



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025: MISSION SUNDAY

(Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8)



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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 Teresa Kerr, and Bernadette Donoghue, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (12 Oct): St Peter's - Offertory: £483.00, B. Fund: £307.00, Votives £222.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £312.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's liturgy in St Peter's will resume from 26 Oct. I earnestly request the parents to send their children for this important faith formation and to help create interest in them for the mass.

FAMILY MASS IN ST FERGUS SCHOOL: On Friday 24th, Family mass will be celebrated in St Fergus School at 9.30am. No mass at St Peter's on this day.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF ROSARY: 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 the following days:

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

St Fergus: Sunday 26th at 12.30pm

CURRY NIGHT: Tickets are available for the Curry Night in St Peter's Church hall on the evening of 24th Oct to socialise, enjoy, and strengthen the bond of friendship. 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.

FEAST OF ST CARLO ACUTIS: The Feast of St. Carlo Acutis, canonized as a saint on September 7, 2025, will be celebrated every year on October 12. He is a patron for computer programmers and youth. As school children will be back this week after their October holiday, we will celebrate it on Sunday 26 Oct during morning mass.

REMINDER: 100 CLUB: The next payment for the 100 club is due on the 25th /26th Oct.

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

MISSION SUNDAY (SUNDAY 19 OCT): World Mission Sunday (WMS) is observed annually on the second to last Sunday of October, and this year it falls on 19 October. The theme of this year's celebration is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." On this day parishes/Catholics worldwide come together in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission work. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptised, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. In the words of St Peter, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to 'a living hope' through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1 Peter 1:3).

Mission is the responsibility of the whole Church, and this global celebration of Mission Sunday is a reminder that we are one family in Christ. This special day is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love.

What is mission? At its core, mission is an invitation to experience God's unconditional, compassionate, life-giving love and to want to share it with everyone, everywhere. Pope Leo XIV states that our Church is increasingly called to be 'a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity'. Faithful to the mission received from the Lord, we – the Church – are called to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. To set out over and over again, without growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles. One of the many wonderful ways to support mission is through the annual celebration of world mission Sunday in October.

Who is involved in World Mission Sunday? WMS is coordinated by Missio, the Pope's official charity for world mission, and ensures that support reaches communities most in need in areas of great poverty, conflict and turmoil. Everyone is asked to play their part so that those in greatest need receive support. Every Catholic community, in every country, will be sending a powerful message of faith, hope and love through their prayers and donations. Missio exists to help all Catholics take part in this life-changing mission:

Who benefits from the World Mission Sunday appeal? Donations to WMS go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. These communities request the support they need to bring lasting change – whether it's help to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school, or create a safe space for children. Your support encourages communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance. On WMS, Catholics everywhere will be united in prayer and giving for the work of mission: finding new ways to make God's love visible in the world.

Why is it important for me to donate and pray? The local community requests support from the Missio network. These requests are then reviewed and agreed upon by Missio's National Directors throughout the world. This support from the global Missio family transforms lives. It creates a hub from which the young Church can spread the Good News of the Gospel, minister to the faithful and deliver essential services in health and education.

Why has the Pope chosen the theme 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'? The theme for WMS reminds 'individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptised, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the

footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope' shared Pope Francis at the beginning of 2025.

We are all called to share the hope of the Gospel. Everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit – we can all become instruments of that hope. WMS also reminds us that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged and to tenderly care for those who suffer. We are invited to live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting peace with justice and inviting people to know God's goodness (*World Mission Sunday 19 Oct 2025, Missio, Today, Tomorrow, Together*):

In the words of Pope Leo for this Mission Sunday, "I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories" (Vatican News).

(From Missio Scotland): Let us show our solidarity of faith with our Catholic brothers and sisters in those parts of the Church where it is small, young and poor, such as the Church in Bolivia. Our prayers and generous financial support, given through Missio Scotland..., will support missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – OCTOBER: Survivors of abuse deserve special care from the Church as they struggle to understand what has happened.

SPUC BRANCH MEETING. The next SPUC branch meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st at 7pm in St Mirin's parish hall, in which the members will watch the film 'Unplanned' which tells the true story of planned parenthood worker turned prolife advocate Abby Johnson.

12TH NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE: Hosted by the Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland, Saturday 25 October 2025 in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Holy Hour at 3 p.m. Holy mass 4 p.m. Theme: May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 15:13).

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 margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org. Flyers are available at the back of the church.