



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 11 MAY: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - C
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

(Acts 13: 14,43-52: Rv 7:9,13-17, Jn 10:27-30)



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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

“HABEMUS PAPAM” meaning **“WE HAVE A POPE,”** LEO XIV: Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected as the 267th pope of the Catholic Church, taking the name Pope Leo XIV. White smoke rose from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel just after 6:00 p.m. Rome time on Thursday, signalling that the College of Cardinals had chosen a successor to Pope Francis, who died on April 21.

Thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square erupted in cheers as the bells of the basilica began to toll, confirming the election of a new pontiff. The crowds gathered as word spread throughout Rome that a new pope had been chosen.

The new pontiff appeared on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at approximately 7:25 p.m. local time, where Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, the protodeacon of the College of Cardinals and prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, announced in Latin: “Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam!” (“I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope!”) Before appearing on the balcony, the newly elected Pope Leo XIV spent time in the “Room of Tears,” also called the ‘Crying Room,’ is a small foyer within the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. This traditionally named room is where new pontiffs first don the papal vestments and have a moment of private prayer and reflection as they absorb the magnitude of their election to the Chair of St. Peter.

Following the announcement, Leo XIV addressed the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square and those watching around the world, offering his first blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world) as the new Roman pontiff. Prevost, 69, was born on Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago. He is of Italian, French, and Spanish descent. He studied at an Augustinian minor seminary in Michigan and later earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He entered the Order of St. Augustine in 1978. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 1982. He earned a doctorate in canon law from Rome's Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1987. He returned to Chicago in 1987 and serving as pastor for vocations and director of missions for the Midwest Augustinians. He was then sent to Peru, where he served the Augustinians in various capacities including as a regional ecclesiastical judge and teacher of canon law in the diocesan seminary for Trujillo, Peru, for 10 years. He returned to the U.S. in 1999 when he was elected the head of the Augustinian Province of Chicago. He was elected prior general of the Augustinian order in 2001 and continued to serve as its head until 2013. Pope Francis appointed him as apostolic administrator of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014. While serving the Church in Peru, Pope made him a member of the Dicastery for the Clergy in 2019 and then a member of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2020. In 2023, Pope made Prevost prefect of the Dicastery

for Bishops and then made him a cardinal in a Sept. 30, 2023.

Pope Leo XIV, in his first public words as pope, said: "May peace be with all of you." He then added: "Together, we must try to find out how to be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges, establishes dialogues.... Pope Leo then said: "Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church.....And for peace throughout the world. And let's ask for this special grace from Mary, our mother."

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died Avril Fadian, for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Susan McIntyre, Shaun Mullin, John & Kathleen Carroll.

CONGRATULATIONS: Two of our Liturgy children, NINA AND ELLA MOTHERSOLE, BECAME WORLD CHAMPIONS IN LYRICAL DANCE at a recent competition in Florida. Nina also achieved a bronze award in the World Jazz Competition.

Well done to both girls on this fantastic achievement. We are all very proud of you and hopefully you will be able to show us your World Class dance routine soon.

Well done also to their parents who have shown such commitment in supporting the talents of their children.

St Peter's is also blessed to congratulate two of our other children for securing laurels in the recently held boxing championship. CARAGH MOOHAN is the gold Scottish champion and her brother SEAN MOOHAN has won silver medal in senior Scottish championship. In March this year we felicitated LIAM MOOHAN, their brother for winning the Scottish Golden Gloves 2025 Boxing Championship (youth category). *Hip, hip, hooray!* to the Boxing Family. *Keep Going.*

We congratulate our children of St Peter's and St Fergus' who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A special thanks to all who prepared them in the past few months.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (4 May): Offertory: £539.00, B. Fund: £355.05, Votives etc £173.79. St Fergus: Offertory: £234.00, B. Fund £101.00, Lucky Star £44.00

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH CLEANING: Thanks to the following volunteers of St Peter and St Fergus for their willingness to clean the Church. Their rota is given below, starting from 12th May, once a week. When this rota is completed it will rotate. Helen Clark & Bernadette Hepburn (St Peter's), David Ramsay, Lorraine & Margaret Reddy (St Peter's),

Philip Ologe & Gillian O'Hare (St Peter's), Suzie Molloy & Isobel Johnstone (St Fergus'). If still anyone wants to volunteer, you are most welcome so that the work burden can be reduced.

MISSION APPEAL: The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) will make a mission appeal in both parishes on the next weekend (17/18 May). They will appreciate a retiring collection from our side for their mission activities worldwide.

ST PETER'S SSV: The SSV's help is available for those in need. You can contact them on 07383139799.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA, ST PETER'S, is available in the back of the Church.

100 CLUB: Next payment for 100 Club is due on 31st May and the draw will be made on 7th June. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated, in order for the draw to be made on the due date. Thank you and good luck to everyone.

JUBILEE TRIP TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT Now there are 35 people including children to go for this pilgrimage on Sunday 8th June. The departure is at 10am from St Peter's Church.

ST FERGIUS GOLDEN STAR: The winner of St Fergus Golden Star is Bill Carswell. Congratulations.

TEA & COFFEE - available in the parish hall after the morning mass. All are most welcome.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR MAY 2025: We aim to implement best practice in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2025: Bishop John Keenan warmly invites all engaged and married couples, along with their families and friends, to St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley on Sunday the 15th June, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, to celebrate the gift of marriage! The celebration begins with Mass at 11am, followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. Please note children and family members are most welcome! The details of those celebrating any significant anniversaries this year can be emailed to Rebecca Harrison at the Marriage and Family Office marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk

A FAMILY DAY WITH MARY - Sunday 18th May - St Francis', Port Glasgow: Bishop John and the Marriage, Family, and Life Commission warmly invite you to join families throughout the Diocese for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary, our Mother! The day will begin at 2 PM in St Francis of Assisi - Port Glasgow parish hall on Sunday, the 18th of May and will include prayer, games, activities for children and refreshments for all. We will conclude with Holy Mass at 4 PM, celebrated by Bishop John.