



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - C

(Readings: Ex 3:1-15, 1 Cor 10:1-12, Lk 13:1-9. 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 Peter McNamee, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret Burke.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (16 March): Offertory: £471.20, B. Fund: £285.75, Church repairs £119.00, Votives £266.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £252.70

'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME' FOR PRIMARY 4: The second sacramental preparation for Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary School is today, Sunday 23 March during 10am mass. The third preparation day is on Sunday 30.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Primary 4 of St Peter's School will have their First Confession on Wednesday 26 at 6pm in the Church and St Fergus on Thursday 27 at 2pm in the Church.

CLEANERS FOR 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: Thank you to all those who attended the Daffodil tea. A special thank you goes to the children's liturgy team and all those who helped on the day. Our first task on our Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope was a great success.

VISIT TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT: The liturgy children, their families and parishioners are planning to go for a pilgrimage to Schoenstatt in Campsie Glen, about 40 minutes' drive from here on Sunday 8th June. There is a list at the back of the Church regarding this. Please put your name on the

list if you wish to join; please include names of liturgy children as we have been asked to give an approximate number as soon as possible to the centre. **MINI VINNIES:** Mini Vinnies have put a box at the back of the Church for food items and Easter Eggs for 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN ST FERGUS: To encourage children going to Church and to help them growing in their faith, the parish started 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: The Church repair works began last Tuesday. You are welcome to donate towards the cost of Church repair.

100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S: As informed you earlier St Peter's is going to initiate a 100 club, in order to raise funds for ongoing work in the church. On 30th March those who wish to be included in the 200 club will be asked to pick a number and pay the first monthly payment of £5.00. The amount would be payable on the last Sunday of the month. 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 at the end of the Vigil Mass by any person asked by Fr Thomas. The winner will be published on the website and parish bulletin. The first draw will be on 5th April at the Vigil Mass. 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. Friends and family members would be welcome to join as happened with Lucky Stars. Good luck to everyone.

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 until Palm Sunday. This programme is available on parish Facebook (St Peter's Catholic Church Paisley, St Fergus Catholic Church).

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES—GIFT AID:

As the new tax year starts on 6th April, the new Collection Envelopes is available from today. 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: Paisley cluster parishes 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 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/atqreforcatholicsschools/>. 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.

MAILING LIST: The diocesan Youth Office seeks to provide opportunities for children and young people from the ages of 5-35 to foster faith and develop friendships. Parents/guardians and young people can complete an online form to sign up to a mailing list and stay informed about events for young people in the Diocese of Paisley. Access the form here: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-mailing.