



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

(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 Brian Rice and Jimmy Johnstone and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret New, Mary McPhee, and Patti Henry.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (09 NOV): St Peter's - Offertory: £575.00, B. Fund: £346.00, Church repairs: £235.00, Votives: £90.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £302.00,

MASS OF ENROLMENT, CATECHESIS AND COMMITMENT: As part of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Primary 7 children of St Fergus School have their Mass of Enrolment in St Fergus Church today, Sunday 16th, during morning Mass. Also, Primary 7 children of St Peter's School have their second Sunday of catechesis today, in St Peter's Church during mass.

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

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of Brian Rice on Monday 17th Nov at 10.00am in St Peter's Church. His remains will be received into the Church on Sunday 16th Nov at 6pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

No mass on Monday 17th in St Fergus.

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.

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

NOVEMBER LIST: Masses will be celebrated each day in this month for the happy repose especially those whose names appear on our lists in both parishes. Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the Church.

ANNUAL NOVEMBER MASS: The annual November mass for the departed souls of St Peter's and St Fergus will be celebrated in St Peter's Church on Thursday 27th at 6.00pm.

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A Christmas Fayre is being 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).

HAWKHEAD CEMETERY MASS: The annual Holy Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery will be celebrated at 2pm on Sunday 23rd November. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the souls of those buried there. *Requiescant in pace.*

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2025: The Youth Commission of the Diocese invites pupils in S1-S3 to a Celebration of World Youth Day on Sunday 23rd November, in St James's Church, Greenock Road, Paisley. The celebration will include an opportunity to go to Confession, to have lunch together, and to celebrate Holy Mass with Bishop Keenan. Online registration is required: <http://www.tinyurl.com/DPY-WYD->

[2025](#). Email Fr Ryan for more info at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: The Youth Commission is organising a series of Retreats for the 2026/26 session. The first Retreat of this session will be an Advent Retreat Day on Sunday 30th November 2025, open to pupils in P4, P5, P6 and P7, and will run from 1.45–5pm. The venue is St James’s church on Greenock Road in Paisley. The theme of this session’s Retreat Days will be: Our Friends, the Saints. In the Advent Retreat Day, the focus will be on some of the Saints of Scotland. The event will be concluded with holy mass and dinner. Registration is necessary, and families can do this at <https://tinyurl.com/DPY-Primary-Advent25>, or by scanning the QR code placed in the notice board of the Church.

THE YOUNG ADULTS SERIES - on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - “Heaven Meets Earth” Continues on Wednesday 19th November at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, with ‘The Eucharistic Prayer to Go Forth’ by Fr Joe McGill. All young Catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk or Fr Paul Laverty Paul.laverty@rcdop.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING THOUGH FOR THE MONTH – NOVEMBER: It is our shared responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm. Thanks to all the five volunteers who will be going for the training 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 as 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians who need our prayers and support. Will you help us ‘break the silence on Christian persecution’? Mass will be celebrated in St Mirin’s Cathedral at 6:00pm.

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 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. So far, we have 9 supporters and raised £176.83. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of both of our Churches.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 16 November 2025 to be the ninth

World Day of the Poor, with the theme of “You are my hope. “The theme is taken from the Psalm, “You, O Lord, are my hope” (Ps 71:5). These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: “You have made me see many troubles and calamities” (v. 20), at the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls “a rock of refuge, a strong fortress” (v. 3). Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: “In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame” (v. 1).

In his message, the Holy Father urges us that the poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation." The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.

Pope Leo writes that the structural causes of poverty must be addressed and eliminated. "Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity" he says, quoting St Augustine, who observed: “You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away."

The Pope also urges us all to "offer new signs of hope" that will bear witness to Christian charity, which is “the greatest social commandment." He draws attention to the many “quiet signs of hope” - in care homes, community centres, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools – that often go unnoticed. Calling for the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty and new initiatives to support those who are struggling, the Holy Father writes that; "Labour, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms."

Amid life’s trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God’s love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint (cf. *Rom* 5:5). Thus, Saint Paul could write to Timothy: “To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God” (1 *Tim* 4:10). The living God is in fact “the God of hope” (*Rom* 15:13), and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become “our hope” (1 *Tim* 1:1).

By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting *hopes* to a lasting *hope*. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal” (*Mt* 6:19-20) ... (Message of the Holy Father for the 9th World Day of the Poor: 33rd Sunday of ordinary time, 16 Nov 2025).