



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025

(Sir 35:15-22, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14)



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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 James Graham, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including James Murphy, Agnes McGrath, Mary & Andrew McMulkin.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (12 Oct):** St Peter's - Offertory: £433.00, B. Fund: £327, Mission Sunday: £167.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £225.00, Mission Sunday £118.00

**ST CARLO ACUTIS:** The Feast of St. Carlo Acutis, canonized as a saint on September 7, 2025, is from now on will be celebrated every year on October 12. He is a patron for computer programmers and youth. As school children are back after October holiday, we shall celebrate the feast today during morning mass.

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

**ALL SAINTS' DAY, HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:** We celebrate the solemnity of All Saints on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It is usually celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November, but this year, the next day being Sunday, it is transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> November. In Scotland it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed** is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. St Peter's School children will attend mass on this day in the parish church at 10am. No mass in St Fergus on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ST CONVAL'S CEMETERY MASS:** Please join Bishop John for the annual November Holy Mass at St Conval's Cemetery, for the happy eternal rest of the souls of those buried there. Holy Mass will begin in the cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. To follow online, use the following link: [https://youtube.com/live/7R4ohRsv1x8?feature=s\\_hare](https://youtube.com/live/7R4ohRsv1x8?feature=s_hare)

**MASS OF COMMITMENT FOR PRIMARY 7:** As part of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Primary 7 children of St Peter's School will have their mass of Commitment on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November in St Peter's parish and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> for Primary 7 of St Fergus School in St Fergus parish.

**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. The St Fergus parish will have the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary this Sunday at 12.30pm.

**NOVEMBER LIST:** The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There is an important pious custom of giving a list of names of deceased loved ones to the Church. Masses will be celebrated each day in this month for their happy repose especially those whose names appear on our lists in both parishes. Envelopes are now available for collection. Please

return your completed lists with any offerings enclosed in the collection baskets, or return them to the chapel house.

**REMINDER:** The next payment for the 100 club is due this weekend.

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

**ST CARLO ACUTIS:** As mentioned earlier, Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, was canonized last month in the Vatican. It was a great moment for the Church in general and young people in particular because at a very young age he was declared by the Holy Mother Church a saint.

Carlo was born in London on 3 May 1991 to Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. He was baptized on 18 May 1991. His parents were nominal Catholics, attending Mass rarely. His mother said, 'I was not the ideal model of a Catholic mother.' The Acutis family returned to Milan in September 1991. He attended school there. He was brilliant with internet and computer technology. Even at four years of age, Carlo would not pass in front of a Church without asking to enter and blow kisses to Jesus. He also developed a special love for the Virgin Mary and St Anthony of Padua. He would describe the Blessed Virgin as "the only woman in my life." He also read the Bible and biographies of the saints and asked deep questions about the faith that astonished his mother. Meanwhile, his mother understood his son was very special and she was attracted to his holiness. So, she began her journey of reunion to the faith.

Here I remember about seven years ago, having been told a story by the Head Teacher of a parish school where I was the chaplain, that when a boy was about to receive his Holy Communion, he told his parents who were only nominal Catholics, unless they took him every Sunday to the Church he would not receive Communion. His parents assented to his request and were faithful to their commitment.

Carlo went to mass every day and he loved Eucharistic adoration. He visited the poor and sick during his life time especially people who lived on the streets. He was from a wealthy family but he was concerned about the poor. As a child he was an evangelizer, a proclaimer of the Gospel. He reached out to thousands of young people through the internet with his exhibit on Eucharistic miracles. As devotion to Carlo spread wide, many young people took interest in their spiritual life and were attracted to the Church and frequent reception of the Eucharist.

Carlo died of leukaemia when he was 15. Carlo's canonization in September brought tears of joy to Christians who were attracted to his life and his witness to Jesus and the Gospel. In the social media, be it on Instagram, the Hallow app, Facebook, or other Catholic media, the life story of him was played all over again and again. We all live in the digital world as it tries to regulate most part of our lives. Carlo was not an exception, but he made use of it in a different way to glorify God by spreading his faith in God and devotion to the Eucharist. He had a computer, a flip phone and a PlayStation. Our young people can take home a lesson that modern technology can not only provide us with knowledge and entertainment but also be used to build up God's kingdom around the world. Now days many Christians, especially

young adults take to social media to learning and sharing of faith.

Carlo's Way to Sanctity:

1. Frequent reception of the Eucharist: Eucharist is my highway to Heaven. Try to go to Mass every day and receive Holy Communion.

2. Eucharistic Adoration: If we go out in the sun, we get a suntan...but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints. By standing before the Eucharist we become holy. We can find God, with His Body, Soul and His Divinity, present in all the tabernacles of the world! If we think about it, we are more fortunate than those who lived two thousand years ago in contact with Jesus, because we have God 'really and substantially' present with us always. it's enough to visit the closest church! We have Jerusalem on our doorsteps. Jerusalem is in every Church!

3. Spiritual guide and regular confession: Why do people worry so much about the beauty of their own body and not about the beauty of their soul?

4. Devotion to Our Blessed Mother and the Saints: The rosary is the shortest ladder to heaven

5. Charity: A life will be really beautiful if we come to love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves.

These above five ways to sanctity shown and practised by Carlo can inspire our young people in our parishes. We pray that our young parents, by following the example of Carlo, will initiate ways to impart faith in their children in order to make them holy and work for God's kingdom.

**MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** There will be Divine Mercy Mass and Adoration on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> which will start with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. celebrated by Monsignor Joe Burke followed by Adoration at St Mirin's church. All are welcome.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** The Young Adults series is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Diocesan Office. All young Catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at [joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Paul Lavery [Paul.lavery@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Paul.lavery@rcdop.org.uk)

**Young Adults:** The Young Adults series on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - "Heaven Meets Earth" Continues on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, with 'The Liturgy of the Word' by Fr Ryan Black. All young Catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at [joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Paul Lavery [Paul.lavery@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Paul.lavery@rcdop.org.uk)

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