



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST: 22nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12: 1-2, Mt 16:21-27)



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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, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jim Greenlees.

ST FERGUS CHURCH: The 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat) is on.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children's liturgy in St Peter's starts from this Sunday 30th August. It is a humble request to parents/guardians: please send your children to this important faith formation programme.

INCOME GENERATION FOR THE DIOCESE: As in previous years, this year's annual income generation at parish levels for the Diocese of Paisley will take place this weekend (29th & 30th). The team member allocated to each parish will speak for a few minutes to the congregation, highlighting the need to raise fund for the Diocese. After the Mass, parish volunteers will distribute booklets, one for each family.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: In St Peter's Primary on Friday 4th September at 10am in the school hall.

RECEPTION OF PRIAMRY 1: On Sunday 6th September, we will warmly welcome the P1 children and their parents from St. Peter's Primary and St. Fergus Primary into their respective parishes during morning Mass. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with the children and their families as they begin this new chapter in their school and faith journey.

QUIZ NIGHT: St Peter's parish is organizing a Quiz Night on Friday 18th September at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Admission will be £2.00 for adults, payable on the night and there will be no charge for children. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. We are looking for gifts which could be used for raffle prizes. If you have any gifts that you would like to donate, please place them in the collection box at the back of the Church. The box will be available for the

next two weeks. Please come and join us and test your general knowledge. There will be question for adults and also ones for children.

TEA & COFFEE All are most welcome to join for tea and coffee after the morning mass.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: We continue to ensure our parishes are safe places.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (16 August): St Peter's – Offertory: £456.00, B. Fund: £304.00, Hall lets: £250.00. Donation: £50.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 259.00.

RETREAT FOR CHILDREN OF P4, P5, P6 AND P7: The diocese is organising a Retreat on Sunday 13th September for children in P4, P5, P6 and P7. The Retreat will take place in St James's church and hall on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). Holy Mass will be celebrated in the church during the Retreat. A light meal will be served as part of the day. Registration is necessary, and families can do this at <https://tinyurl.com/DPY-September-Retreat> or by scanning the QR code (a poster with QR code is placed on the main notice board of the Church).

ACUTIS EVENING FOR S4 TO S6: S4 to S6 pupils are invited to the first Acutis Evening of the new school year, for catechesis, dinner and prayer, on Friday 4th September. It will take place in Saint James's church and hall (Greenock Road, Paisley) from 6pm to 8pm. Please note that (one-time) registration for these events in necessary. Parents/guardians should visit: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-acutis-evenings. Email Father Ryan Black for more info at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2026: 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 4th September from Paisley Saint Mirin's Cathedral, with a pickup 12:30am at Glasgow Saint Andrew's Cathedral.

Arriving in London at Emmanuel Centre approx. 7:30am to 8am Saturday 5th September for the exhibition, Mass, talks and stall. Departing on Saturday 5th September at approximately 6pm, dropping off at Glasgow and Paisley. £30pp. For Further details, visit

rcdop.org.uk/marchforlife2026.

RACHAEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALING AFTER ABORTION: A retreat will be held in Glasgow on Tuesday 8th September to Thursday 10th September. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sister Andrea on 07816942824 or email sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027: This will take place from Friday 2nd July to Thursday 8th July 2027. Further details to follow. If you would like to come as part of our medical/nursing/helper team please attend the meeting on Monday 31st August at 7pm in Saint Ninian's hall, Gourrock or telephone Anne Louise on 01475638132 for details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2026/2027:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St Peter's and St Fergus Parishes offer Children's Liturgy programme every Sunday during morning mass (St Peter's 10am & St Fergus 11.30am). It takes place in the children's room beside the Sanctuary in St Peter's and in the foyer in St Fergus starting at the same time as Mass. *It is open to all primary school children (P1-P7)*. It begins on Sunday 30th August 2026.

Why is it important for children to participate in their own liturgy? Children's liturgy is basically a faith formation programme for your children to learn more about their faith from the earliest stages of their growth. During the liturgy, the Children's Liturgy Team, all of whom have been PVG cleared, will explain the Gospel often with visual aids. Children actively participate by reading the Scripture and the Prayers of the Faithful. They are also encouraged to ask questions about the Catholic faith in general, such as prayers, saints, the meaning of the Mass and so on. They will also be given opportunities to read at Mass or sing special devotional songs. This will nurture their confidence, determination and love of faith, helping them to feel more connected to and actively involved in the life of our parish. The time spent there will be approximately twenty minutes, after which they will join the congregation for the Offertory and carry the offertory items to the Priest at the Altar.

Please bring your child/children to the Church at 9.50am where they will be cared for by members of

the Children's Liturgy team. They will then process down the aisle together with the priest and altar servers, before entering the children's room.

(Fr Thomas John, Parish Priest, Letter to Parents of St Peter & St Fergus Primary Schools).

ST AUGUSTINE (354-430): St Augustine was the son of St Monica, whom we heard about last week. He was born in 354 AD in Thagaste, Algeria. Extremely intelligent, he went to Rome, and then to Milan. As a young man he drifted into sin and false beliefs. However, Monica continued to pray fervently for her son's conversion. She followed him wherever he went, hoping one day he would turn back to God.

Through the prayers of his holy mother and the preaching of St. Ambrose of Milan, Augustine came to see that Christianity was the one true faith. One day he heard the story of two men suddenly converted after reading the life of St. Antony of the Desert. Deeply ashamed, he cried out to his friend Alipius: "What are we doing? Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, remain bound in the mud of our sins!"

One day as he was thinking about his life, he heard the voice of a child singing, "Take up and read!" Believing these words were from God, he opened the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13: 11-14 – that was a call to abandon impurity and live in imitation of Christ. That moment changed his life forever.

Augustine was baptized, became a priest, and then Bishop of Hippo, (in modern, Algeria). He spent the rest of his life serving the Church as a preacher, defender of the faith, and one of the greatest Catholic writers in history. He cared for the poor, practiced humility, and fought against powerful heresies. In St Augustine's book, '*Confessions*' it is mentioned the fruit of the unceasing prayer: '*It is not possible that the son of so many tears should be lost.*'

The following are the words of St Monica found in the same book:

'Son, for my own part I have no further delight in anything in this life. What I do here any longer, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this world are accomplished. There was one thing for which I desired to linger for a while in this life, that I might see you as a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has done this for me more abundantly, that I should now see you, despising earthly happiness, become His servant.'

Prayer is the greatest weapon to come closer to God. It can open every locked door. As the circumstances of the modern world continue to change, it is increasingly clear that our families-children/grand children need our prayers more than ever. Even when we don't see the answers immediately, our prayers are never wasted. God hears every prayer, knows every heart, and is faithful in His timing.