



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

(Am 8:4-7, 1 Tim 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13)



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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

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ...
For all who have recently died and for all those whose
anniversaries occur at this time including Eddie Breen,
and Maryam Khattar,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (31 August): St Peter's -
Offertory: £495.00, B. Fund: £277.00, Vocation:
£130.00, 100 Club: £260.00, Church Repairs £189.00.
St Fergus -Offertory: £205.00, Vocation: £86.00

BAPTISM: Please pray for Nathan who will be baptised
in St Peter's on Saturday 20.

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS: A fortnight ago the
remaining church repairs of St Peter's were done.
These include fixing of new tile vents, repairs
around entrance and toilet area, repairs of chimney
area above the sanctuary, flat roof above the
sacristy and cleaning of roof gutters. The total cost
for all these repairs is £6610.00. All these works
had been done because of your generous
contribution. Thanks to all for your generosity.
May God bless you all.

P7 PARENTS MEETING: The sacramental preparation
meeting of parents of P7 children of St Peter's school
is on Tuesday 23rd at 7pm in the parish hall.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: From the first week of
October, St Fergus parish will have weekday
masses on Monday and Wednesday, while St
Peter's parish on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at
the usual time.

**PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE
MARGARET SINCLAIR:** The 2025 Centenary
Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the
Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday
21 September from 12.30-6pm at St Patrick's Church,
Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. The programme
includes refreshments and sale of candles, holy hour,
reflection, and Holy Mass at 4.30 concelebrated by
Archbishop of Edinburgh. Confessions available all
day.

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults new series begins
with a series on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass -
"Heaven Meets Earth" Starting on Wednesday 24th
September at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Office, with 'The
Introduction to the Mass' by Fr Paul Lavery. All young
catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information
contact Fr. Joe McGill at
joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk or Fr Paul Lavery
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SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH –

SEPTEMBER: We will be judged on how fully we
commit to Safeguarding, those who are vulnerable.

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

ST PADRE PIO: One of the most popular Catholic
saints of the 20th century, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, com-
monly known as Padre Pio, was a Capuchin Francis-
can friar, priest, and mystic. His tomb can be found
in the Sanctuary of St. Mary Our Lady of Grace in
San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May
25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. He had an older brother
and three younger sisters, as well as two other sib-
lings who died in infancy. His parents were poor
peasants but very religious and attended daily Mass.

As a child, Francesco was also very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God. From a young age, Padre Pio was blessed with heavenly visions; he could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally. But he also experienced spiritual warfare, including attacks of the devil. He served as an altar boy at his local parish. He was known for doing penances, despite being a sickly child.

He spent many years as a child tending to a small flock of sheep owned by his family. Unfortunately, the work meant he was unable to attend school regularly, so he quickly fell behind other kids his age. In 1897, after three years of schooling, Francisco expressed to his parents that he wanted to become a friar. When his parents asked the monks if Francesco could join them they were told that he needed more education before he could join. His parents decided to hire a private tutor. To pay the cost of the tutor, Francesco's father travelled to America to find work. At the age of 15, Francisco, entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of "Pio" in honour of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. At the age of 17, Brother Pio became extremely ill and he was sent home to his family. Amid all this, he continued to study for the priesthood.

Pio was ordained a priest in 1910, but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health. In 1915, with World War I, he was summoned for military service. However, he was so sickly that he was often sent home, only to then be recalled for service. In March 1916, he was finally dismissed because of his poor health.

Padre Pio received the wounds of Christ known as the stigmata, just like St. Francis of Assisi. On September 20, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet. He noticed the stigmata, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful. Bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape. By 1919, word began to spread about Padre Pio's stigmata and people came from far away to examine him. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered as they saw him levitate and perform miracles.

His popularity became a source of concern for the Church and the Vatican began to restrict his activities

to minimize public interaction. Padre Pio himself was uncomfortable with his newfound popularity and the attention he received because of his stigmata. A Church investigation into his stigmata concluded that his condition was not faked.

By 1934, the Vatican began to change its attitude towards Padre Pio and he was again allowed to perform public duties. He could preach, despite never being officially licensed by the Church to do so. Pope Pius XI encouraged people to visit him. In 1947, Fr. Karol Wojtyla visited Padre Pio who prophetically told him he would rise to the highest post in the Church." Fr. Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978. Padre Pio opened a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo in 1956. He was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry." He had other illnesses, as well, including cancer which was miraculously healed after just two treatments. He also suffered from arthritis.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people. He was Beatified in 1999, and was canonized on June 16, 2002, by the late Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is September 23.

St Padre Pio had an extraordinary devotion to the sacrament of confession. For decades, he spent hours each day hearing Confessions, often up to 10 or 12 hours at a time. One day, his brother Capuchins asked Padre Pio why everyone went to him for Confession. The saint replied, "They think I am deaf." We live in a time when Catholics are often reluctant to confess their sins, where guilt is downplayed and the very concept of sin is widely rejected. And yet, the sacrament of confession remains one of the most potent sources of grace we have. Padre Pio's other great secret was his love for the Holy Eucharist. He reveals his deep love for the Eucharist, saying: "How happy Jesus makes me! How sweet is His spirit! But I am confused and can do nothing but weep and repeat: Jesus my food!" The Eucharist was Padre Pio's life. Describing how he felt after Holy Communion, Padre Pio writes: "I almost forget that I am in the world; mind and heart desire nothing more and sometimes for quite a long time even the will to desire anything else is lacking in me." That is a special grace of union! He had the gift of bilocation, meaning that he could be in more than one place at a time. Multiple eyewitness accounts attest to the ability of Padre Pio to be in multiple places at once. St Padre Pio pray for us.