



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 22 MARCH 2026

(Ezekiel 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45)

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 and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'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 22nd March during morning mass.

PARISH MISSION: The much-awaited three-day parish mission/retreat at St Peter's starts this week from Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (March 24, 25, & 26). Once again, I extend a warm invitation to you all. All the neighbouring parishes have also been invited. We begin with mass at 6.30pm and end with benediction at 8.30pm. If you are working and miss the Mass, please join us at 7 pm for the rest of the session. Mission fliers are available. Please be sure to take one after the Mass and share with your friends and family. In case anyone needs transportation, we can arrange for you if you inform us in advance.

ST PATRICK'S AFTERNOON TEA - for Seniors is today 22nd March, at 1.00pm in the parish hall. Programme includes Irish Dancing and Ceilidh music and tea.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of John Welsh on Friday 27th at 11.30am in St Peter's. His mortal remains will be received into Church immediately before mass.

MASS IN ST FERGUS: Mass will be celebrated in St Fergus School on Friday 27th at 9.30am. There will be no mass in St Fergus parish this week as the community is participating in the mission.

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.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop John invites the people of the Diocese to the celebration of the Chrism Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April at 7pm. At the Chrism Mass the Sacred Oils are blessed which are used in the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. The celebration of Confirmation begins shortly after Easter and the Chrism consecrated at this Mass will be used to seal the children with the gift of Holy Spirit.

MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY: For all the cluster parishes of Paisley the Holy Thursday mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in St Peter's Church on Thursday 2nd April at 7pm. Please remember to pick up a Holy Week programme after mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (15 March): St Peter's - Offertory: £501.00, B. Fund: £300.00. SCIAF £170.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £284.00, SCIAF £97.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CHURCH HALL

COMMITTEE AND CLEANING: St Peter's parish is looking for volunteers for the Church Hall Committee as well as individuals to assist with cleaning the church. If you are able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Thomas.

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

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 2026/27 tax year starts on 6th April, the new Collection Envelopes are available from this weekend.

For those who Gift Aid donations

For non-Gift Aid donations

For the convenience of collecting envelopes- those who Gift Aid their donation will find their box of envelopes in the Sacristy and for the rest at the back of the Church.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK taxpayer and not already in the Gift Aid scheme, please consider joining. This boosts your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you. You will only require to sign a Form once. 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.

THANKS 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).

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults series on the Doctors of the Church continues on Wednesday 25th March 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

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable.

We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process.

Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute.

Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people.

Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

(The Office of Communication and Evangelisation: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland).

A STAND FOR THE VULNERABLE: HOLYROOD VOTES DOWN ASSISTED SUICIDE PROPOSAL:

Two days ago, the MSPs of Scotland rejected the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill after a robust debate. Thanks to all those who wrote to your MSPs, requesting them to vote against the bill. In the words of Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland:

“MSPs can be confident that they have taken the correct and responsible course of action by voting to reject the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Their decision safeguards some of Scotland's most vulnerable individuals from the risk of being pressured into an early death.

“As a society, our duty is not to address suffering by eliminating the sufferer, but by surrounding each person with care, respect, and dignity until their natural end. Today's vote moves Scotland further in that direction, and MSPs should be commended for this.”

TEA AND COFFEE No tea and coffee in St Peter's parish hall after the morning mass today as hall is being prepared for St Patrick's day tea.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEENAN: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am sure by now that most of you are aware of the difficult news that has come from the High Court and Sheriff Court this week, concerning former priest of our diocese Vincent Cassidy and Canon Stephen Baillie. This news will be distressing for many in our diocesan family—laity, religious and clergy—and I ask you to remember in your prayers the people who reported these offences, recognising the courage involved in coming forward. As a diocese, we renew our commitment to fostering a culture of care and we will continue to learn, through a shared commitment, how we can better create safe church environments. We also renew our commitment to offer shelter, support and compassion to anyone hurt by the Church and help them to healing. Bishop Keenan's statement concerning Vincent Cassidy can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/dop-v-cassidy>. His statement concerning Canon Stephen Baillie can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/dop-s-baillie>.