



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

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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

**PARISH SPONSORED WALK:** St Peter's parish is embarking on a Sponsored Walk on Sunday 3rd August to visit churches in the cluster. We will start at St Peter's, then move on to St Charles', St Mirin's Cathedral, St Mary's, St Fergus' and conclude at St Peter's. Parishioners, please join the walk, if possible the entire walk, or just a part of it if preferred. Funds raised will be used for the repairs and maintenance of the Church. Sponsor Forms are available at the back of the church. If you wish to join us please take one, in order to collect names of sponsors. Anyone who doesn't want to join us, but may wish to sponsor someone or anyone wishes to donate instead, there will be a basket at the back of the church. It would be helpful if sponsor money could be collected by 17th August, or someone will present this to Father Thomas at Mass the following weekend. Children may participate if accompanied by an adult. We will leave St. Peter's at 1.00pm. People will walk at a pace that suits them, as we want this to be enjoyable. There will be Stewards on the walk to ensure things proceed as smoothly as possible. If anyone decides to return to the church before the end, then transport will be available. At the end of the walk there will be tea, coffee and catch-up in the church hall. Please come along and join us if you can. We would love to see as many people as possible, in order to make this a parish social event as well as being a fundraiser. Please donate if you can.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died in particular George Vezza, and Ellen Pope and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Winifred Murty, James Bisland, Bill & Nancy Ramsay, and six-month mind of Ronald James.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 June):** St Peter's - Offertory: £463.50, B. Fund: £325.30, Apostleship of the Sea: £153.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £155.00, Apostleship of the Sea: £67.12, Votives: £233.00

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

**SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR JULY 2025:**

The Church is fully committed to the provision of compassionate care for survivors.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS IN ST PETER'S**

**AND ST FERGUS:** It's just to let you know about the upcoming parish events for this year:

Parish Sponsored Walk- 3rd Aug

Quiz Night in St Peter's Church hall- 29th Aug

40 hours Adoration: 7<sup>th</sup> September in St Fergus

40 Hours Adoration: 8th- 11th Sept in St Peter's

Race Night in St Peter's Church Hall - 3rd October

Christmas Fete in St Peter's Church hall - 14th Dec

**EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND**

**ST FERGUS:** Easy fundraising is a platform that allows people to raise money for a noble cause, such as a charity/church/school. It is by doing your online shopping. When someone shops through the [\*easyfundraising website or app\*](#), the retailer donates a percentage of the sale price to the shopper's chosen cause without any additional cost to the shopper. As mentioned, it doesn't cost the buyer any additional burden and the advantage is that it will raise some fund for the parish. Fliers are available at the back of both Churches.

**STANDING ORDERS:** 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 Fr Thomas. 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.

**100 CLUB NEXT PAYMENT:** It's just a reminder to members of 100 Club, please make your payment on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

**MARY'S MEALS APPEAL:** It has been a long-time request from Mary's meals to make an appeal in our both parishes. Hence, they will be here during the weekend masses of July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. They would appreciate a retiring collection at the end of the mass.

**DIOCESAN LOUDFENCE EVENT: 10TH TO 12TH AUGUST 2025:** Between Sunday 10th August and Tuesday 12th August, the Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a LOUDfence event to demonstrate our collective support and solidarity with those affected by all forms of abuse, both locally and throughout the world.

Loudfence is an event that shows visible *solidarity* with those affected by all forms of abuse. It empowers and invites our church community to express their support for survivors and accompany them in their journey towards recovery. It demonstrates our ongoing commitment to learn, improve and help better protect our church communities. Find out more on the diocesan website at <https://rcdop.org.uk/loudfence>

**GAZA: ISRAELI FORCES STRIKE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Holy Family Church, the only Catholic parish in the Gaza Strip, was hit by an Israeli tank on Thursday, killing three people and injuring many civilians including the parish priest present at the historic church. The patriarchate stressed that it was praying for the repose of the souls of the dead and for an end to what it called this "barbaric war." The Holy Father conveyed his spiritual closeness to the parish community, renewing his call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and expressing his desire for dialogue, reconciliation, and lasting peace in the region.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND THE BROWN SCAPULAR:** The Church celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Through this feast we are invited to draw closer to the Lord Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the early Church, Christian hermits

followed the example of the Old Testament prophets and prayed and fasted on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. Mount Carmel is revered for its significance in salvation history. The battle there between the prophet Elijah and the priests of Baal inspired many early believers to abandon material world in order to seek more personally God's glory. The group eventually came to be called Carmelites, and they later gave Mary the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel because of various mystical and supernatural phenomena that manifested her presence to them and affirmed her spiritual solidarity with them.

In the 13th century, the hermits of Carmel became mendicants. Along with the early Franciscans, Dominicans and Augustinians, the Carmelite friars lived radical poverty, travelled and begged for their livelihood, and preached the Gospel to all people. For the Carmelite hermits-turned-friars, it was an opportunity to share the depth of their spirituality with the entire Church. The spirit of Carmel was one of waiting and listening to God. It was a message that was greatly needed in the 13th century and this is the same message we need in the 21st century.

One of the most famous Carmelite friars was an Englishman, St. Simon Stock. As a young man, he went to Mount Carmel, learned the way of life of the hermits, and then returned to Europe, bringing the Carmelite Order with him. While he was in prayer, Mary appeared to St. Simon, consoled him, and gave him the Brown Scapular. The word "scapular" is taken from a Latin word meaning "shoulder." As such, a scapular consists of two pieces of cloth that are worn front and back on a cord that rests on our shoulders.

A scapular is symbolic of a yoke placed upon a worker. In time, scapulars came to symbolize a consecration to God and his kingdom. A scapular meant we carried the yoke of the Lord Jesus, as he tells us in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Brown Scapular that was given to St. Simon Stock affirmed his mission to spread the Carmelite spirituality throughout the Church. St. Simon Stock preached the Gospel, taught the Carmelite spirituality, and presented the Brown Scapular as a help to us in faithfully carrying the yoke of the Lord Jesus.

As the Brown Scapular grew in popularity, it became one of the most revered and favoured sacramentals of the Church meant to help us in the spiritual life. (*National Catholic Register*).

