



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PARISHES

Bulletin

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT: 01 MARCH 2026

(Gn 12:1-4, 2Tim 1:8-10, Mt 17:1-9)

Eucharistic Prayer II



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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 (Sat), St Fergus' 5.00 -5.25pm (Sat); and on request

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick namely Helen McAleer, for all who have recently died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret D'Arcy.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Eugene McClure on Thursday 5th March at 10am in St Peter's. His remains will be received into Church on Wednesday 4th at 6.00pm.

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Please join us for the mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, personal prayer and Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, in St Peter's parish. While in St Fergus, it will be after the morning mass on Wednesdays, starting from Wednesday the 25th.

ST FERGUS PRIMARY SCHOOL: The Primary 4 children of St Fergus School will have their sacramental preparation, 'Do This in Memory of Me' on Sunday 1st March during morning mass.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: The school will join the community in the Church for the 10am mass on Friday 6th. The Primary 4 will have their sacramental preparation, 'Do This in Memory of Me' on Sunday 8th March during morning mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (15 Feb): St Peter's - Offertory: £500.00, B. Fund: £343.00. Hall lets: £250.00, Teas: £100.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £251.00

DAYS FOR YOUR DIARY:

1. ST PATRICK'S AFTERNOON TEA: on Sunday 22nd March, 1.00pm in St Peter's. Entertainment will include Irish Dancers and Ceilidh music. More details will follow.

2. PARISH MISSION from Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th March in St Peter's Parish. Further information will follow.

LENTEN EVENING MASSES: From Monday-Thursday in Lent, there will be an evening Mass throughout the cluster: Mondays in St Mary's (7pm); Tuesdays in St Peter's (6.30pm); Wednesdays in St Mirin's (7pm); Thursdays in St Charles's (7pm).

P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day on Sunday 1st March from 1.45pm-5pm. In this special Jubilee Year of St Francis, the theme is "Our Friends, the Saints: The Franciscan Saints." The Retreat takes place in St Francis of Assisi church and halls on Auchenbothie Road in Port Glasgow (PA14 6JD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent-2026. Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE: Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass of the season will be offered in St Ninian's, Gourock, on Friday the 6th of March at 7 PM; Adoration

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND COURSE, 13 - 15 MARCH 2026: This weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational

Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

TEA AND COFFEE in the parish hall. All welcome.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH: Taking your child to the church may be hard, but raising them without Jesus is even harder.

Reasons why we are bringing our little one to Church:

1. She needs to see that church is important.
2. Prayers are important too.
3. Church provides opportunities for children to participate and experience new things.
4. Bringing our child to Church strengthens our family.
5. She will be surrounded by God-loving people.
6. She will long for the Church and sacraments.
7. Sundays will be considered the most important days in life. (Mommy Sprang).

VENERATION OF RELICS OF ST FRANCIS:

Thousands of pilgrims venerate relics of St Francis of Assisi, which are exposed for the veneration of the faithful for the first time in almost 800 years. Around 18,000 pilgrims and visitors from around the world filed passed the mortal remains of St Francis of Assisi on Sunday, taking the unprecedented opportunity to venerate the major relics of one of the most beloved saints in the history of the Church.

As part of the commemoration of the 8th centenary of the death of the "Poverello," the Little Poor Man of Assisi, the skeletal remains of Saint Francis will be on public display in the Basilica dedicated to him in his hometown. It marks the first public exposition of the relics since the saint's body was interred in the crypt of the Basilica in the year 1230. The exposition will continue for just one month, from February 22 to March 22 of this year.

LENT: On Ash Wednesday we were reminded with the ashes imposed on us that we are nothing more than dust. Most often we ponder this reality in respect of our mortality. These words are a stark reminder that, indeed, our bodies come from the dust of the earth and will return there when we are buried or when we are cremated. But according to our Christian faith, we believe that even if the body decays, something else lives on. In Christian theology, we call that

something the soul. The soul is the essence of a person; it is who she or he is. And that essence lives on. But the opposite is also true. For we read in the Book of Genesis that "The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Gen 2:7).

Yes, we are truly dust. But through the power of Almighty God dust can have life breathed into it. Mere dust can become the apex of God's creation – it can become a new creature that is the very "image" of God Himself (Gen 1:27). During this lent Almighty God wishes to recreate us, to breathe life anew into the dust we are, into the sin-stained dust we have become.

Lent is a time to make more space for prayer and many people will carve out of a busy schedule some time of a morning or an evening for just that. It is an appropriate time for us to step back and to assess how well we participate in the holy mass, how seriously we think of spending some extra time in prayer and reaching out to the needy. Participation in Mass as often as possible during lent is fundamental and it is a sublime grace. There are many devotional and spiritual practices approved by the Church and we are free to adopt those we judge to be appropriate. The rosary and Stations of the Cross without doubt assist people in entering into the mysteries of our salvation. Reading of Bible during lent is an excellent practice to understand the meaning of the words mentioned just above that is we are dust and unto dust we shall return.

Lent, is also the season for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. It is the time to make a good or integral confession. Many people these days don't attach much importance to the sacrament of reconciliation/confession. This tendency perhaps is a gradual shift from the earlier days when people used to go to regular confessions. For a worthy reception of the Eucharist confession is essential. The examination of conscience and frequent confessions will make us understand better our mortal nature.