



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 07 DECEMBER 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12)



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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, Douglas Bradley for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nancy & Peter Daly.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (30 NOV): St Peter's - Offertory: £520.00, B. Fund: £347.00, Hall Lets £250.00, Stalls £91.00 St Fergus: Offertory: £259.00

MASS OF ENROLMENT: The Primary 4 children of St Peter's School have their Mass of Enrolment today 7th December during mass.

'YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES', PRIMARY 7: The Primary 7 children of St Fergus School have their second Sunday of catechesis known as 'You shall be My Witnesses,' today 7th Dec during mass.

MONDAY 8TH, MASS IN ST PETER'S: Tomorrow children of St Peter's School will join the community for mass at 10am in the Church. No mass in St Fergus on Monday 8th.

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.

THANK YOU: A big thanks to all who worked hard for the Christmas Fayre, for the generous raffle donations, and those who participated in it.

The fayre raised £966.00 towards the parish fund. Once again thanks to all.

TEA & COFFEE – Tea & coffee available in the hall. All welcome.

THE GIVING TREE AT ST FERGUS' & ST PETER'S: Feel free to choose a tag from the giving tree to give a gift to someone mentioned in the card. Please do not forget to place the tag on the gift in order to give to the right recipient. As mentioned earlier, the gifts collected in St Fergus are for the children of St Fergus School. So please bring them by Sunday 14 as the schools will be closed from Friday 19th for holidays. While in St Peter's they will be given out to 'Stronger Communities Glenburn', 'The Spirit of Christmas' and 'the SSVP'. 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.

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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT: The theme for the second Sunday of Advent is peace. On this day we light the second candle, candle of peace that Christ brought to mankind with His birth and incarnation. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. Every year on the second Sunday of Advent, the Church has us ponder the words and deeds of Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. 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 Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

Advent often focus on preparation for the birth of Jesus, and on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. It is a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. An ideal preparation for welcoming the Lord is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May this Advent be a time of spiritual awakening and renewal for you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the World.

CATHEDRAL ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS: In preparation for the Christmas, on Thursday 18th December, priests will be available to hear Confessions from 8.30am (after 8am Mass) until 6.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. There will be 30-minute breaks while Masses are celebrated at 10am and 1pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: You can find Mass times listings for Christmas throughout the diocese on the diocesan website - <https://rcdop.org.uk/christmas>.

THANK YOU, FROM SPRED: The SPRED community expresses their gratitude to St Peter's parish for the mass and for £113.90 raised last Sunday.

THE SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday the 8th December. In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have affected human nature after the fall. Our Lady has always been present in the life of Jesus, from the manger to Calvary. So, she is always present in the life of the Church, from its beginning to its end. This

faithfulness of hers gives us hope, this presence of hers is a guarantee of victory.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX issued an apostolic constitution called *Ineffabilis Deus* by which he declared the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be a dogma of faith. This definition was a response to the longstanding devotion and theological consensus that had built up over the centuries.

Ineffabilis Deus begins by stating that the creation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was in the mind of God from all eternity. She is the Father's "singular delight," and "under God, one cannot even imagine anything greater, and which, outside of God, no mind can succeed in comprehending fully." This statement should leave us with a profound faith in the Immaculate Conception and an acknowledgment of the great and incomprehensible mystery we celebrate. She is not worshiped. She is, however, to be loved and honoured in a singularly unique way, for she is God's most glorious creation and will be honoured as such forever.

The Blessed Virgin Mary has also been traditionally seen as the new Ark of the Covenant. The first Ark was a sacred vessel that contained the Ten Commandments, manna, and Aaron's rod. The Ark was a symbol of God's divine presence that only the High Priest could approach once a year after rigorous purification rituals. The Blessed Virgin Mary, being the new Ark of the Covenant, should also be treated with the greatest veneration, for she bore the divine within her womb and He came forth from her own body. Only the Great High Priest, Jesus her Son, could dare to approach and dwell within her.

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 parishes. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of our Churches.