



## PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE -  
SOLEMNITY

(2 Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43)



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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 Janette Rodger and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lily Thorburn and Yvonne Wales.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (16 NOV): St Peter's - Offertory: £571.00, B. Fund: £428.00, Education: £110.00, Hall Let: £100.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £223.00, B. Fund: 74.00

'YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES', PRIMARY 7: The Primary 7 children of St Peter's School have their third Sunday of catechesis known as 'You shall be My Witnesses,' this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> in St Peter's Church during mass.

MASS OF COMMITMENT: Mass of commitment for Primary 4 of St Fergus School is this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> in St Fergus Church during mass.

'PRAYER AND PANCAKE' AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL: The pupils of St Peter's Primary School would like to invite parishioners of St Peter's Church to attend a 'Prayer and Pancake' event at 10.50am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November in St Peter's School. This is to mark Catholic Education Fortnight and is an opportunity for us to pray together as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. A small group of children will lead the event which will involve praying a decade of the rosary together followed by tea, coffee and pancakes. All are very welcome to come along. The event should last approximately half an hour.

THE GIVING TREE AT ST FERGUS' & ST PETER'S: As every year we will display the Giving Tree with tags on in St Fergus Church from this weekend. The gifts will go to the deserving children of St Fergus

Primary School. Please bring back the gifts and drop them off at the tree latest by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec as the school will be closed from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> for Christmas holidays. Christmas raffle tickets are available from now on in the Church. If anyone is willing to donate some prizes including hampers, most welcome. While in St Peter's, the Giving Tree will be on display from next weekend.

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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm.

MASS IN ST FERGUS: On Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be celebrated in St Fergus School at 9.30am. No mass on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> in St Peter's.

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).

SPRED MASS: The annual SPRED Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. All welcome

ADVENT: The season of Advent begins on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. It is a special time of grace as we prepare for the Feast of Christmas, birth of our Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

HAWKHEAD CEMETERY MASS: The annual Holy Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery is celebrated at 2pm

Sunday 23rd November. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the souls of those buried there. *Requiescant in pace.*

GUARDING LIVES MEETING AGAINST THE HOLYROOD ASSISTED DYING BILL: Prof David Galloway, Linwood Gospel Hall, 32 Bridge Street, Paisley, PA3 3DR, Thursday 27 November, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. Liam McArthur MSP's assisted suicide Bill only narrowly passed its Stage 1 vote in May. Just eight MSPs need to change their minds to defeat it. This dangerous Bill can be stopped, but we need your help. We have identified key MSPs who may be open to changing their vote and we urge you to come to this meeting (by Bishop John).

A QUIET MORNING FOR ADVENT: Seeking hope, love, joy and peace at St James's Renfrew on Saturday 29th November beginning with mass at 10 am, continuing in the hall until 1pm. All welcome.

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.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGH FOR THE MONTH – NOVEMBER: It is our shared responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm.

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND ST FERGUS: An easy way to raise some fund for the parishes is to purchase things online especially at this festive season of Christmas when we buy perhaps buy huge quantities of things. 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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a

shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world' (Matthew 25:31–34).

At the end of the ordinary time towards the season of Advent we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.

The liturgical feast of Christ the King was added to the Church calendar in 1925, when Pope Pius XI instituted it. At the time Pope Pius XI instituted it, the world was in political and social chaos. After World War I ended in 1918, secularism began to grow worldwide, and communist and fascist ideologies emerged, leading many to question and even abandon their faith. The unity of faith and civil governance, which had been part of the make-up of Europe since the fourth century, slowly crumbled, and God's sovereignty over the world was readily dismissed. Though the concept of the separation of the Church and State can be helpful to both the Church and the State, if God's authority and laws are excluded from human governance, man is left to his own designs and inevitably goes astray.

Upon seeing the social and political culture of the 1920s devolve, Pope Pius XI felt that he needed to remind the Church and the world that there is only one King, He is the King of humanity, of the entire Universe. In his encyclical letter, Pope Pius quotes Pope Leo XIII who said in his encyclical on the Sacred Heart, *Annum Sacrum*, "(Christ's) empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons...but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ.". In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society". When Jesus walked the earth, He instituted the Kingdom of God as a spiritual reality and invited us to participate in it. Those who participate are called to work to establish Christ's Kingdom on earth.

This feast also reminds us that in order for Christ to reign as King, He must first govern each soul. Jesus is not only the Saviour of mankind, He is also the model of Christian living. Just as the Son of God did His Father's will while on the earth, so must we. We cannot do our own will, but the will of the Father in Heaven. God's governance of our lives requires complete obedience to His commands because His commands are perfect, true, and lead us to the fulfilment of human life. Only in Christ do we find peace, unity, harmony, and true purpose.