



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025

(Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Tim 1:6-14, Lk 17:5-10)



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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 Anthony McLinden, Ian Loughran, and Pat Gallagher, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alice McCart, Mary Lavelle, Rose Thomson, and Nancy & Peter Daly,

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (Sept 28): St Peter's - Offertory: £550.00, B. Fund: £345.00, Vocations: £26.00. St Fergus -Offertory: £292.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's liturgy in St Peter's begins this weekend, Sunday, 5th October during the 10am mass at a new place, beside the sanctuary. The place has been refurbished to suit children's dream of having a beautiful place for the liturgy. It is convenient for parents to drop off their children at the room 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.

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT: This year's annual safeguarding announcement is read out at all masses this weekend to coincide with the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF ROSARY: In this month of October, 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 Peter's: Sunday 5th and Sunday 19th at 3.00pm.
St Fergus: Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th at 12.30pm.

MISSION MONTH AND DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: The month of October is also the Mission month. This month is 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 keeping with the need of the time to pray for peace, the Bishops of Scotland invite all Catholics to keep Tuesday 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary as a day of prayer for peace. Our world today is troubled by so many wars and conflicts; it is appropriate that we as Catholics pray individually and together on this day for the Holy Land, Gaza and Israel. Our both parishes will be open for anyone who wishes to visit the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for a moment of prayer and to light a candle. St Fergus Church, Ferguslie will be open from 9.30am to 12 noon and St Peter's Church, Glenburn from 10am to 4.00pm.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION, SCOTLAND: A similar request has been made by the Justice & Peace Scotland to pray as the war has been going on for two years in the Holy Land. On Monday 7th October, please join them "Light a Prayer for Peace" action by lighting a candle and say a prayer for peace. You are also encouraged to write to your MP urgently calling for action to end the suffering in Gaza. Find out more and download a template letter here: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Light-a-Prayer-for-Peace.

CURRY NIGHT - 24th October: 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. Two of our parishioners have very kindly offered to buy the food, cook it and serve it. The tickets will be available from this weekend. 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. Flyers and tickets are available at the back of the Church.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? The RCIA process has begun Thursday 25th Sept in St Mirin's Cathedral. For more information, please contact your parish priest.

WEEKDAY MASSES: From this week onwards, 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.

SPRED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED - To assist with bringing learning disabled friends to their Spred group on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening taking them to/from the Centre at St Peter's Church, Glenburn, once a fortnight, term time only. If anyone is interested please call 0141 884 8866 or email spred@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.

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

RETREAT FOR PRIMARY 7 PARENTS: The parishes in Paisley will continue their preparation program for children receiving Confirmation during the Easter season of 2026. As a first step, there will be a retreat for the parents, carers, and guardians on Monday, October 6th, from 6.00-7.30pm, at St. Andrew's Academy. We warmly invite sponsors to attend as well. Furthermore, children receiving Confirmation are also welcome to join us; there will be a program of activities planned for them during the retreat.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY: On Monday 7th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Rosary. Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat

of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7. On October 7th, 1571 a fleet of ships assembled by the combined forces of Naples, Sardinia, Venice, the Papacy, Genoa, Savoy and the Knights Hospitallers fought an intense battle with the fleet of the Ottoman Empire. The battle took place in the Gulf of Patras located in western Greece. The victory at Lepanto is considered to be one of the greatest in naval history, since the Christians easily defeated an army reported to be about three times larger in number. This quick victory by the Holy League was attributed to the help of the Mother of God whose intercession was invoked by the soldiers and the faithful through the praying of the Rosary.

Our Lady, identifying herself as Our Lady of the Rosary, asked for the daily recitation of the Rosary during her apparitions to the three shepherd children - Lucia Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto—between May and October 1917 in Fátima, Portugal. During the final apparition on October 13, 1917, Mary identified herself as “Our Lady of the Rosary,” requested them to pray rosary everyday as a way to bring peace and end World War I. The apparitions included prophecies, and the “three secrets.” In Lourdes, France, Bernadette Soubirous reported 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the Grotto of Massabielle between February 11 and July 16, 1858. In the apparitions at Lourdes in France, Our Lady held a Rosary and specifically requested Bernadette, the visionary, to pray it with her. Throughout various apparitions, Mary has consistently emphasized the power of prayer and the Rosary as a means of seeking God's guidance, solace, and to bring about good in the world. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion, besides the existing Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her

Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Let us continue to pray the rosary every day.

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