



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES
Bulletin
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD: 05 APRIL 2026
Eucharistic Prayer I



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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 Helen McAleer and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael New and John Devine.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (22 March): St Peter's - Offertory: £436.00, B. Fund: £271.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £274.00, Easter raffle & Lucky star: £103.00,

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.

MASS THIS WEEK: Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th - No mass in the parishes

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

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.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE Tea and coffee in the parish hall after the morning mass

EASTER SUNDAY: Easter Sunday is the most joyous day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, marks the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Today, Christians around the world gather to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection. As Catholics through Mass, prayer and joyful festivities, we express our gratitude to God for the gift of salvation and the hope of eternal life. The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles -- it proves that Jesus is God. The empty tomb is a powerful proof of Jesus' resurrection to the world. That is why St. Paul writes: "*If Christ has not been raised, then*

our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:14, 17, 20). As we gather to celebrate this sacred occasion, we are invited to reflect on the profound significance of Christ’s victory over sin and death and to rejoice in the promise of new life and salvation. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. *“Jesus is Lord; He is risen”* (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles.

God’s greatest act of love and redemption is achieved through the resurrection of Jesus. So we rightly believe and say that at the heart of Easter Sunday lies the miracle of Christ’s resurrection. The joyful acclamation on this Sunday and the entire Easter season is: ‘Christ is truly risen, Alleluia! Through His death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, offering humanity the gift of eternal life and salvation. As Catholics, we celebrate the resurrection as the cornerstone of our faith, affirming our belief in the victory of light over darkness, life over death.

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *“I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies”* (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1002, #1003).

Easter Sunday is a time of renewal and rebirth, symbolising the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the Church and the world. As we behold the empty tomb and encounter the risen Christ, we are reminded of the transformative power of His resurrection in our own lives. Easter invites us to let go of past hurts and failures, to embrace forgiveness and reconciliation, and to live in the light of Christ’s love and mercy. As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we are called to be witnesses of the

resurrection in the world – bringing light to the darkness, hope to the despairing, and love to the broken-hearted.

HOLY THURSDAY



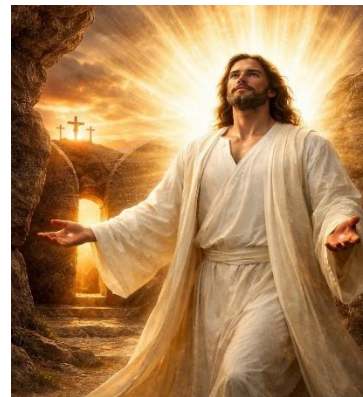
GOOD FRIDAY



HOLY SATURDAY/ EASTER VIGIL



EASTER SUNDAY



CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER