



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PARISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY: 08 FEBRUARY 2026

(Is 58:6-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16)

Eucharistic Prayer III



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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, for all who have recently died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Cathie Adam, and Hồ Thi Thanh.

MASS FOR THE SICK/HEALING MASS: Holy Mass for the sick will be celebrated in St Peter's Parish on Wednesday 11th at 6.30pm on the occasion of the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Everyone is welcome. Sick individuals, or their family and friends on their behalf, are encouraged to pray for healing during this mass. Anointing of the sick will also take place during the mass. Welcome to the hall for tea & coffee afterward.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The Ash Wednesday mass and service on Wednesday 18th February is as follows:
St Fergus: 9.00am
St Peter's 7.00pm

You can also know the Ash Wednesday mass and service times throughout the diocese on the diocesan website at <https://rcdop.org.uk/ash>. It's a day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE.

There will be a funeral mass on Ash Wednesday 18th at 10am in St Peter's.

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Every Friday in Lent there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual devotion and Way of the Cross in St Peter's parish from 6.30-8.00pm. while in St Fergus, it will be after the morning mass on Wednesdays.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (25 JAN): St Peter's - Offertory: £539.00, B. Fund: £348.00, St Fergus: Offertory: £294.00, B. Fund: £140.00. Lucky Star: £44.00.

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND ST FERGUS: As we are already in the beginning of the new year, it is likely that many are in the process of securing cheaper summer flights to arrange their vacation. Without adding any additional fare to the

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cost of your air tickets, you will be able to raise some fund for the parish. Many of the airlines donates a percentage of the sale price to the customer's chosen cause without any additional cost to you. *Easyfundraising* is a platform that allows people to raise money for a noble cause. When you book your tickets through the *easyfundraising website or app*, the airliner donates a certain per centage as charity to the customer. It may be a small amount but it's a meaningful contribution, and we are thankful for it. This same principle applies to any online purchasing too. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of our Churches.

SAFEGUARDING THROUGH the Month of February: We take time to respond to the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse on Friday 20th February 2026. The next safeguarding induction training is on Tuesday, 10th February, 7pm, at Diocesan Centre Paisley. The online version of 'In God's Image V2,' the latest Safeguarding Manual can be accessible at

[Bishops Conference of Scotland > Safeguarding](#).

APPLYING FOR SEMINARY: At this time of year the Catholic Church in Scotland welcomes applications for Seminary for the year 2027. If you think God may be calling you to the joyful life of a Priest in the Diocese of Paisley, to serve His people, to celebrate the Sacraments and to Preach the Word, 'do not be afraid – He is there.' To find out more about the application process and Seminary itself, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Eoin Patten, by email ve-vocations@rcdop.org.uk

TEA AND COFFEE in the parish hall. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK AND THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: On this feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, on February 11th St John Paul II, in the year

1992, instituted the "World Day of the Sick", calling the faithful to pray for those who are sick and to offer their own sickness and struggle, joined to the sufferings of Christ, on behalf of those in need. This date commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, a place renowned for miraculous healings and spiritual renewal, linking the day to hope and intercession for the sick. This year's theme is: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain."

The Christian community has always paid particular attention to the sick and the world of suffering in its multiple manifestations. Letter of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, for the first annual world day of the sick 13 May 1992, n. 3 says:

"This day, which, beginning in February 1993, will be celebrated every year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, for all believers seeks to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind"

Illness, which in everyday experience is perceived as a frustration of the natural life force, for believers becomes an appeal to "read" the new, difficult situation in the perspective which is proper to faith. Outside of faith, moreover, how can we discover in the moment of trial the constructive contribution of pain? How can we give meaning and value to the anguish, unease, and physical and psychic ills accompanying our mortal condition? What justification can we find for the decline of old age and the final goal of death, which, in spite of all scientific and technological progress, inexorably remain? Yes, only in Christ, the incarnate Word, Redeemer of mankind and victor over death, is it possible to find satisfactory answers to such fundamental questions.

In the light of Christ's death and resurrection illness no longer appears as an exclusively negative event; rather, it is seen as a "visit by God", an opportunity "to release love, in order to give birth to works of love towards neighbour, in order to transform the whole of human civilization into a civilization of love" (Apostolic Letter *Salvifici doloris*, n. 30).

The World Day of the Sick -- in its preparation, realization and objectives -- is not meant to be reduced to a mere external display centring on certain initiatives, however praiseworthy they may be, but is intended to reach consciences to make them aware of the valuable contribution which human and Christian service to those suffering

makes to better understanding among people and, consequently, to building real peace.

With the celebration of the World Day of the Sick, the Church is promoting a renewed commitment to those populations, seeking to wipe out the existing today by devoting greater human, spiritual, and material resources to their needs.

To you, dear sick people all over the world, the main actors of this World Day, may this event bring the announcement of the living and comforting presence of the Lord. Your sufferings, accepted and borne with unshakeable faith, when joined to those of Christ take on extraordinary value for the life of the Church and the good of humanity.

For you, health-care workers called to the highest, most meritorious and exemplary testimony of justice and love, may this Day be a renewed spur to continue in your delicate service with generous openness to the profound values of the person, to respect for human dignity, and to defence of life, from its beginning to its natural close.

For you, Pastors of the Christian people, and to all the different members of the Church community, for volunteers, and particularly for those engaged in the health-care ministry, may this World Day of the Sick offer stimulus and encouragement to go forward with fresh dedication on the way of service to tried, suffering humanity.

We approach -- as Blessed Virgin did on Calvary, where the cross of her Son rose up -- the crosses of pain and solitude of so many brothers and sisters to bring them comfort, to share their suffering and present it to the Lord of life, in spiritual communion with the whole Church. May the Blessed Virgin, "Health of the Sick" and "Mother of the Living", be our support and our hope and, through the celebration of the Day of the Sick, increase our sensitivity and dedication to those being tested, along with the trusting expectation of the luminous day of our salvation, when every tear will be dried forever (cf. Is 25:8). May it be granted to us to enjoy the first fruits of that day from now on in the superabundant joy -- though in the midst of all tribulations (cf. 2 Cor 7:4) -- promised by Christ which no one can take from us (Jn 16:22)."

God stays close to those who are suffering, and illness can be a profound moment of transformation. In our pain, we recognize that true hope comes from the Lord. Places of suffering should never be overlooked, as they offer opportunities for deep connection, sharing, and mutual growth. By standing with those who suffer, we learn the true meaning of faith. This is why hospices and palliative care play such a vital role in our communities.

Let us pray for the sick, caregivers, and healthcare workers and ask Blessed Virgin Mary to help us sustain faith and loving care for one another.