



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - C  
SCIAF SUNDAY. (Readings: Joshua 5:9-12, 2Cor 5:17-21, Lk  
15:1-3, 11-32. p. 168)



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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 Patrick Ada Omgba and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret Laird.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** St Peter's (23 March): Offertory: £469.20, B. Fund: £347.80. St Fergus: Offertory: £277.00

**'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME' FOR PRIMARY 4:** The third and final session of sacramental preparation for Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary School is today, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March during 10am mass. In Fergus on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.45pm in the Church.

**FUNERAL MASS:** A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of Peter McNamee on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am in St Peter's. His remains will be received into the Church immediately before mass. *Requiescat in pace.*

The Lenten evening mass in St Peter's will be there as usual as informed (6pm adoration and confession, 6.30pm mass in the Chapel house).

**SCIAF SUNDAY:** Today is SCIAF Sunday, (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund), the official aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It was established in 1965 and this year is its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year's WEE BOX Lenten Appeal is to help the country of Colombia. There is a special collection today.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** The First Friday Mass in St Peter's school will be celebrated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in the school hall.

**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.

**VISIT TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT:** Parish is organising a pilgrimage to Schoenstatt in Campsie Glen, about 40 minutes' drive from here on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. There is a list at the back of the Church regarding this. Please put your name including names of children on the list if you wish to join as we have been asked to give an approximate number as soon as possible to the centre. Parents and children of children's liturgy are encouraged to join this pilgrimage.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S:** The 100 Club in St Peter's is aimed at raising funds for ongoing work in the church. Today, (on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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. 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.***

**LENTEN EVENING MASSES:** Paisley cluster parishes have one evening mass throughout the Lent. 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 at 7pm. This will be preceded by adoration and confession at 6.30pm. While in St Peter's mass will be at 6.30pm, preceded by Adoration and Confession at 6pm (due to Bible reading 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).

**FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE - 4th April 2025 - St Charles, Paisley:** 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 Charles', Paisley, on Friday the 4th of April at 7pm; Adoration & Confession from 6pm.

**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).

**Tea & Coffee** - available in the parish hall after the morning mass. All are most welcome.

**STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASS:** To boost confidence and mobility, there will be Strength and Balance Class in St Peter's Church hall every Wednesday from 1.15pm to 2.00pm. Most welcome to join this fitness class. Also a time to socialise over a cup of tea. £2.00 per class. For more details please contact Jacqueline on 07591970069.

**Safeguarding Thought for the Month – March 2025:** We aim to ensure a climate of listening and respect. **All-Day Confessions for Lent 2025.** On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am - 7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral.

