



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 20 SEPT: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
(Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24,27, Mt 20:1-16)



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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

40-HOUR ADORATION: It's my personal invitation to all in the parish. You are already aware of the annual Forty Hour Adoration that will take place in St Peter's, from Monday 21st – Thursday 24th September. During these days, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 8:00 a.m., concluding each day with Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no morning Mass in St Peter's during these days. The longer period of adoration will provide an opportunity for those who work to spend some quiet time in prayer, either before or after work. A sign-up sheet of hourly slot is available at the back of the Church. Please be generous with your time and help to encourage and spread this devotion. It is recommended that one or more people be present at all times while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please mark these important days in your diary and make every effort to participate. Let us come together as a parish community to spend time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Both parishes have resumed the children's liturgy during Sunday morning mass. It is a humble request to parents/guardians: please send your children to this important faith formation programme.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick, for all who have recently died Kathleen Galagher and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Eddie Breen.

LADIES' EXERCISE CLASS: FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHURCH: The Wednesday Ladies' Exercise Class at St Peter's Parish is organising a 'Ladies' Afternoon' to raise funds for the Church.

When: Sunday 4th October 2026

Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm

Where: St Peter's Church Hall

Highlights: Raffles, Music & Bingo

Tickets: £5.00

What to bring: BYOB & nibbles

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 Sept): St Peter's – Offertory: £496.00, B. Fund: £258.00, Vocations: £148.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 203.00, Vocations: £87.00.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: We work to ensure prevention of harm is our greatest priority.

INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S PAISLEY: 'As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of St Mary's, we will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 25 October at 10.00 am for everyone who has received a Sacrament in our church—including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Holy Orders. Whether the Sacrament was celebrated recently or many years ago, we warmly invite you and your family to return and give thanks for the part St Mary's has played in your journey of faith. A particularly warm invitation is extended to anyone who has not been to church for a while. Please know that you will be very welcome—there is always a place for you at St Mary's. Please spread the word and invite family members, friends and former parishioners to join us for this joyful anniversary celebration'.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The parishes in Paisley will continue their preparation program for children receiving Confirmation during the Easter season of 2027—specifically, our current Primary 7 students. The program will kick off with a retreat for Parents, Carers, and Guardians on Monday, October 5th, at 6PM, held at St. Andrew's Academy. We warmly invite sponsors to attend as well. Furthermore, children receiving Confirmation are also welcome to join us; there will be a program of activities planned for them during the retreat. The retreat will conclude at approximately 7.30pm.

WALK THE CROSS: Bishop John Keenan invites you to Walk The Cross - a 33 kilometre / 2 day walk from Carfin Grotto to Saint Andrews Cathedral on Saturday 26th September to Sunday 27th September. 33 kilometres - marking the 33 years of Our Lord's life. Join us even for just a few miles or just one day. The cross is our Hope - in the person of the crucified and risen Christ... And remember, to always pray, for those carrying difficult crosses every day of their lives. Visit walkthecross.ie/scotland.

SHARING OUR FAITH: In this weekend's Gospel (Matthew 20:1-6) the landowner goes out throughout the day inviting people to work in his vineyard. God also calls each of us to play our part in his work, whatever our age, background or experience. Sharing our faith does not require us to have all the answers. We can begin in small and natural ways:

Invite a friend or family member to come to Mass with you.

Offer to pray for someone who is struggling.

Speak simply about how your faith helps you in daily life.

Show Christ's love through patience, kindness and forgiveness.

Share parish events and invitations with others.

Welcome someone who is new or returning to church.

Pray each day for someone who feels distant from God.

There is a place for everyone in the Lord's vineyard—and sometimes a simple invitation is all someone needs.

ST. PADRE PIO: One of the most popular Catholic saints of the 20th century, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, commonly known as Padre Pio, was a Capuchin Franciscan friar, priest and mystic. His tomb is found in the Sanctuary of St. Mary Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were poor but deeply religious and attended daily Mass. From an early age, Francesco showed a strong devotion to God. At about five years old, he reportedly decided to dedicate his life to Him. As a child, he experienced visions of guardian angels, Jesus and the Virgin Mary. He served as an altar boy and was known for practising penances despite being a sickly child.

Because he spent much of his childhood tending his family's sheep, Francesco was unable to attend school regularly and fell behind his peers. In 1897, he told his parents that he wanted to become a friar.

The Capuchins advised that he needed further education, so his parents hired a private tutor. His father travelled to America to help pay for his son's education.

At the age of 15, Francesco entered the Capuchin novitiate at Morcone and took the religious name Pio, in honour of Pope Pius I. At 17, he became seriously ill and returned home, but continued studying for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1910. Because of his poor health, he was initially permitted to remain with his family. During World War I, he was called for military service several times but was repeatedly sent home because of his illness. In March 1916, he was finally dismissed.

Padre Pio became famous for receiving the wounds of Christ, known as the stigmata, like St. Francis of Assisi. On September 20, he experienced severe pain in his hands and feet and noticed wounds appearing there. They bled but reportedly never became infected. By 1919, news of the stigmata had spread, and people travelled great distances to see him. Accounts of miracles and other extraordinary phenomena, including bilocation, also contributed to his growing reputation.

His popularity caused concern within the Church, and the Vatican placed restrictions on his public activities and contact with people. Padre Pio himself was uncomfortable with the attention. A Church investigation concluded that his stigmata had not been faked. By 1934, the Vatican's attitude had changed, and he was again permitted to carry out public duties. Pope Pius XI encouraged people to visit him.

In 1947, a young Polish priest, Fr. Karol Wojtyla, visited Padre Pio. Padre Pio reportedly told him that he would rise to the highest position in the Church. Wojtyla later became Pope John Paul II in 1978. In 1956, Padre Pio founded a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. He was widely admired for his prayer, charity, preaching and care for the sick.

Padre Pio had a profound devotion to the Sacrament of Confession. For decades, he spent many hours hearing confessions, sometimes for 10 or 12 hours a day. When his fellow Capuchins asked why so many people came to him, he jokingly replied, "They think I am deaf." His life reminds us of the importance of repentance and God's mercy.

His other great love was the Holy Eucharist. He described the joy he experienced in receiving Holy Communion, saying, "Jesus my food!" For Padre Pio, the Eucharist was truly the centre of his life. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968, and more than 100,000 people attended his funeral. He was beatified in 1999 and canonized on June 16, 2002, by Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is September 23.