



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

Bulletin

SUNDAY 14 JUNE: 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A  
(Ex 19:2-6, Rom 5:6-11, Mt 9:36-10:8)



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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 Rosemary McMulkin, Rita Hadden, Anil Marcelline, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Susan Reddy.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (07 June): St Peter's – Offertory: £365.00, B. Fund: £247.00. Hall lets: £85.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 267.00, B. Fund: £65.00

OLIVE TREE STALL SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. To support young, elderly and people with disability there will be an Olive Tree stall this Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> in St Peter's parish hall after the 10am Mass, with a variety of items that include olive oil, soaps, jewellery and patterned ceramics from Holy Land areas like Jerusalem, Taybeh, Bethlehem, rural villages and refugee camps. For further information, please see: [olive tree scotland](http://olive-tree-scotland.com) | [Supporting people in need in Palestine](http://Supporting people in need in Palestine)

ST FERGUS CHURCH: SUMMER SCHEDULE OF VIGIL MASS: As in previous years, there will not be a Saturday Vigil Mass at St Fergus during the summer break, starting from Saturday, 3rd July, to Saturday, 15th August. There may be some changes for weekend masses in the cluster parishes during summer. No change, however, for mass times in St Peter's.

ST FERGUS SCHOOL: There will be mass for Primary 7 children on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR BURKE FROM BISHOP JOHN: I am sure you will join me in offering our congratulations, prayers and best wishes to Father Joe Burke on being honoured with the title and office of Chaplain to His Holiness. We are delighted that the Holy Father has chosen to recognise Monsignor Burke in this way, and in

recognition of his many years of faithful service as a parish priest and as an officer of the diocesan Curia, first as Diocesan Treasurer and now as Vicar General. It is an honour well merited on account of Mgr. Joe's faith and lifetime of commitment to the Church and the people of the diocese.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Canon Desmond Berry celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination with Mass at 6 pm on Friday, 26th June in St Andrew's Church, Greenock. All are most welcome. In addition, as part of the Golden Jubilee weekend, the parish of St Joseph & St Patrick's, Wemyss Bay are having an extended tearoom, from 11am until 1 pm on Sunday, 28th June to which everyone is invited.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2026: (An information and invitation in advance) In partnership with SPUC you are invited to join Bishop John Keenan on his coach to London for March for Life UK 2026. Departing midnight Friday 4 September from Paisley St Mirin's Cathedral, with a pickup 12.30am at Glasgow St. Andrew's Cathedral. Arriving in London at Emmanuel Centre approx. 7.30/8am Saturday 5 September for the Exhibition, Mass, talks and stall. Departing on Saturday 5 September at approx. 6:00pm, dropping off at Glasgow and Paisley. £30pp. For further details, visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marchforlife2026>.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: The Church seeks to restore the fabric of broken lives and heal the pain of survivors.

SOLEMNITY OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of

Priests – is celebrated on the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This year it was on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The devotion to the Sacred Heart has deep historical roots, but the feast was officially established by Pope Pius IX in 1856. In 1995, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests on this same day.

The devotion itself began to take shape in the 17th century through the mystical experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun. Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary received several visions of Jesus, in which He revealed His Sacred Heart as a symbol of His burning love for humanity. Jesus expressed His desire that the Church honour His Heart publicly and make reparations for the indifference and offenses committed against him. The Sacred Heart is the ultimate symbol of Christ's love—both human and divine, wounded and merciful, passionate and compassionate. Catholics venerate the Sacred Heart to:

Acknowledge Jesus' immense love and suffering for humanity's salvation.

Offer love, trust, and reparation in return for his mercy.

Unite themselves with Christ's mission of redemption and mercy.

Find spiritual comfort and strength in times of trial and suffering.

This devotion invites believers to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, recognizing his heart as the source of all grace.

(Vision of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque): "Once, being before the Blessed Sacrament and having a little more leisure than usual, I felt wholly filled with this Divine Presence, and so powerfully moved by it that I forgot myself and the place in which I was. I abandoned myself to this Divine Spirit, and yielded my heart to the power of His love, He made me rest for a long time on His divine breast, where He discovered to me the wonders of His love and the inexplicable secrets of His Sacred Heart, which He had hitherto kept hidden from me. Now He opened it to me for the first time, but in a way so real, so sensible, that it left me no room to doubt, though I am always in dread of deceiving myself."

What Are the Special Customs for the Feast of the Sacred Heart?

Catholics observe the Feast of the Sacred Heart with various meaningful practices, including:

Attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion as an act of reparation.

Praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart to meditate on Jesus' love.

Consecrating their homes, families, or themselves to the Sacred Heart.

Displaying or enthroning an image of the Sacred Heart in their homes.

Participating in Eucharistic Adoration, processions, or special prayers organized by parishes.

Beginning or continuing the Nine First Fridays devotion.

These customs deepen the faithful's connection to Christ's love and mercy.



The central message of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the infinite and compassionate love exploding from the Heart of Jesus for all mankind. It emphasizes our Lord's sacred Sacrifice for our salvation and invites us to respond to His love. The Sacred Heart also calls us to make reparation for sins, especially human indifference and ingratitude toward Him. The nature of our Lord's love is that it cannot be contained within His Heart and necessarily bursts forth. When His love is received, He is consoled. When it is ignored, the love in His Heart expands and waits to gush forth in superabundance upon anyone who is willing to receive it.

*Prayer:* O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.