



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 04 OCT: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
(Is 55:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43)



St. Peter's R.C. Church, 154 Braehead
Road, Paisley, PA2 8NG
Phone - 0141 884 2435
Email - stpeter@rcdop.org.uk
Facebook: St Peter's Catholic Church
Paisley
Web: www.stpeterspaisley.co.uk

St. Fergus' R.C. Church
35 Blackstoun Road, Paisley PA3 1LU
Phone- 0141 884 2435
Email - stfergus@rcdop.org.uk
Facebook: St Fergus Catholic Church
Web: www.stpeterspaisley.co.uk

Parish Priest: Rev. Thomas John, (*Resident at St Peter's*)

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, Daphne Milne and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ellen Young, Elizabeth Maggie, Alice McCart, and Rose Thomson.

FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES: A big THANK YOU to all those who helped support our tea and coffee morning on 27th September. Your kind donations raised £58.70 for Rainbow Turtle. This is very much appreciated. Thank you.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (27 Sept): St Peter's – Offertory: £462.00, B. Fund: £328.00, Votives: £275.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 217.00.

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

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, and in the whole world.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The parishes in Paisley is organising a retreat on Monday 4th Oct at St Andrew's Academy from 6pm to 7.30pm for Parents, Carers, sponsors and Guardians of Primary 7 children who will be receiving Confirmation. The retreat will also include a programme of activities for children.

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC? The cluster parishes of Paisley have already started the RCIA programme at the Diocesan centre, in 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.

ST PETER'S PARISH CURRY NIGHT: Join us for a delicious Curry Night in the Parish Hall, as we come together for a wonderful evening of good food, friendship and community spirit.

Date: Friday 30 October

Time: 7pm...

Venue: St Peter's Parish Hall.

Ticket: £13.00 per person.

Food includes a three- course meal and a glass of wine/beer. After that it will be BYOB.

Tickets and Flyers, available at the back of the Church.

All proceeds will go towards parish fundraising.

Bring your family and friends and come along for a great evening.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Come hungry, leave happy—and help support our parish!

POPE LEO XIV ON EVANGELISATION IN FRANCE

During his current apostolic visit to France, Pope Leo XIV has spoken very directly about evangelisation and the missionary renewal of the Church.

At Notre-Dame Cathedral, he called the Church to the “missionary conversion” envisioned by Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*. He described the Church not as a refuge from the complexity of the modern world, but as a Church “going forth”: welcoming those on the peripheries, those who appear far away, and the stranger in whom Christ is already knocking at the door.

He also stressed that mission does not depend upon abundant resources. A simple, welcoming Christian presence can help transform local communities, while the lay faithful form the Church's "living front line" at the crossroads of everyday life. At the same time, he emphasised that all mission must flow from an intimate relationship with the Lord in prayer and be nourished by the liturgy.

Speaking to catechumens, newly baptised Catholics and the French synodal assembly, the Holy Father called for a Church "in a state of initiation." He urged parishes not only to welcome people towards Baptism, but to accompany and integrate them afterwards, avoiding what he termed a "post-baptismal emptiness." Such accompaniment should be marked by closeness, compassion, tenderness and respect for each person's pace.

His message might be summarised in this way: evangelisation begins with welcome, is nourished by prayer and liturgy, develops through patient accompaniment, and bears fruit when those who have encountered Christ become missionaries in everyday life.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY: On Wednesday 7th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Rosary. The reason for the institution of this feast is the Battle of Lepanto. On October 7th, 1571 a fleet of ships assembled by the combined forces of Naples, Sardinia, Venice, the Papacy, Genoa, Savoy and the Knights Hospitallers fought an intense battle with the fleet of the Ottoman Empire. The battle took place in the Gulf of Patras located in western Greece. The victory at Lepanto is considered to be one of the greatest in naval history, since the Christians defeated an army reported to be about three times larger in number. This quick victory by the Holy League was attributed to the help of the Mother of God whose intercession was invoked by the soldiers and the faithful through the praying of the Rosary. Pope Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

Our Lady, identifying herself as Our Lady of the Rosary, asked for the daily recitation of the Rosary during her apparitions to the three shepherd children - Lucia Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto—between May and October 1917 in Fátima, Portugal. During the final apparition on October 13, 1917, Mary identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary," requested them to pray rosary every day as a way to bring peace and end World War I. The apparitions included prophecies, and the "three secrets."

In Lourdes, France, Bernadette Soubirous reported 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the Grotto of Massabielle between February 11 and July 16, 1858. In the apparitions at Lourdes in France, Our Lady held a Rosary and specifically requested Bernadette, the visionary, to pray it with her. Throughout various apparitions, Mary has consistently emphasized the power of prayer and the Rosary as a means of seeking God's guidance, solace, and to bring about good in the world. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion, besides the existing Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The "Hail Marys" remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The "Glory Bes" remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Let us continue to pray the rosary every day.

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY DIOCESAN CHOIR – OPEN REHEARSAL: Come and join us! The Diocese of Paisley Diocesan Choir warmly welcomes new members to an Open Rehearsal on Thursday 8th October at 6:30pm in Saint Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley. Whether you are an experienced singer or simply enjoy singing and would like to be part of the musical life of our Diocese, we would love to see you. There is no need to register – just come along! For more information, please contact Michael Hepburn, Director of Music, at director.music@rcdop.org.uk.