

## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 6 APRIL: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT - C (Readings: Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11. p. 176)



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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:**

Sunday 13: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – mass as on Sundays (vigil and morning) Wednesday 16: Chrism Mass in the Cathedral Thursday 17: Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper in St Mary's at 7.00pm (for all cluster parishes)

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

Saturday 19: Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil in St Peter's. St Fergus community joins St Peter's (time to be notified next weekend)

Sunday 30: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – mass as on Sundays

NO MASS IN ST FERGUS ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> <u>APRIL</u>

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick John Devine... For all who have recently died in particular Jim Polland, Helen Joyce and Margaret Winters and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John and Catherine McNab,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (30 March): Offertory: £433.65, B. Fund: £311.84, SCIAF £129.00, Church repairs £109.70 St Fergus: Offertory: £357.00, SCIAF: £130.00, Votives: £176.30

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of Margaret Winters on Thursday 10th April at 10am in St Peter's. Her remains will be received into the

Church on Wednesday 9th April at 6pm. Requiescat in pace.

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 of people who wish to go there so as to give the list to the centre.

MINI VINNIES FOOD AND EASTER EGG APPEAL: Next 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. ST FERGUS' GOLDEN STAR: Congratulations to Gilbert Cadona, the Golden Star winner of March.

STATIONS 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.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: On Good Friday there will be 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 first draw will be this weekend. 90 people are participating. So, each month the winner will receive £225 with the same amount going to the Church and house repairs. Please ensure £5 is paid at the end of each month to enable the draw to be made the next weekend. Good to everyone.

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> We pray for Baby Tomas William (in St Peter's) and Baby David Ukpebor (in St Fergus) who will be baptised this Sunday after the mass.

<u>CHRISM MASS</u>: Bishop John invites the people of the Diocese to the celebration of the Chrism Mass in St.Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

HOLY MASS FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE: Bishop John will celebrate Lenten Mass this Monday 7 April at 10. 00a.m in St. Mirin's Cathedral for peace in the Ukraine and the Holy Land as part of an initiative of the European Bishops' Conferences for peace. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES—GIFT AID: New Collection Envelopes are available. Those who Gift Aid their donation and have not collected their boxes of envelopes will find them at the back of the Church. 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 also 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.

<u>TEA & COFFEE</u> - 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.

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS FOR LENT 2025 FOR THE CLUSTER. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am - 7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral.

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

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 accessfurtherinformation or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!