



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

40 HOUR ADORATION: The annual Forty Hour Adoration will take place in both parishes in two weeks' time. While in St Peter's it will be for four days (Monday 8th – Thursday 11th September), 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. In these days, in St Peter's Adoration will begin at 8am and concludes with mass, that starts at 7pm. Longer period of time will enable those who go for work to spend some time in prayer either before or after their 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.

GENEROUS HELP: Words aren't enough to thank and appreciate all those who made the parish sponsored walk a huge success. Besides those who took part in the walk, many parishioners and well-wishers came forward to contribute generously towards our noble cause. Some of our walkers/parishioners reached out to their friends and colleagues to raise funds. It was good news to know that some of them raised more than £100 pounds each for the walk. It is like the parable of the Talents in the Bible (Mathew 25), where one who was given five talents made another five and one who got two talents made two more. Special thanks to them. I sincerely appreciate your hard work, commitment and love for your parish church. The donations now total £3000.00

(three thousand pounds). Once again congratulations and thanks to all of our parishioners and well-wishers.

BAPTISM: Please pray for Benedetto who will be baptised in St Peter's on Sunday 24 August after the morning mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died Patricia McGinnigle, Angela Stirling, and Eileen Ellis and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jim Greenless, and Robert Sneddon.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (17 August): St Peter's - Offertory: £490.00, B. Fund: £311.00, Votives £265.00, St Fergus (10th & 17th Aug): £351.00

QUIZ NIGHT: The much-awaited Quiz Night is 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.

100 CLUB: a reminder – the next payment for the 100 club is due on the 30th/31st August.

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

SPRED COMMISSIONING SERVICE: The commissioning of the SPRED volunteers/leaders will take place on Monday 25th August in St Peter's Church at 7pm during mass.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS: You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Mass on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00 PM, to be held at St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley. Bishop John warmly encourages your attendance as we come together to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life. Additionally, we will have a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis present that evening, just days after his canonisation on September 7th.

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.

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

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

BIBLE STUDY IN ST AIDAN'S, JOHNSTONE: will re-start on Monday 1st September at 7pm in the parish house. Using a course called "Genesis to Jesus," we will learn about the story of God's covenant with His People, especially in the Old Testament. Please bring a Bible if you have one, but don't worry if you don't!

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

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast is a relatively recent one in the church and we celebrate it on 22nd August every

year. For centuries Mary had been venerated as Queen of the angels and the saints. It is depicted, for example, in some very early mosaic works in the apse of the great Basilicas.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "Mother of my Lord." Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship.

We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven."

Jesus is portrayed as King of heaven and earth, and, alongside him, Mary is portrayed as Queen. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, at the end of the Marian Year, Pope Pius XII gave formal expression to this popular belief of the faithful, by promulgating this feast of the Queenship of Mary. He points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power. He placed it on this date, 22nd August, to stress the connection with the feast of the Assumption. This feast of the Queenship of Mary proclaims the very special union between herself and her Son in heaven. The church understands this special relationship between Jesus and Mary in heaven as the continuation and deepening of their special relationship on earth.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2025: In partnership with SPUC you are invited to join Bishop John Keenan on his coach to London for March for Life UK 2025, on Saturday 6 September 2025. Departing midnight from Paisley St Mirin's Cathedral with pickup at Glasgow St Andrew's Cathedral. Arriving in London approx. 7.30/8am. Departing on same day at 6pm, dropping off at Glasgow and Paisley. £30pp. To book your seat(s), please visit the following: <https://rcdop.org.uk/events/march-for-life-uk-2025>