



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 27 SEPT: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
(Ez 18:25-28, Phil “:1-11, Mt 21:28-32)



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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

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

40-HOUR ADORATION: Thanks to all those who participated in the 40-hour adoration held at St Peter's from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th. I truly appreciate you for your time, commitment, and availability. Some of you were able to make it, while others couldn't, perhaps due to busy work schedules or other commitments. Thank you all for your support and participation. May God bless you abundantly.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: It is a humble request to parents/guardians: please send your children to this important faith formation programme.

INVITATION FROM FAIRTRADE FOR TEAS AND COFFEES: As part of Fairtrade Fortnight (September 21- October 4), we are serving Fairtrade Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass, Sunday 27th, at St Peter's parish hall. There will also be samples of Fairtrade home baking. Please come along and enjoy.

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 Mary Gannon.

QUIZ NIGHT: The quiz night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the organizers and the participants.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (13 Sept): St Peter's – Offertory: £534.00, B. Fund: £316.00, Sick & Rtd Clergy: 64.00, Quiz Night: £447.00. 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.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF ROSARY: In the month of October, dedicated to the holy rosary, we ponder with Mary the mysteries of our salvation, and we ask the Lord to help us to be proclaimers of the Gospel by his word and by his life. Let us commit ourselves to saying the rosary with faith for peace in our families, in countries, and in the whole world.

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.

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'.

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC? The RCIA held its first session last Thursday in the Diocesan centre/St Mirin's Cathedral hall. The sessions are held there for the cluster parishes of Paisley. If anyone feels that they have been called to the faith or have been thinking about it, or know someone who might be, please consider joining the RCIA. Please speak to Fr Thomas after mass or email to the parish.

FEAST OF SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL: The Feast of the Archangels, St Michael, St Gabriel, and St Raphael, is celebrated by the Catholic Church on 29 September. The feast honours three important angels named in Scripture, as heavenly spirits and reminds Christians of the important role that angels play in God's plan of salvation. The Catholic Church teaches that angels are heavenly spiritual beings who serve God as messengers, protectors, and guides to us. We read in the book of Psalm, "He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways" (Ps 91:11). Each of the three archangels has a particular role and meaning associated with their name.

St Michael, whose name means "*Who is like God?*", is presented in Scripture as a powerful protector who fights against Satan and evil. He represents the strength and protection of God and is especially associated with defending God's people from spiritual danger.

The traditional prayer to St Michael, the protector, said by Catholics for centuries is known to most people. The prayer goes like this: "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the

wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him. We humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan. And all evil spirits, who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen".

St Gabriel, whose name means "*God is my strength*," is best known as God's messenger. In the Gospel of Luke, Gabriel is sent to the Virgin Mary to announce that she will become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. When Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, she was "greatly troubled" by his greeting. Then he said, "*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God*" (Lk 1:30). His role highlights the importance of listening to God and responding with faith to His message. His words should resonate in the depths of our hearts: "Do not be afraid!"

St Raphael, whose name means "*God has healed*," is particularly associated with healing and protection. He appears in the Book of Tobit, where he accompanies Tobias on his journey and helps bring healing and protection to his family. He said, "*I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and enter before the glory of the Lord*" (Tobit 12:15). Raphael therefore reminds Christians of God's care for those who are suffering or in need.

The Bible describes angels as servants and messengers of God who carry out His will and assist humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also teaches that human beings are accompanied by guardian angels throughout their lives. These angels watch over people, guide them, and intercede for them before God.

The feast of the archangels therefore reminds Christians of God's love, protection, guidance, and constant presence. The examples of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael encourage believers to trust in God rather than live in fear. They also remind Christians to be grateful for the spiritual help and protection that God provides through His angels.

Ultimately, the feast celebrates God's heavenly messengers and reminds Christians that they are never alone. Through His angels, God provides spiritual guidance and protection while calling His people to live with faith, courage, gratitude, and trust in Him.