



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025
(Prov 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, Jn 6:51-58)



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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

40 HOUR ADORATION: As in previous years both parishes will have adoration in September. While in St Peter's it will be for four days (Monday 8th – Thursday 11th), in St Fergus for one day (Sunday 7th after the mass). It is recommended that at least one person (better more) be present when the Eucharist is exposed. During those days, in St Peter's Adoration will begin at 8am and concludes with mass, starts at 7pm. Longer period of time will enable those who go for work to spend some time in prayer either before their work or after the work. A sign-up sheet of hourly slot is available at the back of the Church. Please be generous with your time to encourage and spread this devotion.

BAPTISMS: Please pray for Hudson who will be baptised in St Peter's on Saturday 23rd August.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died Sadie Curry and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Wilson, Tony Janota, Rose Duffy, Patricia & Charles McGinty,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 August): St Peter's - Offertory: £439.00, B. Fund: £337.00, Hall Lets £500.00

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 that will be there until 24th August. 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.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN ST FERGUS: Saturday vigil mass in St Fergus will resume this weekend, Saturday 16 August.

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

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – 2025: Safeguarding Induction training has been organised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed Part 1 training more than two years ago, you are invited to sign up for one of the following training sessions. Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at the Safeguarding Office to register. Tel: [0141 847 6138](tel:01418476138) or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Thursday 28th August, 2025 at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, PA1 1HR

Tuesday 18th November at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, PA1 1HR

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FUND-RAISING APPEAL: The Diocesan annual fund-raising appeal will take place on the weekend of 30th/31st August.

LOUDFENCE EVENT: following the Diocesan Loudfence event held in the Cathedral between 10th and 12th last week, some resources are made available in the back of the Church. If you wish you may take them home.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? The RCIA process will be starting soon in our cluster. For more information, please contact your parish priest or fill in the enquiry form here [Diocese of Paisley | Diocese of Paisley R.C.I.A | Paisley, UK](#), where you will find more information about the process.

CLIMATE AND THE SPIRIT WORKSHOP: A day of conversation and prayer to help us develop a spiritual response to climate change. Offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow. Saturday 30th August at 10am in house and online. Contact at <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/> Or phone 0141 354 0077

A REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION by Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen. It was on 1st November 1950 that Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. To “define” a doctrine is not to create it. It is to affirm that a long held Catholic belief, such as that of Mary’s Assumption, is part of the overall divine revelation imparted by God to humanity through his Son Jesus Christ. Even though this belief is not directly affirmed in Scripture, even though its witness in Tradition took some centuries to mature, it was judged deeply congruent with the Christian mystery as a whole, with the core message of Scripture and Tradition, and to have been joyfully recognised by the Christian faithful in East and West for some 1500 years. The glorification of Mary in body and soul at the end of her earthly life belongs to the work of our redemption, and to believe it and celebrate it enriches our Christian life. The Pope made this declaration only some 5 years after the end of World War II. After the bloodiest war of human history, after six years of man’s inhumanity to man, over all the cemeteries and broken lives that were its consequence, the Church raised the “great sign” of a humble woman glorified by God. In contrast to the swaggering dictators and the destruction they unleashed to “magnify” themselves stands a Jewish girl of no political power, but of simple courage and humility, wanting to “magnify” the Lord rather than herself, bringing life into the world rather than death. In her Assumption we see the glory of God’s thought for us, so other than our own. We do well to ask her prayers and “read” this Sign.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: The Church celebrated the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe last Thursday,

14th August. He was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Franciscan friar and a martyr who faced death in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II. He was a great devotee of Our Lady and thus he actively promoted the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both." Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian. He organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

In 1918, he was ordained a priest. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, Knight of the Immaculate. He founded monasteries in both Japan and India.

During the time of German invasion, he opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later. He refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution. He continued to publish many anti-Nazi German publications. On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation he was given a lethal injection. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, on the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.