



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 4 MAY: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - C

(Acts 5:27-32, 40-41: Rv 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19)



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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 ... For all who have recently died... for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Macready, Eneas & Margaret McNulty, William & Helen McGinley.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: St Peter's (27 April): Offertory: £444.00, B. Fund: £296.32, Church repair £90.60. St Fergus: Offertory: £319.00

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS: The Sacrament of Confirmation of St Fergus is on Wednesday 7th May in St Mirin's Cathedral at 6.30pm and the First Holy Communion of St Peter's is on Saturday 10th May at 10am.

JUBILEE TRIP TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT: Invitation to both parishes. If you wish to join the parish trip to Schoenstatt, (about 40 minutes' drive from here on Sunday 8th June) please add your name to the list this weekend. We will be booking a coach next week. The parish is paying for the coach.

100 CLUB IN ST PETER'S: Thank you to everyone who made payment last weekend as requested on the last weekend of the month. Unfortunately, the draw will be postponed until 10th May as quite a few payments have not yet been made. This will allow anyone who hasn't paid yet to do so this weekend. As previously stated in the bulletin it is essential that all payments are made on the last weekend of each month to enable the draw to take place on the last weekend. Anyone who is going on holiday or who has an irregular work pattern can make

payments in advance, as has been done by some people this month. The next payment is due as stated on the last weekend of May and the draw will take place the next weekend. The list for members is complete. From now on a notice will be placed in the bulletin on the week before each payment is due as a reminder for everyone. Thank you and good luck to everyone.

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIR: The first part of the Church repair had been completed a month ago and a payment of £17088.00 has been made to the company. For the remaining part of the repairs we have asked for quotes from two companies.

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. Next Safeguarding Induction Training is on Saturday 10th May at 10.30am in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley.

CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH: Thanks to the following members who volunteered to clean the Church once a week. Helen Clark, Bernadette Hepburn, David Ramsay, Philip Ologe, Gillian O'Hare, Suzie & Isobel, Lorraine & Fraser. The rota will be available from next weekend.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan the QR code or

visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks!



MAY, THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE VIRGIN MARY: The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God. In the plan of salvation, the Blessed Virgin Mary holds a special place as she was chosen from the very beginning. From the teachings of the Church we know that by virtue of her role to be the mother of the Son of God by divine election, she was conceived immaculately — i.e., without the stain of original sin — and by fidelity to her son has been crowned queen of heaven and earth.

We have a special place for her in our hearts and in our families during the entire month of May as we consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate heart. The prayer of rosary is actually a journey with Mary to Jesus, our Lord. Everything Mary said and did leads to Christ. Who knows a child better than a mother? Every child has a deep personal love with mother and as such there is a special bond of relationship between the two. In the same way we have established a special bond of relationship with Blessed Virgin as she is our spiritual mother. She knew and loved Jesus like no one else on earth — and she loves each of her children, human beings, with similar affection and tenderness. Being the humblest of all women, she is a model for everyone, today. She is a model in a particular way for every woman. In 2021, Pope Francis called Mary “the first disciple of Jesus” and reminded us that “Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. Why? Because she is our mother.” The Virgin, through Jesus, has brought heaven closer to us.

We are all familiar with the famous hymn to our Lady: “Bring flowers of the fairest, bring flowers of the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and vale, our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling, the praise of the loveliest rose of the vale.

Chorus:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

MAY DAY: There are two great feasts celebrated in honour of St Joseph, the beloved spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus, by the Catholic Church every year — first on March 19 for the feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and again on May 1 for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. While the saint’s March feast dates back to the 10th century, his May feast wasn’t instituted until 1955. It was Pope Pius XII who instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, 1955, so that it would coincide with International Workers Day, also known as May Day — a secular celebration of labour and workers’ rights. It is to state clearly the Church was interested in the rights and dignity of workers. The image of St Joseph, the carpenter, earning his daily living by the work of his own hands is held up to emphasise the necessity of work. Pope Pius XII chose the date specifically to ensure that workers did not lose the Christian understanding of work.

In his address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers on that day in 1955, Pius XII said: “There could not be a better protector to help you penetrate the spirit of the Gospel into your life ... From the heart of the Man-God, Saviour of the world, this spirit flows into you and into all men; but it is certain that no worker has ever been as perfectly and deeply penetrated by it as the putative father of Jesus, who lived with him in the closest intimacy and commonality of family and work.” He added: “So, if you want to be close to Christ, we also today repeat to you ‘Ite ad Ioseph’ — Go to Joseph!”

In his encyclical ‘*Laborem Exercens*,’ Pope John Paul II wrote that “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide (social) changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.” Mary Mother of God and St Joseph, pray for us.