



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 Sponsored Walk is on Sunday 3rd August, starting at St Peter's and then moving on to St Charles', St Mirin's Cathedral, St Mary's, St Fergus' and back to 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 Sheila Readie, and Jim Fagan, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including

Irene McCutcheon, David McCready, Janet Traynor, John Carroll & Kathleen Carroll.

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL: Mary's meals makes an appeal in our both parishes this weekend, to highlight their mission activities world over. They would appreciate a retiring collection at the end of the mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 June): St Peter's - Offertory: £517.75, B. Fund: £348.90, Hall Lets £50.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £168.76.

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: 7th 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

TWO FEASTS: Last week the Church celebrated the feast of two great saints – St Bridget of Sweden and St James the Apostle. The first had a natural death while the second suffered martyrdom for his faith in Jesus. **Saint Bridget of Sweden:** Bridget was born in the year 1303. She was the daughter of a wealthy governor in Sweden. She married a well to do man and they had eight children. She went on to serve as the principal lady in waiting to the queen

of Sweden. She had a reputation as a woman of great prayer. After her husband's death, Bridget became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and devoted herself wholly to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick. Around this time, she sensed Christ calling her to found a new religious order. She founded a monastery for nuns and monks. She journeyed to Rome in 1349 to obtain papal approval for the order, known as the Bridgettines. She never returned to Sweden from Rome. She spent the rest of her life in Italy or on various pilgrimages including one to the Holy Land. She along with Catherine of Sienna, worked hard to get Pope Clement VI to return from Avignon to Rome. She experienced visions of various kinds; some of them were of the passion of Christ. She died in Rome in 1373 and was canonized less than twenty years later. In 1999, Pope John Paul II made her a co-patroness of Europe, alongside Saint Catherine of Sienna and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. **Saint James, the Apostle:** James and his brother John, along with Peter and his brother Andrew, were the first to be called by Jesus to follow him. Mother of James and John approached Jesus and asked for them best seats in the kingdom. Jesus asked them, 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?' Together, the brothers answered, 'We can'. Within a little over a decade James did drink the cup that Jesus had to drink. However, as Jesus went on to say, the rulers of earthly kingdoms 'lord it over them and their great men make their authority felt', and then very pointedly said to his disciples, 'This is not to happen among you'. As Jesus goes on to say, in the kingdom of God the truly great are those who serve God and others with self-giving love. St Paul in his letter to 2 Corinthians said, he carried with him in his body the death of Jesus. According to the Acts of the Apostles, just over ten years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, King Herod Agrippa 'had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword' (Acts 12:2). He was the first member of the group of the twelve apostles to be put to death for their faith in Jesus. According to an ancient tradition, James' bones were brought from Jerusalem to Compostella in North West Spain, which is why it has been a place of great pilgrimage for centuries. Wherever people serve others in the Spirit of Jesus, the kingdom of God comes to earth. We can be

thankful for all those Christ-like servants who live among us today.

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.

100 CLUB NEXT PAYMENT: It's just a reminder to members of 100 Club, please make your payment this weekend.

SPUC FIGHTBACK CAMPAIGN: A couple of weeks ago the MPs voted to legalise assisted suicide and to decriminalise abortion, allowing for abortion up to birth. The SPUC invites you to join in the fightback, to make your voice heard and to stand up for the most vulnerable. As a first step, please fill out one of the postcards at the back of the church, and SPUC will send you information about what you can do for the cause (either you can post the card yourself or after you have filled out give back to the church and we can post them together). Take some away for family and friends.

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. 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>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2025 – the engaged couples of the Diocese of paisley are invited to register for the last Marriage Preparation course of 2025. The course consists of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. For any additional details or queries please contact Rebecca Harrison at marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk The cost for the course per couple is £70 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. Once couples have registered we will contact them directly regarding attendance at the course

and a certificate will be issued upon completion. This course fulfils church requirements regarding preparation before marriage and is a wonderful opportunity to meet other couples and share in fellowship. You can follow the link to access further information <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation> or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!