around the Church (car park side and behind the Church), cleaning of gutters and windows etc costs another £1800.00

ADDITIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS): The St. Andrews Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education is delighted to offer the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCS for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary school. The course begins in August 2025. For all details including teaching dates and costs - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/atqreforcatholicschools/>. The Diocese of Paisley support ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for any applicants who live in the diocese and attend bishop John's support sessions. For details - <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/atqre>

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – MARCH 2025: We aim to ensure a climate of listening and respect. Next training is on Saturday 29th March at 10.30am in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock.

BIG BREW and STALL: Many thanks to all who joined us last Sunday. Your generous support raised £166.06. Our volunteers commented on how much they enjoyed being with you at St Peter's. Thank you.