



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 24 MAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY -
SOLEMNITY



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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: Rosemary McMulkin; for all who have recently died in particular Elizabeth Chalmers, Robert McCarthy, and Ellen Hamilton, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr. Andrew Coleman

FUNERAL MASSES IN ST PETER'S: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of David Farquhar on Tuesday 26th May at 10am at Peter's. His remains will be received into Church immediately before the mass.

A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Winifred Millar on Friday 29th May at 10am at St Peter's. Her remains will be received into Church on Thursday 28th May at 6.00pm. May they rest in peace.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (17 May): St Peter's – Offertory: £432.00, B. Fund: £300.00, Quiz Night: £302.00, Communion: £466.00, Communication: £145.00. St Fergus (10 & 17 May): Offertory: 453.00, Communication: £143.70

P4-P7 PENTECOST RETREAT DAY: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day this 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.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: We regard as paramount our concern for the safety of all in our parish communities especially children and vulnerable adults.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026 - Bishop John Keenan warmly invites all engaged and married couples,

along with their families and friends, to St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley on Sunday the 31st May, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, to celebrate the gift of marriage! The celebration begins with Mass at 11am, followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. Please note children and family members are most welcome! The details of those celebrating any significant anniversaries this year can be emailed to Rebecca Harrison at the Marriage and Family Office marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk

YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Adults series on the Doctors of the Church continues on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, with a talk on St Teresa of Avila by Bishop Brian McGee. All young Catholic's 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

FESTIVAL OF SYNODALITY: Join Catholics from across Scotland for a joyful and hope-filled day of prayer, listening and Conversation in the Spirit, celebrating the life and mission of the Church in Scotland today. When: Saturday 6th June from 9am to 4pm at Glasgow Caledonian University. Guest speakers include Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul. Lunch included. Tickets: £45. Book now: bit.ly/synodality26

PENTECOST:

The journey that takes the Church from the Feast of Easter to the Feast of Pentecost is fifty days. Holy Spirit is the promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples.

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament book of Acts of the Apostles chapter 2. This event marked the birth of the Church and is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days, offering them proof of His resurrection, teaching them, and reminding them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection to prepare them for the next step of their mission.

During the ten days after Jesus' Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered together in the upper room—most likely the place where they ate the first Eucharist—with Jesus' mother and many other disciples, totalling 120. As they met, they cast lots and chose Matthias as Judas' successor.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2: 1-4). There were people who hailed from different regions and who spoke different languages. They were all given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem.

Peter stood up and gave a stirring and powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as the Saviour and of the need to repent and be baptized. "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day" (Acts 2:41). The new followers then devoted themselves to learning from the Apostles and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Holy Spirit empowered the apostles and newly converted baptized members to travel far and wide and they boldly proclaimed the message of Jesus Christ, leading to the spread of Christianity throughout the world. Some preached, some cared for the poor, and some shed their blood for their faith. Pentecost challenges Catholics to share their faith with others and participate in the Church's mission of evangelization.

Pentecost is a reminder of the promise Jesus made to send the Holy Spirit to guide and empower his disciples. The Holy Spirit strengthens believers in their faith and helps them to live as followers of Christ. Pentecost also emphasizes the unity of believers from different backgrounds and languages. It reminds Catholics of the universal nature of the Church and the call to embrace diversity while working together for the common good.

May the celebration of Pentecost fill our hearts with renewed faith, hope, and love, empowering us to be true witnesses of the Gospel in the world.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT- COME, HOLY SPIRIT:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in your consolation,

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

WISDOM
UNDERSTANDING
KNOWLEDGE
COUNSEL
FORTITUDE
PIETY FEAR OF GOD

