



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 15th MARCH 2026

SCIAF SUNDAY (1 Sam 16: 1, 6-13, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41)

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, for all who have recently died in particular John Welsh, Veronica Patterson, and Mary Ferry, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including John Nolan, Harry McMulkin, Bridget Lavelle, Catherine Lavelle, John McGinley, and Peter McNamee.

SCIAF SUNDAY: Today is SCIAF Sunday, (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund), the official aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME' FOR PRIMARY 4: The Primary 4 children of St Peter's have the 'Do This in Memory of Me' catechetical programme in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Holy Communion, today 15th March during morning mass. This catechetical programme will continue next Sunday the 22nd.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (08 March): St Peter's - Offertory: £560.00, B. Fund: £359.00. 100 Club: £205.00, Votives: £220.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £374.00.

ST PATRICK'S AFTERNOON TEA: Seniors are invited for a social and entertainment afternoon programme on the occasion of St Patrick's Day on Sunday 22nd March, 1.00pm in St Peter's. Programme includes Irish Dancing and Ceilidh music and tea. Please collect a free admission slip after the mass for catering purposes, if you wish to come for this programme.

PARISH MISSION: Our parish mission/retreat at St Peter's is scheduled for March 24–26,

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday), from 6:30–8:30 p.m. each evening. Please mark these days in your diary. All the cluster parishes are also invited. We begin with mass and end with benediction. If you are working and miss the Mass, please join us at 7 pm for the rest of the session. You are requested to say a prayer for its success. Mission fliers are available. Please be sure to take one after the Mass.

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).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: High School children are encouraged to join the senior liturgy team members along with Michael and Brandon (in St Peter's) who continue to do well in liturgy and also volunteer to help organise events like St Patrick's Afternoon Tea, Lenten Collection for the Food Bank and the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The parish is grateful to them. Lenten Collection for Food Bank: Children's Liturgy hopes to donate food and Easter Eggs to the Food Bank, as we did last year. There will be boxes at the back of the church from this weekend for anyone who wishes to contribute to this.

Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the church grounds after 10.00am Mass on Easter Sunday. The child who collects most eggs will receive a prize. Coffee and pastries will be served in the Church Hall after Mass. Please come and join us.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – March 2026 - We listen directly to the voices of those who have been abused.

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES—GIFT AID:

As the new tax year starts on 6th April, the new Collection Envelopes will be available from next weekend. Those who Gift Aid their donation will find their box of envelopes in the Sacristy. Your name is on the box. Please note that your envelope number may be different to your present one as the gift Aid Register sent out by the Diocese is in alphabetical order and envelopes are numbered against the names in numerical order. As people come out of the scheme or are added to the scheme, the order changes. So please don't worry if your number is different. Your name will be against your box number in the Register. Please do not use envelopes from any previous years and please only use your own numbered envelope so that we are putting in a correct claim to the Tax Office.

For those not in the Gift Aid Scheme who would like to have a box of envelopes, these are available at the back of the Church. Please take a box on your way out today.

GIFT AID: If you are a tax payer and not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider boosting your donation to the Parish by 25p for every £1 you give, by joining the Gift Aid Scheme. You will only require to sign a Form once. It is not an annual requirement. The Parish can reclaim 25p tax from the Government for every £1 you donate and this makes a difference of thousands of pounds to the Parish every year. It costs you nothing—you pay the tax anyway, we just claim it back! You must be a current UK tax payer to be included in this scheme and must complete a Declaration Form. If you stop paying tax for any reason, please advise the Parish Priest so that we do not claim money from the Tax Office in error.

You can also arrange to pay your donation by Standing Order if you wish. Gift Aid forms and Standing Order forms are available in the Sacristy.

If you are a tax payer and already pay by Standing Order, but are not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider joining today and collect a Gift Aid Form from the Sacristy.
THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

REGISTRATION: If you are a new parishioner, please enter your name and address in our new parish register which is placed in the main chapel as you enter (Both parishes).

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS IN THE CLUSTER FOR LENT 2025. On Thursday 26th March from 8.30am -7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral.

CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH: St Peter's parish is looking for some volunteers to clean the Church. If you are able to offer an hour or two to help tidy, vacuum, or dust, please contact Fr. Thomas.

SCOTLAND ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - JUST DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE FINAL VOTE! On Tuesday 17 March, the Scottish Parliament will hold the final Stage 3 vote on Liam McArthur's extreme assisted suicide Bill. This Scottish Bill is even more extreme than the proposed change to the law in England and Wales. The Bill can be defeated. Every email you send to your local MSPs helps. *Please take action now by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandFinalVote to write to your MSP and ask them to vote NO on Tuesday 17 March - it takes just 30 seconds!*

THE LEGION OF MARY Acies ceremony will be held in St Mirin's Cathedral on Saturday, 28th of March at 12.30 pm. All active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend and renew their individual and collective consecration to Our Lady, Queen of the Legion, and from Her to receive strength and blessing for the coming year. Refreshments will be served in the cathedral hall afterwards.

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults series on the Doctors of the Church continues on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, with a talk on St John Henry Newman by Fr Jonathan Whitworth. 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

FUNDRAISING FOR HCPT: An evening of music with Ben Smith and friends. Come and join them for an evening of music as they raise funds for HCPT Group 121 on Friday 27th of March at 7.30pm in St Mary's church hall. BYOB

HCPT is a charity that takes kids and young adults with additional support needs to Lourdes for a week at Easter. The week is an amazing experience for the young people and often provides families with some much-needed respite. The kids and young people travel for free so every penny raised towards the cost of their fares is a big help. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased using the QR code, by emailing at ben.geraldsmith97@gmail.com or by phoning on 07790898082

TEA AND COFFEE in the parish hall. All welcome.