



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 13 APRIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - C

(Readings: Lk 19: 28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22: 14-23:56. p. 184/190)



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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

HOLY WEEK:

The Holy season of Lent is a journey of renewal and hope that ends with its final destination being Holy Week, leading to Easter. This season is specially marked by prayer, reflection, fasting, penance, charity etc. by Christians around the world. Within this season we have a special week that is called the Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday has the 'passion narratives' relating to the suffering, (*passio* in Latin), death and burial of Jesus Christ. Each day of Holy Week holds significant religious meaning and commemorates the final days of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection. The institution of the Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, the sacrificial death of Jesus on Good Friday and triumphant resurrection on Easter Sunday are the other three most important days within the Holy Week. Through the events of above-mentioned days, we remember the central tenets of our faith: Jesus' sacrificial love, the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of eternal life. So, it is a time to reflect deeply on the core tenets of our faith. By Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, God has brought redemption to humanity by bridging the gap between man and God. In the words of St Paul, 'God shows his love for us ... more than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation (Rom 5: 8, 11). Easter Sunday, the pinnacle of Holy Week, celebrates the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This period, therefore, for Christians, is the most sacred time not actually meant for holidays but observing it as holydays.

Sunday 13: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Wednesday 16: Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, at 7.00pm

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) 17:
In St Mary's at 7.00pm (for all cluster parishes)

Good Friday 18: Solemn celebration of the Passion of the Lord - In St Fergus at 1.00pm, in St Peter's at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 19: Easter Vigil in St Peter's. St Fergus community joins St Peter's at 7.00pm

Sunday 20: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – mass as on Sundays

Monday 28: No mass

Saturday 26: First Communion in St Fergus – 10am & 11.30am

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died in particular Gordon Brown and John Devine and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joan Corr, Joseph Traynor, Mary Janota, Sarah Walker, Ellen & Patrick McGrath and three-months' mind of Daniel McIntyre.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (06 April): Offertory: £559.85, B. Fund: £440.85 (including 100 club prize money), Church repairs £230.00, Teas: £81.20. St Fergus: Offertory: £329.00, B. Fund: £70.00, Lucky Star £50.00

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.

JUBILEE TRIP TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT
Parish is organising a pilgrimage to Schoenstatt in Campsie Glen, about 40 minutes' drive from

here on Sunday 8th June. Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you wish to join so that we can book a coach. No charge for this as parish is paying for coach as part of our Jubilee celebrations. We need the list to give to the centre.

MINI VINNIES FOOD AND EASTER EGG APPEAL: This week is the last week for donations. Boxes have been placed at the back of the Church. Thank you to those who have already donated. Next event: May Day coffee morning in the Church hall. Details to follow.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: On Good Friday there will be a separate Stations of the Cross (and veneration of the Cross) for children in St Peter's parish hall at 3pm while for others it will be in the Church at the same time.

100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S: The winner of 100 club in April is Irene Roseline who received £225.00. Congratulations; and parish £225.00. Please ensure £5 is paid at the end of each month to enable the draw to be made the next weekend. Good luck to everyone.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop John invites the people of the Diocese to the celebration of the Chrism Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 16th April at 7pm. At the Chrism Mass the Sacred Oils are blessed which are used in the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and the Anointing of the Sick.

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 McGrath on 07591970069.

LENTEN EVENING MASSES: In St Peter's on Tuesday 7th at 6.00pm (Adoration at 6pm, Mass at 6.30pm)

ASSISTED SUICIDE POSTCARDS: Bishop John requests all of you to please take away a postcard from the disability campaign group called *Not Dead Yet UK* and ask your MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the Westminster parliamentary vote at Third Reading, likely on 16 May. The Second Reading vote passed by a narrower margin than expected due to churches mobilising against the Bill. Now only 28 MPs need to change their vote at Third Reading to defeat the Bill, and your continued opposition will make a crucial difference.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2025 – DIOCESE OF PAISLEY: We invite engaged couples due to be Married in 2025 to register for one of our courses running this year. The next course starts in April consisting of two evening in-person sessions to be held in St. James' Church hall, Renfrew, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. For any additional details please contact marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk

The cost for the course per couple is £70 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. Once couples have registered we will contact them directly regarding attendance at the course and a certificate will be issued upon completion. This course fulfils church requirements regarding preparation before marriage and is a wonderful opportunity to meet other couples and share in fellowship. You can follow the link to [access further information](#) or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL 2025: This collection is for the upkeep and repair of the fifty shrines that are dear to Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the Church's pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission in the Holy Land, including the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of Mary and Joseph's homes in Nazareth, Peter's house in Capernaum, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and of Pentecost and the Church of the Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. In 2024 the collection was up to £20,309.

SAFEGUARDING THROUGH FOR THE MONTH - APRIL 2025: The Church continues to be fully committed to the prevention of abuse.

PRO-LIFE MASS: The monthly Pro-Life Mass falls on Wednesday, 16th April. It will be held in Holy Cross G42 8ER as usual, but please note that Mass will be at the earlier time of 7pm. Adoration at 6pm. The celebrant will be Fr Ross Campbell.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 – Perth: Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griegtogracescotland.org