



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - C

(Readings: Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13) p. 153



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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 John Devine... For all who have recently died in particular..., and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Thomas McGrath, John Nolan, Catherine & Carol Gordon, six months' mind of Khalil Jawad

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (02 March): Offertory: £456.00, B. Fund: £318.95, Church Repair £244.50. St Fergus: Offertory: £262.00, B. Fund £126.20.

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](https://www.facebook.com/StPeterCatholicChurchPaisley), [St Fergus Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StFergusCatholicChurch)). He has started this from 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.

'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 for P4 & P7. The first confession of P4 of St Peter's School is on Wednesday 26th, and St Fergus on Thursday 27th.

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 PETER'S CHURCH HALL: No tea or coffee in the hall on Sunday 16th after the mass as the hall needs to be prepared for the Daffodil Tea in the afternoon.

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](https://www.facebook.com/StFergusCatholicChurch) is St Fergus Catholic Church.

The winner of the Golden Star is Anthony McGettloan, No 32. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone for your support.

GIFT AID SMALL DONATIONS SCHEME CLAIM: I am happy to inform you that both parishes have received £2000.00 each as claims for the 2024-25 Tax Year.

NEW FIRE EXTINGUISHER CYLINDERS: Most of the fire extinguisher cylinders in St Peter's

have been replaced with new ones in keeping with health and safety regulations. It costs £816.00

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.

Thanks to St Philip Neri and St Rita of Cascia for intentions/petitions granted.

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR: 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, 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.

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. However, on Wednesday 12th, there is no evening mass in St Mirin's. On Tuesdays St Peter's will not have the morning mass as there is mass in the evening.

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.

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).

Big Brew 2025 Sunday 9th March is organizing a fair in St Peter's parish hall today after the morning mass to support the Fairtrade. All are welcome to enjoy a Fairtrade tea and coffee. You can browse their stall.

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

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.

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.

Safeguarding Thought for the Month – March 2025: We aim to ensure a climate of listening and respect.

Catholic Families for Life Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Centenary of St. Patrick's, Greenock: St. Patrick's will celebrate its centenary with a Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 16th March at 6.00pm. Bishop John will preside at this Mass which will be followed by an informal buffet. All are welcome to join in this celebration of Mass, and a special invitation is extended to those who originally came from the parish or who have been associated with it.