



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 adoration starts this week. As informed earlier, St Fergus will have it on Sunday 7th after the morning mass and continue until 7.00pm. In St Peter's, it will be from Monday 8 through Thursday 11, from 8am to 7pm and concludes with mass. 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. Carlo Acutis, often referred to as the "first millennial saint" who will be canonized as a saint on Sunday 7th spent a lot of his time in spreading devotion to the Eucharist. Adoration is a special devotion to express our personal commitment to Jesus and experience his love for us.

St Peter's school children will be joining us class by class for adoration during class hours.

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 Grant Thomson and Aileen Bryce.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (31 August): St Peter's - Offertory: £414.00, B. Fund: £284.00, Quiz Night: £562.00, Votives £: 99.00. St Fergus -Offertory: £217.00, Lucky Star: £50.00

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.

GOLDEN STAR: Last month's Golden Star winner is Veronica Doherty. Congratulations.

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

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS: You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Mass on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00pm, to be held at St. Mirin's Cathedral to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life. Also, a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis would be there that evening, just days after his canonisation on September 7th.

ACUTIS RELIC TOUR: A relic of Saint Carlo Acutis will visit the Diocese of Paisley, from 9-13 September. These days will doubtless bring many blessings for our diocesan family. Bishop Keenan invites you to a Holy Hour from 6.30-7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral on Tuesday 9th September to welcome the relic and the delegation from Assisi. The relic will be available for veneration in the Cathedral on Wednesday 10th September (11.30am –

3pm), Friday 12th September (10.30am – 4pm) and Saturday 13th September (9am – 11am); and in St Mary's, Greenock on Thursday 11th September (12.30pm – 5pm). All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving in the cathedral on Saturday 13th September at 11am, after which the relic will leave the diocese.

Acutis Evening (S4-S6): The first Acutis Evening of the new term will take place on Friday 12th September in St James's church, Paisley, 6-8pm. The relic of then-Saint Carlo will be present. These evenings provide catechesis, dinner and prayer for young people in S4-S6. 6-8pm. Please note that (one-time) online registration for these events is necessary. Parents/guardians should visit www.tinyurl.com/dpy-acutis-evenings.

Email Fr Ryan Black for more info at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- FEAST:

Every year the Church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8th September. The celebration offers a time for thanksgiving, reflection on Mary's example of faith and obedience, and a focus on God's plan for humanity. In various ways this feast is being celebrated like attending mass on all eight days starting from 1st September, praying for Mary's intercession, praying novena, taking out a procession etc. The Syrian Christians observe a 'eight-day lent' involving fasting and prayer. In some countries/places like France, Spain, Italy people celebrate this feast with special masses and processions.

The preparation for the feast invites us to reflect on her early life and seek her intercession for the world's innocent children. While many titles of the Blessed Virgin focus on her roles as the Queen of Heaven and Earth, the title "Mary the Child" stands out, emphasizing her humble beginnings and purity as a young girl. In his 2004 homily for this feast, Pope St. John Paul II spoke profoundly about this aspect of Mary:

"The liturgy today commemorates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, very important to popular piety, leads us to admire in Mary the Child, the purest dawn of the Redemption. We are

contemplating a little girl like every other, yet at the same time the only one who was 'blessed among women' (Lk 1: 42). Mary was the immaculate 'Daughter of Zion,' destined to become the Mother of the Messiah."

Pope St. John Paul II's reflection on Mary the Child is not just an acknowledgment of her past but a call to action. In light of specific global tragedies, he urged the faithful to pray for children suffering around the world. He noted:

"Looking at the Child Mary, how can we fail to remember the many defenceless children.... victims of a barbaric kidnapping and tragic massacre?... At this moment our gaze broadens to take in all innocent children in every corner of the earth who are victims of the violence of adults. Children forced to use weapons and taught to hate and kill; children induced to beg in the streets, exploited for easy earnings; children ill-treated and humiliated by arrogant, abusive grown-ups; children left to themselves, deprived of the warmth of a family and prospects of a future; children who die of hunger, children killed in the many wars in various regions of the world."

In response, he led a litany to the Virgin Mary, imploring her intercession for these children: *"For all the children in so many parts of the world who are suffering and dying because of the violence and abuse of adults: that the Lord will enable them to feel the comfort of his love and melt the hardness of hearts that is the cause of their suffering, let us pray."*

Pope St. John Paul II concluded with a moving prayer: *"God, our Father, you created men and women so that they might live together in communion. Make us understand that every child is a treasure of humanity and that violence to others is a dead end with no future. We ask you this through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever."*

As we celebrate the birth of the Child Mary, let us reflect on her life and pray earnestly for children suffering around the world. May Mary, in her purity and grace, intercede for their protection and comfort.