



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 8 JUNE: PENTECOST - SOLEMNITY

(Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23)



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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

### JUBILEE TRIP TO SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT

The bus leaves St Peter's at 11am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and, departure from Schoenstatt is at 4pm. Those from St Fergus will be picked up from there at 11.10am. The programmes include rosary procession round grounds, mass and visit to various sites at the shrine.

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.

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DIOCESAN BULLETIN: The Diocesan Communications Commission has launched the Diocese of Paisley Bulletin. The bulletin does not replace individual parish bulletins, but adds to them by allowing news and events from across the diocese to be shared with the wider diocesan community. In order to receive the bulletin each week by email please register

your details on the diocesan website at [rcdop.org.uk/diocesan-bulletin](http://rcdop.org.uk/diocesan-bulletin)

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...

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (11<sup>th</sup> May to 1 June):  
St Peter's (Offertory: £1963.00, B. Fund: £1416.5, Vocations: £144.5, Sick & Retired clergy: £164.6, Mission Appeal for Missionaries of Africa: £448.80, First Communions: £317.73, 100 Club: £260.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £1048.48, B. Fund £27.00, Vocations: £125.00, Sick & Retired clergy: £25.00, Mission Appeal for Missionaries of Africa: £67.54, Communication: £104.57

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

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

MASS IN HONOUR OF SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA (Founder of Opus Dei): On the 50th anniversary of his death and the 100th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Thursday 26th June at 7pm in Saint Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley. Main celebrant Bishop John Keenan. Confessions from 6:30pm. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

THINK VOCATION: "I do not ask for these only, but only for those who will believe in me through their word". Could you speak words in

preaching and teaching, as a priest? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison. Email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel: 01418892602.

A RACHEL'S VINEYARD: retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

#### SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR JUNE 2025:

We aim to implement best practice in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

#### PENTECOST:



Pentecost literally means 50<sup>th</sup>. It is a feast celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues. We read in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2: 1-11), on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, something appeared to the disciples, 'that seemed like tongues of fire' and 'they were all filled with the Holy Spirit'. The text doesn't say that there were actual tongues of fire but that the coming

of the Holy Spirit seemed like tongues of fire that came to rest on the disciples and Virgin Mary. Why the image of fire for the coming of the Holy Spirit? We know that fire can be terribly destructive, but it can also be a source of light and warmth. Fire is often a focal point around which people gather together. The Holy Spirit can be like fire in that positive sense. The Spirit brings the light and the warmth of God's love into our lives.

The coming of the Holy Spirit is the fulfilment of the promise of Jesus Christ based on the words of the prophet Joel, "And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions" (Joel 2:28).

Jesus had said to his disciples, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you" (John 14:16, 17). As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (1 Cor 3:16). As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments. St Paul says, 'our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction' (1 Thes. 1:5). He reveals (2 Pe. 1:21). He witnesses (Gal. 4:6; Jn. 15:26). He intercedes (Rom. 8:26). He teaches (Jn. 14:26). As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. We sometimes need warmth of the Holy Spirit's fire to warm our frozen hearts, so that they become hearts of flesh rather than hearts of stone. We need the light of the Holy Spirit's fire to guide our steps, especially when we are tempted to go astray. As at Pentecost, the flame of the Holy Spirit wants to rest on each one of us individually, to make his home in us.