



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 15 JUNE: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY –
SOLEMNITY – C. DAY FOR LIFE

(Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15)



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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...and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time Donald MacFadyen and Agnes Martin

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (8 June): St Peter's - Offertory: £470.00, B. Fund: £311.15, Communications £125.60, Church Repairs £139.55, Votives £165.75. St Fergus: Offertory: £245.00, Lucky Star £44.00, Vocations and Sick and retired clergy £23.00

FRIDAY 20TH, IN ST FERGUS, mass will be in the school at 1.30pm.

ST PETER'S & ST FERGUS PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS: (1). St Peter's Parish: The profit and loss account for year ended 31 December 2024 shows – Income £61,014, Expenses £50,388, and Profit £10,626. This represents a profit of 17%.

(2). St Fergus Parish: The profit and loss account for year ended 31 December 2024 shows - Income £39,405, Expenses £37,543, and Profit £1,862. This represents a profit of 5%. The parish loan from Diocese balance as at 31 December 2024 was £212,748.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the parishes. If any of you wish to increase your standing orders or set up new standing orders, please complete a standing order form and gift aid declaration, if applicable and return them to me. These forms can be obtained from the parish website or from the parish office. Alternatively, you can set up regular faster payment to the parish via your

online banking system. Parish bank details as follows: St Peter's Parish: Sort Code 80-22-60, Account No 16382568. St Fergus Parish: Sort Code: 80-22-60, Account No: 16819664.

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

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

ASSISTED SUICIDE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LEADBEATER BILL: MPs voted for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. The debate will continue on 13 June when MPs are scheduled have another vote on the proposed legislation. To get the latest information on this Bill, and find out what happens next, please attend one of these meetings organised by SPUC's Lives Worth Living campaign in Paisley or Largs. The meeting details are as follows: Monday 16th June; 19:00-19:45; St Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Wednesday 18th June; 19:00-19:45; St Mary Star of the Sea Church Hall, 28 Greenock Road, Largs, KA30 8NE. The speakers will be staff of SPUC. For

more information, contact Josh Coghill. E-mail: joshcoghill@spuc.org.uk or Tel: 077522 08457

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

DAY FOR LIFE 2025: SUNDAY 15 JUNE: This Sunday we mark our annual Day for Life. This year's theme, *Hope Does Not Disappoint: Finding Meaning in Suffering* invites us, to pray for those who suffer to unite their crosses with Jesus and so to find some hope; and for society to find ways to come closer to those suffering and lighten their burden.

From the history of the world we know that the world has never been without struggle and suffering. Through the lens of television and social media, however, the suffering of the whole world appears on our personal devices. Many of us find it hard to make sense of a world in which suffering seems to press down from every direction: pandemic; war; homelessness; violence in our streets, addiction. Then, often without warning, we find ourselves caught up in the struggle when serious illness comes into our own lives.

Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:5-6). St. Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. That is because Christian hope is anchored in God who is Love and whose love reaches out to us and lifts us up day after day.

Care for the sick and suffering was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan as a way of explaining what it means to be a "neighbour" to another person. The Good Samaritan is someone who *sees* and is *moved to compassion* (while others turn away), who *draws close*, who *"binds up wounds"*, who accompanies the person in need, and who *continues to care* for as long as it is needed. Often the healing Jesus offered was much more than just a physical cure; it included emotional and spiritual healing as well, because for Jesus, the human person is more than just a body

needing to be fixed. Jesus invites us to *"Go and do likewise"* (Lk. 10:29-37).

The alleviation of suffering is good and must always be part of our focus. But there remains, for many people, a suffering that cannot be taken away and has to be endured. How do we make sense of that? The claim that it is better to die than to suffer leads some people to suggest that euthanasia or assisted suicide might be more compassionate. As Christians, however, we follow Jesus who lived his entire life, including his suffering, in the confident hope that His Father loved him and would raise him up, and He did! The cross, which Jesus did not ask for and did nothing to deserve, has become a sign of hope for countless millions of people in every generation.

The death and resurrection of Jesus leads us to believe that, far from being futile or absurd, a life marked by suffering, when it is lived with generosity and patience, is full of meaning. People like Simon of Cyrene (who helped carry the cross), or St. Veronica (who wiped the face of Jesus) literally accompanied Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Modern saints like Therese of Lisieux and the young Saint Carlo Acutis understood that when we unite our suffering with the suffering of Christ for the good of the world, it is transformed through his grace. Most of us have known people like them. Far from being the end of hope, their suffering, when accepted and embraced, has shown itself to be a path to growth and ultimately to Resurrection.

This year's Day for Life is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us. By:

Most Reverend John Sherrington Archbishop of Liverpool England and Wales

Right Reverend Kevin Doran Bishop of Elphin and Achonry Ireland

Right Reverend John Keenan Bishop of Paisley Scotland.

MONTH'S MIND MASS: The Month's Mind Mass for Mgr. Charlie Cavanagh will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Greenock, on Saturday 21st June at 10am. All are welcome.