



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

(2 Kgs 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19)



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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, & Fri 10.00am; St Fergus – Mon, & Wed 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 in particular Martin Caffrey, Josephine Carlin and Michelle Smith and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Archie Buchanan, Pat McCarthy, Dang Thi Tam, Margaret Connick, and Elizabeth Magee

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (5 Oct): St Peter's - Offertory: £453.00, B. Fund: £325.00, 100 Club: £260.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £265.00, B. Fund: 126.00, Votives: £175.00, Lucky Star: £49.00

WINNERS: Last month's winner of Lucky Star is Bob McGovern and 100 Club, Yvonne Galbraith. Congratulations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's liturgy in St Peter's began last weekend and it will continue from 26 Oct, after the October school break. From now on children will have their liturgy at a new place, beside the sanctuary. It is convenient for parents to drop off their children before the mass. I earnestly request the parents to send their children for this important faith formation and to help create interest in them for the mass.

OCTOBER: MISSION MONTH & MONTH OF ROSARY: The month of October is Mission month and Rosary, dedicated in a special way to promoting and supporting the Church's missionary work, as mission and evangelisation are at the very heart of the Church's identity and purpose. Throughout this month the Holy Father urges the whole People of God to pray for the Church in mission countries, especially where the Church is small, poor, or newly established.

In this month dedicated to the holy rosary, we ponder with Mary the mysteries of our salvation, and we ask the Lord to help us to be proclaimers of the Gospel by

his word and by his life. Let us commit ourselves to saying the rosary with faith for peace in our families, in countries, and in the whole world. Being a month of devotion, both parishes will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary on alternative Sunday afternoon. Come and pray. Please note the schedule:

St Fergus: Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th at 12.30pm.

St Peter's: Sunday 19th at 3.00pm.

CURRY NIGHT: St Peter's Church is organising a Curry Night in the Church hall on the evening of 24th Oct to socialise, enjoy, and strengthen the bond of friendship. The tickets and flyers are available at the back of the Church. Tickets will cost £12 per person, which will include a three-course meal and a glass of wine/beer. After that it will be BYOB. There will also be a free *musical programme* on the night. Please come along and join us in what will be a very enjoyable evening and hopefully will be an opportunity to socialise with other parishioners and others, and create lasting memories. Proceeds from the event will go to aid the ongoing pastoral and material works of the parish. Looking forward to see as many as possible on the night.

MISSION SUNDAY (from Missio Scotland): Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we are called by Pope Leo to be "Missionaries of Hope". We can do this by being part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide hope to those most in need. Let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support through Missio Scotland for our Catholic brothers and sisters in mission countries.

ANGELS: GUARDIAN & ARCHANGELS: The doctrine of angels is part of the Church's tradition based on the Bible. The word, "angel," comes from the Greek word, "*aggelos*," which means, "messenger." The

angels are spirits created by God before He created man. They are meant to be extensions of God's love and provident care for us. Their role is to praise and worship God, act as God's messengers, do God's will, and protect human beings. God sent His angels to destroy the evil cities Sodom and Gomorrah and to save Lot's family. God gave Moses an angel to support and guide him: *"My angel shall go before you"* (Ex 32:34). It was an angel who helped Jesus in the desert and encouraged Jesus during his agony in Gethsemane: *"And there appeared to him an angel from Heaven, strengthening him"* (Lk 22:43). The Acts of the Apostles (1:14) describes how God sent an angel to liberate Peter from the prison. The Catholic Catechism states they are "purely spiritual creatures" who possess "intelligence and will". It goes on, "they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures. It makes the very important point that 'Christ is the centre of the angelic world. They are his angels. They belong to him because they were created through him and for him' and 'because he has made them messengers of his saving plan'. It also says that 'the whole life of the church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. From infancy to death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. We do not travel the journey of faith alone. We journey it together as a community of faith, supported on that journey by each other's witness to the Lord. We are also supported on that journey by the presence of the purely spiritual creatures we call angels. Our Lord says in the Gospel, *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven"* (Mt 18:10). Psalm 91:1 teaches: *"For He has given His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."*

They help us on our journey towards God. They direct us to walk in the way of Jesus, which is the way of loving one another as he has loved us. The late Pope Francis in a homily some years ago said, 'the angel accompanies us and is a link between us and God the Father. The angel helps me to go forward because he looks upon God the Father, and he knows the way. Let us not forget these companions along the journey.' A three-fold function of the angels is found in the prayers of Breviary and in the Roman Missal: a) they praise and worship God, b) they serve as His messengers, and c) they watch over human beings. Pope Paul V in 1607 said: *"By God's Providence, angels have been entrusted with the office of guarding the human race and of accompanying every human being so as to preserve him from any serious dangers...Our Heavenly Father has placed over each of us an angel under whose protection and vigilance we are"* ("St. Pius V Catechism", IV, 9, 4).

Each one of us has his or her own angel whom we call Guardian Angel to bring us to the place God has prepared for us. He is to watch over each of us as protector and shepherd during our lives by guiding us to good thoughts, works and words, and to preserve us from evil. He stands beside a believer leading him or her to life'. Our guardian angel looks upon God in worship and looks upon us in watchful care. Each person's Guardian Angel is an expression of God's enduring love and providential care extended to him or her every day. 'Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen'.

Each of us protected by an angel is an encouragement against our baseless fears and unnecessary anxieties. The thought that a messenger from God is constantly watching our thoughts, words and deeds is an inspiration for us to lead holy lives and to do good for others and avoid evil. We need to be grateful to God every day, thanking Him for His loving care given us through His angel.

The Bible also mentions archangels. Archangels are recognized as leaders, and they are entrusted by God with special duties. The archangels form one of the nine orders of angels. The most prominent among them in Scripture are Michael the protector, Gabriel the messenger of God, and Raphael, the healer and guide for humans. Michael means *"Who is like God?"* from the challenge he flung at the rebel angels Lucifer and Lucifer's supporters. In *Daniel*, he is the great prince who defended Israel. In *Revelation*, he is the mighty prince who fought with Lucifer and who dragged the serpent into hell. Gabriel is God's messenger. It was Gabriel who announced to Elizabeth's husband, the priest Zechariah, the happy news that his barren wife would conceive a son, John the Baptist. He announced the *"good news"* to Mary that she was to bear the Son of God. Gabriel also announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. Raphael is man's God-appointed guide and healer. He guided Tobias' journey, arranged Tobias' marriage with Sarah, gave Tobias the means to heal Tobit's blindness and protected Sarah from the devil.

The angels remind us to remain always thankful to God for their protection and assistance. Also, the truth is that an angel is always watching us is an incentive for us to do good and to avoid evil. We celebrate the feast of the Archangels on 29 Sept and Guardian Angel on 2 Oct. SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – OCTOBER: Survivors of abuse deserve special care from the Church as they struggle to understand what has happened.

HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE: Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing from Saturday 7th to Thursday 12th Feb 2026 at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth, for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at marga-ret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

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