



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Is 2:1-5, Rom 13: 11-14, Mt 24: 37-44)



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Sunday Mass: St. Peter's 4.00pm (Sat) & 10.00 am, St. Fergus' 5.30pm (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' 5.00 -5.25pm; and on request

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick, for all who have recently died in particular Declan McNally, John Callaghan, and Mary Connelly, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Charlie Doherty.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (23 NOV): St Peter's - Offertory: £498.00, B. Fund: £353.00, Education: £74.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £259.00

SPRED MASS: The annual SPRED mass is celebrated this Sunday (30th Nov) in St Peter's at 10am. We welcome the entire SPRED family to this Mass. We assure them of our prayers and support. Children's liturgy joins the mass. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: The long-awaited Christmas Fayre is today in St Peter's Church hall from 2pm to 5pm. All are welcome to come and see the varied items that will be on display. Tea & coffee will be served. You can also enjoy a raffle.

NO TEA & COFFEE – No tea & coffee after the morning mass today as the hall is getting ready for the Christmas Fayre.

THE GIVING TREE AT ST FERGUS' & ST PETER'S: The Giving Tree with tags on are displayed in both Churches. Should you wish to gift you can pick up a tag or more from the tree that lists the details of the things. Please do not forget to place the tag on the gift in order to give to the right recipient. Please bring back the gifts and drop them off at the tree latest by Sunday 14th Dec as schools will be closed from Friday 19th Dec

For holidays. In St Peter's gifts will be distributed to '*Stronger Communities Glenburn*', '*The Spirit of Christmas*' and '*the SVPD*'. While in St Fergus they are for *St Fergus Primary School*. In St Fergus, Christmas raffle tickets are available from now on in the Church. If anyone is willing to donate some prizes including hampers, most welcome.

MASS OF ENROLEMT: The Primary 4 children of St Peter's Primary School will have their Mass of enrolment on Sunday 7th December in St Peter's Church.

'YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES', PRIMARY 7: The Primary 7 children of St Fergus School will have their second Sunday of catechesis known as 'You shall be My Witnesses,' on Sunday 7th December in St Fergus Church.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: The Mass times in both parishes are as follows:

St Fergus: Christmas Vigil: Wednesday 24th - Carol service at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Christmas morning Mass, Thursday 25th at 11.30am.

St Peter's: Christmas Vigil: Wednesday 24th -Nativity play and Carol service at 4.00pm followed by Mass. Christmas morning Mass, Thursday 25th at 10.00am. St Fergus Carol choir will have practice on Sundays 14th & 21st after the morning mass.

CHRISTMAS TEA IN THE PARISHES: The parishes are organizing a Christmas tea party for all the parishioners. In St Fergus it is on Sunday 7th December after the morning mass. While in St Peter's it will be

on Sunday 21st after the morning mass. Please join this great celebration.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: The Advent Retreat for P4 – P7 organised by the Youth Commission is on Sunday 30th November 2025 and will run from 1.45–5pm in St James's church on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). The theme is: 'Our Friends, the Saints.' 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 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 our Churches.

100 CLUB: A reminder – this month's payment for the 100 club is this weekend, 29th/ 30th Nov.

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

Our liturgical year is ordered in such a way as to lead us through the entire mystery of salvation won for us in Christ. Each liturgical year begins with Advent, when we ponder the Incarnation that leads us to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Following Christmas, we enter into the public ministry of Christ during Ordinary Time, which begins with the feast of His Baptism. In the midst of Ordinary Time, we enter the deepest paschal mystery of Lent and Easter, culminating with the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Season concludes with Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. What does the word Advent mean? Advent comes from the Latin "ad + venire," which means, essentially, "to come to" or "to come toward," which means "arrival." So, Advent is the season of arrival: the arrival of Christ in our hearts, in the world, and into God's extraordinary plan for our salvation. The people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to set them free from captivity and to lead them to the fulfilment of all that God had promised. John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, promised that the Messiah was coming and could be

found in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting and longing for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply in our lives and to renew our desire for His triumphant second coming into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating trees and giving gifts, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

What should I do during Advent? During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church — all to prepare for celebrating Christmas. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming."

Advent wreaths: Where did they come from and what do the colours mean? Advent wreaths are traditionally made from evergreen branches and have four candles. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent — three candles are purple, and one is a rose colour. The purple represents prayer, penance, and preparation for the coming of Christ. Historically, Advent was known as a "little Lent," which is why the penitential colour of purple is used. During Lent, we prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter. Similarly, during Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, both on Christmas and at the second coming. The rose candle is illuminated on the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. At Mass on the third Sunday, the priest also wears rose-coloured vestments. Gaudete Sunday is a day for rejoicing and joy as the faithful draw near to the birth of Jesus, and it marks the midpoint of Advent. The green colour of the wreath represents hope and life. The Advent wreath reminds us that Christ is alive among us and that we must cultivate a life of grace, spiritual growth, and hope during Advent.

THE DIOCESAN FINANCE DEPARTMENT has 2 temporary vacancies for a minimum of 6 weeks with immediate effect. 1. Accountant to prepare quarterly curial and parish accounts, processing payroll and assisting the finance director in ad hoc duties to cover sick leave. 2. Experienced bookkeeper to assist with parish and curial processing on sage. If you are interested and have the relevant experience please contact Jackie Brett by email: recruitment@rcdop.org.uk

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE – The next mass to pray for the protection of unborn children is on Friday the 5th of December at 7 pm in St John's, Barrhead.

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults series on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - "Heaven Meets Earth" Continues on Wednesday 3rd December 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 or Fr Paul Laverty Paul.laverty@rcdop.org.uk