



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 19 JULY: 16 SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43)



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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: Elaine Paterson, for all who have recently died in particular, Irene Rowan, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Catherine Lavelle, Winifred Murty, Sheila Readie, and John & Mary Hughes.

THANKS, BISHOP JOHN: We sincerely thank Bishop John for being available to celebrate this weekend's Vigil Mass at St. Peter's.

MASS THIS WEEK: Please note that there will be no morning Mass in St Fergus on Monday, July 20th. We look forward to seeing you at our next mass on Wednesday 22nd.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: We provide training and support for all who are responsible for safeguarding.

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: Everyone is warmly invited to a special celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 26th July. Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Holy Mass at 3pm as we give thanks for the invaluable contribution of grandparents and the elderly to our families, parishes and communities. Please bring your grandparents, family members and friends. All are welcome.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS): The Saint Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education is delighted to offer the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCS for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary school. The course begins in August. For all details including teaching dates and costs see <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/atqreforcatholicschools/>. The Diocese of Paisley support ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for any applicants who live in the diocese and attend bishop John's

support sessions. For details see

<https://www.rcdop.org.uk/atqre>.

JOB VACANCY: The Diocese of Paisley is seeking a proactive and organised Facilities Manager to join our team on a part-time basis. The role offers the opportunity to work closely with the diocesan property manager, assistant property manager and office administrator, with responsibility for facilities management, including day to day maintenance, repairs, and compliance of diocesan and parish properties throughout Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. To apply please submit your CV and a covering letter detailing your suitability for the role to the Property Manager at recruitment@rcdop.org.uk

RADIO MARIA UK NOW ON DAB RADIO IN THE GLASGOW AREA: Radio Maria United Kingdom (RM UK) is pleased to announce a significant expansion of its DAB digital radio coverage, with the addition of a major new signal across Scotland. The new Scottish DAB signal covers up to 70% of the nation's population, reaching its principal cities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, as well as Scotland's Central Belt, including the Glasgow to Edinburgh corridor. The Scotland signal went on air on Monday 22nd June at approximately 11am. Find out more and listen online at <https://radiomaria.uk/>. **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (12 July):** St Peter's – Offertory: £436.00, B. Fund: £307.00, Apostleship of the Sea: £137.00 St Fergus: Offertory: 122.00, Apostleship of the Sea: £45.00.

TEA/COFFEE: Please note that there will be no tea or coffee served after the Sunday morning mass in St Peter's until mid-August due to holidays and volunteer breaks.



FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE: Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you

carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that he had said these things to her (John 20:15-18).

Saint Mary Magdalene, is also known as Magdalene or Mary of Magdala. Gospel of Luke 8:1-3 introduces her as one of the many women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve, providing for them out of their own resources. Mary is specifically noted to have been delivered from "seven demons." In the same Gospel (Luke 7:35-50), there is a story of an anonymous "sinful woman" who entered the house of Simon the Pharisee, while Jesus was having a dinner. She brings with her an "alabaster flask of ointment," and stands "behind him at his feet," weeping, washing Jesus' feet with her tears, wiping them with her hair, and anointing them with the ointment. Throughout the centuries, many have presumed that this sinful woman was Mary Magdalene.

Mary Magdalene witnessed Jesus's crucifixion and was the first to see the risen Christ. And it was she who was first sent to announce the Resurrection of Christ to the other disciples. Saint Thomas Aquinas referred to her as the "Apostle to the Apostles" because the Risen Christ specifically chose her to announce the Resurrection to the other disciples. As we honour Saint Mary Magdalene, we especially celebrate God's unlimited mercy. The encounter with Jesus changed Mary's life forever. Jesus did not hesitate to associate Himself with this woman who was delivered from seven demons. Similarly, Jesus never hesitates to unite Himself with anyone who sincerely repents of their sins, regardless of their past actions. Mary's life also tells us that there is hope for everyone. She is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene to the status of a Feast on the liturgical calendar. He did so during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a way of highlighting the important role that Saint Mary Magdalene played in the Gospels, the depth of her love for Christ, and to highlight the Divine Mercy of God.

The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene is celebrated annually on July 22. It is recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. She is the patron saint of converts, contemplative life, hairdressers, and perfumers.

FEAST OF ST JAMES: James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So, they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

Saint James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the *Letter of James* and the leader of the Jerusalem



community.

Saint James was one of the favoured three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemane. He was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a). His feast day is on 25th July.

FEAST OF ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN:



Bridget is one of the six patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia, Cyril and Methodius, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Bridget was married in 1316 at the young age of 13 to 18-year-old Ulf Gudmarsson, the Swedish prince of Nericia. The two joined the Third Order of St. Francis and dedicated their resources to building a hospital and caring for the needs of the poor. Ulf served on the council of the king of Sweden, Magnus Eriksson. Bridget and Ulf raised a large family together while also serving the poor and managing their duties in court. Of Bridget's eight children, two died in infancy, and another two died in the Crusades. Two of their surviving children were married, and another two joined religious life. One of those two became a saint and was canonized St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and Ulf made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela between 1341 and 1343, but on their return trip, Ulf became ill. The couple stopped in France until Ulf regained his health, but soon after they returned to Sweden, in 1344, he passed away.

After his death, Bridget donated her belongings to the poor and devoted her life to Christ. She is specifically remembered for Visions and Writings. Her intense and frequent visions of Jesus' suffering from the age of ten, have been recorded in her compiled writings, known as the *Revelations*. Following a call from God, she established the Order of the Most Holy Saviour (Bridgettines) for both men and women in 1346, with the Abbey of Vadstena as its spiritual centre. Her congregation was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370. She spent the later years of her life in Rome. She fiercely advocated the return of the papacy from Avignon, France, back to Rome. Her feast day falls on 23rd July. Being one of the co-patronesses of Europe, she is also the patron saint of Sweden, and patroness of widows.