



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – FEAST

(Ez 47:1-12, 1 Cor 3:9-17, Jn 2:13-22)



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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 John Callaghan and John Rooney and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Dudley Hawkins.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (02 NOV): St Peter's - Offertory: £519.00, B. Fund: £341.00. 100 Club: £260.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £173.00, Fund: £110.00. Lucky Star: £ 50.00

The winners of last month: Luck Star - Paul Doherty and 100 Club: Martin McAnulty. Congratulations.

MASS OF ENROLMENT FOR PRIMARY 7: As part of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Primary 7 children of St Peter's School have their mass of Enrolment this Sunday 9th Nov in St Peter's parish and on Sunday 16th for Primary 7 of St Fergus School in St Fergus parish during Mass.

Mass of Commitment for Primary 4 of St Fergus School is on Sunday 23rd in St Fergus Parish during mass.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of John Rooney on Thursday 13th Nov at 9.30am in St Fergus Church. His remains will be received into the Church on Wednesday 12th Nov at 6pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

No Mass on Thursday 13th in St Peter's.

GRATITUDE TO JOE & SUZIE VARGHESE: The Curry Night held in St Peter's parish hall two weeks ago was sponsored by Joe & Suzie

Varghese. The parish community expresses deep appreciation and profound gratitude for their generosity and love for the parish. The event raised a significant amount of £815.00. Thanks to all who participated in the event.

Looking forward to having more such events in the future when sponsors come forward.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Parents, please send your children to Mass and children's liturgy on Sundays.

NOVEMBER LIST: The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. 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.

ST FERGUS' PRIMARY SCHOOL WELCOMES RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS: As part of this year's celebrations around the Feast of St Fergus', the School will host the relics of St Carlo Acutis on Tuesday 18th November. Time will be given for all classes to hold short prayer and reflection services in the morning. In the afternoon, the school will be open for any families and parishioners between 1.30 and 2.30pm, and you are welcome to visit the relics for your own prayer and reflection during this time. Please enter via the main school entrance if you are attending.

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

INFORMATION:(St Peter's Parish): A Christmas Fayre will be organised in St Peter's Church hall on Sunday 30 Nov from 2pm to 5pm. Fete flyer is available in the Church. (Raffle donations like chocolates, wine etc welcome. A basket is placed at the back of the Church).

This year for Christmas we hope to forge ties with St Vincent's Hospice by raising fund for them through carol singing in the Piazza and also have plans in mind to visit the residents and sing carols. Once the date has been fixed, interested parishioners please join the children's liturgy, as your participation will encourage children. Please add your name to the list when it is put up at the back of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGH FOR THE MONTH – NOVEMBER: It is our shared responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm. Next training is on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, PA1 1HR RED WEDNESDAY. 19th November, our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Will you help us 'break the silence on Christian persecution'? Come along to one of the following Masses this #Red Wednesday (19th November):

Glasgow: St Andrew's Cathedral at 1:00pm

Edinburgh: St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 7:00pm

Motherwell: Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid at 10:00am

Paisley: St Mirin's Cathedral at 6:00pm

Ayr: St Margaret's Cathedral at 7:00pm

For more details, contact scotland@acnuk.org or call the office at 01698 337 470.

THE LATERAN BASILICA: Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, called "mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world." In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Lateran Basilica. This Basilica's official title is "Basilica of the Most Holy Saviour

and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran." This is the oldest and most important basilica, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not the Basilica of St. Peter as so many mistakenly believe. St. John Lateran is unique because it is both a cathedral and a basilica. The Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication as a cathedral since it is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world. Because the Church/Cathedral bears the title of "Christ our Saviour Cathedral," today's feast is considered a Feast of the Lord which takes precedence over the Sunday liturgy. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granted Christians freedom to practice their religion and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. Only after the 6th century were the names of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist added.

Today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desires to have a community that worships him. It also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God.

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND ST FERGUS: As Christmas is approaching people will be busy buying things online. Easy fundraising is a platform that allows people to raise money for a noble cause, such as a charity/church/school. It is by doing your online shopping. When someone shops through the [easyfundraising website or app](#), the retailer donates a percentage of the sale price to the shopper's chosen cause without any additional cost to the shopper. As mentioned, it doesn't cost the buyer any additional burden and the advantage is that it will raise some fund for the parish. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of both of our Churches.