



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: Today (Sunday 3rd August) is St Peter's Sponsored Walk starting at St Peter's and then moving on to St Charles', St Mirin's Cathedral, St Fergus, St Mary's and back to St Peter's. Please keep the following in mind for your kind attention: anyone participating should come to the Church Hall for 12.45pm, as we will leave promptly at 1.00. As informed earlier if anyone decides to return to the church before the end, then transport will be available. Children may participate if accompanied by an adult. There will be Stewards on the walk to ensure things proceed as smoothly as possible. Envelopes will be available at the end of the walk, with details of when the money should be returned. It would be extremely helpful if money could be handed in by 17th August, as we will present the money the next weekend at Mass to Father Thomas, to help with necessary repairs to be undertaken in the Church and Church House. There will be a basket at the back of the church for donations, for anyone who wishes to make a donation instead of sponsoring someone. Please join us at the end of the walk for cake and catch-up in the Church Hall. Thank you so much to everyone involved in this venture by walking, being a sponsor or making a donation. Your help is greatly appreciated. Happy Walking! Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

FUNERAL: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's for the happy repose of the soul of Sheila Readie at 10am on Wednesday 6th Aug. Her mortal remains will be received into the Church at 6pm on

Tuesday 5th. No mass in St Fergus on Wednesday 6th Aug.

BAPTISMS: Please pray for Frankie and Olivia who will be baptised in St Peter's on Sunday 3rd August. Also pray for Eabha who will be baptised on Saturday 9th in St Peter's.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died in particular Margaret Fagan, Janice Gillespie, and Vincent Mothersole, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Cathy Lavelle.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 June): St Peter's - Offertory: £481.55, B. Fund: £346.25, 100 Club: £260.00, Church repair £78.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £288.00, Donation £100.00 Mary's Meals (both parishes together): £708.88

QUIZ NIGHT: As stated previously in the Bulletin, there will be a Quiz Night on Friday 29th August at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Admission will be £2.00 for adults, payable on the night and there will be no charge for children. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. We are looking for gifts which could be used for raffle prizes. If you have any gifts which you wish to donate, could you please put them in the box available at the back of the Church. The box will be there for the next few weeks. The last Quiz Night was very well attended and was enjoyed by everyone there. Please come and join us and test your general knowledge. There will be question for adults and also ones for children. Once again thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR AUGUST 2025: The Church is fully committed to the provision of compassionate care for survivors.

FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE: Each year on July 26, the Church celebrates the feast of saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ. This feast has got great significance in our days as it is a celebration of the profound role grandparents play in the lives of families. According to Christian legend, the parents of Mary were childless for years and finally they were blessed with their child Mary.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation to put love of life and love of Christ first in our hearts and homes. So is Mary, we believe, received her religious formation especially to be the Mother of God from her parents. Where could she receive the grace and strength to face life in moments of crisis and uncertainties? Her devotion to God or fear of God had been nurtured from her faith-filled home. To teach our children by example is the greatest challenge parents face in their duty towards their children. The Church invokes this saintly couple as the patron of grandparents.

Grandparents are generally respected and loved by grandchildren because of their love, affection, and persistent prayers for them. They are often well thought of as guiding lights on the path of grandchildren's life. Grandchildren would always have some inspiring and interesting stories that influenced their life to tell their friends and family members.

Let our hearts be raised up to heaven for the gifts of our grandparents and never forget to thank them and remain grateful to them for all what they have been to the family especially in their role as faith formators, handing down a legacy that would be cherished by the family. Dear grandparents, as our society is going through a period of crisis especially in the realm of faith, please continue to pray for your family and lead and inspire them by your examples.

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Help

us to love, guide, and bless our families as you did your daughter, Mary. Amen.

SCIAF has launched an emergency appeal for the crisis across the Holy Land. Through the global Caritas network, we are working with local organisations to reach those caught up in this devastating humanitarian crisis. Your donation today will help provide emergency support to those most in need. Please give what you can to: SCIAF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund | SCIAF ADDITIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATION in Religious Education (Catholic Schools): The St. Andrews Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education is delighted to offer the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCS for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary school. The course begins in August 2025. For all details including teaching dates and costs <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/atqreforcat holicschools/>The Diocese of Paisley support ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for any applicants who live in the diocese and attend bishop John's support sessions. For details - <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/atqre>

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.

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 or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page.