



## ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 12 APRIL 2026



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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 Sarah Walker, Ellen & Patrick McGrath.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (5 April): St Peter's - Offertory: £723.00, B. Fund: £409.00, Holy Places: £357.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £274.00, B. Fund: £35.00, Holy Places: £35.00, Votives: £201.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FOR CHURCH HALL COMMITTEE AND CLEANING: We have been requesting volunteers for the Church Hall Committee as well as individuals to assist with cleaning of St Peter's Church. If you are able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Thomas.

MASS THIS WEEK: No mass this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> in St Peter's.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – APRIL 2026: We aim to make the Church an increasingly safe place for all.

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES—GIFT AID:

New collection envelopes for the tax year starting this month are available. There are two types of envelopes: Gift Aid donations and non-Gift Aid donations. Both these envelopes are placed at the back of the Church.

If you are a 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.

QUIZ NIGHT: Come along and test your knowledge.....fun for all. Everyone is warmly invited to attend our Quiz Night at St Peter's Parish church hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30 – 10.30pm. Bring friends and family. Cash prize for the winning team. Children's questions included. Entry fee £2.00, kids go free. BYOB AND SNACKS. Flyers available at the back of the Church

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).

ST CONVAL'S CEMETERY HOLY MASS: Bishop John Keenan will be celebrating the annual April Holy Mass at St Conval's Cemetery on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm for the happy eternal rest of the souls of those buried there. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2026: 12 April. 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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, also known as the prayer of quiet, an opportunity to let God's Holy Spirit work more deeply in our lives. Begins with a piece of music and a recorded talk. Then using a prayer word or mantra, sit quietly for 20 minutes in prayer. After the prayer time, a cup of tea is always available. All are welcome.

Where: the Oratory, St Columba's, 35 Campsie Dr, Renfrew PA4 0RB. When: Tuesday evenings 7.15

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WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

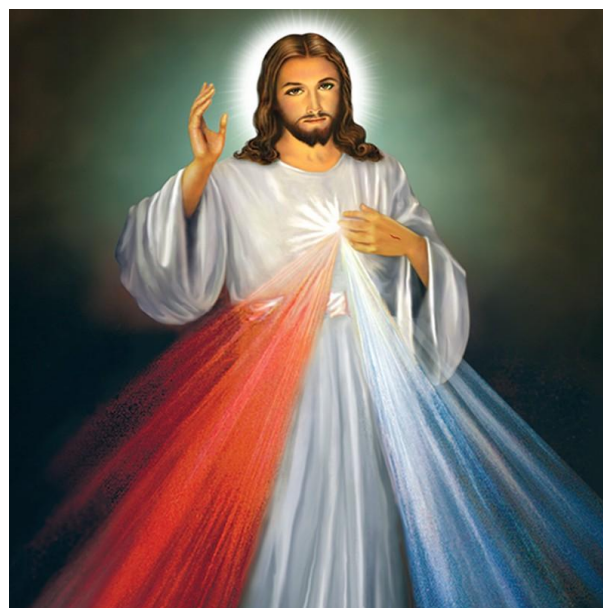
In all St Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

The Church added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was

privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age. Though the messages are many, there are several new ways that God is calling us to a new form of devotion.

A first way is through meditation on the image of Divine Mercy. Of this, Saint Faustina wrote:

*In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, "paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You" (#47).*



Both the rays have a Biblical foundation. Jesus told St Faustina:

“The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross (299).”

You can read about this moment in John 19:31-37, when blood and water gushed forth from the side of Jesus. In his words to St. Faustina, Jesus reveals that the lance went all the way into His heart. It was a profound “mercy moment.” God shows us mercy but not from afar — it comes right from the heart.