



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:

29 MARCH 2026

(Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66)

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

HOLY WEEK: The Holy season of Lent is a forty-day journey of renewal and hope that leads to the events of Holy Week and culminates in the joys of Easter. Christians around the world mark this period by prayer, reflection, fasting, penance, and charity.

Within this season we have a special week that is called the Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. Each day of Holy Week holds significant religious meaning and commemorates the final days of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY: Today is Palm Sunday, marking the door through which we enter Holy Week. This week is the most sacred week in the church's calendar which climaxes in the sacred Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' humble yet triumphant entry on a donkey into Jerusalem before the passion, fulfilling the prophecy of the Old Testament. It has the 'passion narratives' relating to the suffering, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Today after the blessing of the palm branches/leaves, worshippers receive them which are symbolic of the branches placed in Jesus' path. Psalms should be treated with the greatest care and reverence as they are blessed. Because all blessed objects are sacramentals connected with sacred rites, they should be treated with respect.

The institution of the Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), the sacrificial death of Jesus on Good Friday and triumphant resurrection on Easter Sunday are the other three most

important days within the Holy Week. Through the events of above-mentioned days, we remember the central tenets of our faith: Jesus' sacrificial love, the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of eternal life. So, it is a time to reflect deeply on the core tenets of our faith. By Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, God has brought redemption to humanity by bridging the gap between man and God. In the words of St Paul, 'God shows his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... more than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation (Rom 5: 8, 11). Easter Sunday, the pinnacle of Holy Week, celebrates the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This period, therefore, for Christians, is the most sacred time not actually meant for holidays but observing it as holydays.

Please remember to pick up a Holy Week programme after mass if you haven't got one.

Sunday 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Wednesday 1st April: Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, at 7.00pm

Holy Thursday (Thursday of the Lord's Supper) 2nd April in St Peter's at 7.00pm for all cluster parishes

Good Friday 3rd: Solemn celebration of the Passion of the Lord - In St Fergus at 1.00pm, in St Peter's at 3.00pm.

Please note there will be Stations of the Cross in both parishes prior to the Passion liturgy.

In St Fergus at 12.30pm and in St Peter's at 2.30pm.

Stations of the Cross for children in St Peter's at 12 noon instead of 1.00pm.

Holy Saturday 4th: Easter Vigil in St Peter's at 7.00pm. St Fergus joins St Peter's

Sunday 5th: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – mass as on Sundays

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th: No mass

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick, for all who have recently died in particular Danny Irvine and Sandra O'Brien and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including James & Rebecca Kane.

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. This will be followed by a silent adoration for about 30 minutes on the altar of repose.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS: This collection is for the upkeep and repair of those churches and shrines in the Holy Land, associated with events in Our Lord's life.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (22 March): St Peter's - Offertory: £491.00, B. Fund: £404.00. Hall Let: £230.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £263.00,

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.

LENTEN MISSION & ST PATRICK'S DAY: Special thanks and gratitude to all those who attended our Lenten mission held last week. It would have been better if attendance had been higher.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for gracing the St Patrick's day with your presence, as your support and enthusiasm made the occasion truly special. Special thanks to the Irish Dancing group and Ceilidh music team.

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.

MISSION APPEAL: by the Xaverian missionaries at our parishes during mass on the weekend of 11th and 12th April. They would appreciate a retiring collection.

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).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2026: There will be a Holy Hour at 4 p.m. celebrated by Deacon Brian Mackenzie. Confessions will be available. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. by Bishop John Keenan, Monsignor Joe Burke and Fr Charles Coyle at St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN. Tea, coffee and cakes in hall afterwards. All welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DIOCESE OF PAISLEY PRIESTS: 29th March: Rt. Rev. James Black, 1st Bishop of Paisley. 1st April: Canon Denis Sheahan.

TEA AND COFFEE Tea and coffee in St Peter's parish hall after the morning mass today.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT EVENTS: Recent events relating to Canon Baillie's court appearance has prompted a range of emotional responses and may have caused distress for some parishioners across the diocese. In partnership with Epione Consultants, a specialist trauma support organisation, the diocese has produced a resource leaflet to help people understand and process their feelings. Anyone who may benefit from support is

encouraged to access this resource, which includes information and contact details for additional support services. The leaflet is available on the diocesan website here: <https://tinyurl.com/yck859s7>.