



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 03 MAY: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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 June Richmond, Ann Forest, Marion Browett, Colin Jackson, and Eileen McLean and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of John O'Donnel on Thursday 7th May at 10am in St Peter's. His mortal remains will be received into Church on Wednesday at 6pm.

SACRAMENTS: P4 children of St Peter's School will have their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May at 10am.

Confirmation of Primary 7 of St Peter's and St Fergus schools will take place on Thursday 7th May in St Mirin's Cathedral at 6.30pm.

NEW STALL: Please visit our new refurbished stall in St Peter's Church with varieties of religious articles and gifts for various occasions. Framed religious pictures, rosaries, medals, bibles for both children and adults, greeting cards, mass cards, and a host of others available. It will open before and after mass on weekends. Thanks to Kathleen O'Neil and her family for their hard work.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (26th April): St Peter's - Offertory: £474.00, B. Fund: £350.00, Vocations: £96.00, Hall lets: £350.00. St Fergus – Offertory: £277.00, Vocations: £87.00,

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).

NOVENA FOR CONFIRMANDI 2026: Please pray the following prayer/novena for nine days for the intention of Confirmation.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**COME, HOLY SPIRIT*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Lord God, we thank You for the gift of Confirmation and for the children from our parish community you are calling to grow in faith. Bless our community and strengthen these young people as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. Give them a living faith in Jesus Christ. Help them to listen to You in prayer, to understand Your teaching with their minds and hearts, and to live it with courage. Protect them from discouragement, temptation, and fear. Send Your Spirit to make them holy, joyful, and faithful witnesses of Christ. We entrust them to Mary, Mother of the Church, and to Saint Joseph, protector of families.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary.... Glory Be...

P4-P7 PENTECOST RETREAT DAY: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day on Sunday 24th May from 1.45pm-5pm. The theme is "Our Friends, the Saints: The Children of Mary." The Retreat takes place in St James's church and hall on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary

<https://tinyurl.com/ps-pentecost26>.

Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

SPUC PAISLEY: SPUC Paisley are delighted to host Catherine Mockler to discuss how she is using media to share the prolife message. In St Mirin's Hall the 5th of May at 7pm'

MAY, MONTH OF MARY: The month of May is traditionally dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God and Jesus' first disciple. Indeed, in some songs Our Lady is described as the Queen of May. This tradition informally began in the Middle Ages to counteract secular customs that were arising during that time.

However, the practice of devoting the entire month to Mary spread in the 18th century from Italy to the wider Roman Catholic world.



This devotion, rooted in honouring her as the bringer of new life (spring), involves special prayers, the Rosary, and May Crowning ceremonies to foster a closer relationship with Jesus.

Significance: May is seen as the beginning of spring, symbolizing new life. Mary is revered as the mother of the "New Creation," Jesus Christ.

May Crowning: A popular tradition where a statue or image of Mary is crowned with flowers, symbolizing her role as Queen of May and Queen of Heaven. In many places children in the school bring flowers to the image or statue of the Virgin Mary.

Devotions: Catholics are encouraged to focus on praying the Rosary and litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary, engage in daily "Hail Mary" prayers, set up home altars with an image of Mary and flowers, and perform acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, visiting shrines or sanctuaries dedicated to

Mary, performing works of charity, mirroring Mary's servant heart, wearing of the Brown Scapular and other Scapulars and Medals with images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and so on.

Focus: It is a time for fostering spiritual devotion, imitating Mary's humility, and asking for her intercession to draw closer to her Son.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
bring flow'rs of the fairest,
From garden and woodland,
and hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the dale.

Chorus

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,
in harmony blending,
Oh! thus may our hearts turn,
dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! thus shall we prove thee
how truly we love thee,
How dark, without Mary,
life's journey would be (*Chorus*)

O Virgin most tender,
our homage we render,
Thy love and protection,
sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us,
in sorrow befriend us,
And shield our fond hearts
from contagion of sin (*Chorus*).

Of Mothers the dearest,
oh, wilt thou be nearest,
When life with temptation
is darkly replete?
Forsake us, oh never!
our hearts, be they ever
As pure as the lilies
we lay at thy feet (*Chorus*).