



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS -
SOLEMNITY

(Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12))



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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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: I gently encourage all parents to enrich their children's spiritual journey by bringing them to Sunday Children's Liturgy.

BAPTISM: We shall pray for Amara who will be baptized in St Peter's, today.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: On Friday 6th Nov, St Peter's School children will join the parish community for the mass at 10am in the Church.

ST PETER'S PARISH CURRY NIGHT: Thank you to everyone who took part in our Curry Night on Friday. I hope you all had an enjoyable evening. My sincere thanks go to Joe and Suzie, Parish Council, Jackie and all the volunteers who worked so hard to plan and organise this successful event. Your time, effort and dedication are greatly appreciated.

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME: As part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Primary 7 children of St Peter's and St Fergus' will begin their catechetical programme, '*You Shall Be My Witnesses*', on Sunday 8 November during morning Mass. The programme will take place over three consecutive Sundays, beginning with the Enrolment Mass on the first Sunday.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: All are most welcome to attend the annual celebration of Holy Mass for the happy eternal rest of the souls of deceased bishops, priests and deacons of the Diocese of Paisley. This will be celebrated at 1pm on Thursday 5th November in St Mirin's Cathedral.

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

SAINT MARY'S PAISLEY PARISH RETREAT: As part of the ongoing celebrations marking the 150th Anniversary of Saint Mary's, Father Joe McGill will lead an evening of prayer and reflection at Saint Mary's, Paisley, on Wednesday 4th November at 7.00pm. You are warmly invited to this programme.

HOLY SOULS: November is the month in which we pray for the faithful departed. If you wish to have your family and friends remembered in all Masses each day throughout November, please put their names on the 'November Lists' available at the back of the church and return it with any offerings enclosed in the collection baskets, or return them to the chapel house.

SAINT CONVAL'S CEMETERY MASS: All are welcome to join Monsignor John Tormey for the annual November Holy Mass at Saint Conval's Cemetery, for the happy eternal rest of the souls of those buried there. Holy Mass will begin in the cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 8th November.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (4-18 Oct): St Peter's – Offertory: £1409.00, B. Fund: £953.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 168.00.

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

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT: This year's annual safeguarding announcement will be read out at all masses on Sunday 8th November. Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators are expected to attend one of the forthcoming safeguarding meetings:

Thursday 19th November at 6:30pm

Saturday 21st November at 10:30am

Both meetings will be held at the Diocesan Offices. Safeguarding thought for the month of November: We aim to ensure a climate of listening and respect.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude, that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9–10).*

All Saints' Day commemorates all saints and martyrs in heaven—both the canonized and the countless unknown or uncanonized faithful who lived lives of holiness.

In the Catholic Church, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning the faithful are expected to attend Mass.

Mass readings focus on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), highlighting humility, mercy, and righteousness as the path to sanctity.

So the feast of all saints celebrates all those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth. We must remember that one can witness faith and glorify God in many ways during our time here

- through deep prayer and mystical union, as preachers and miracle workers, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Even today in many parts of the world Christians are being persecuted. The recent killings of Christians in Jordan, Ethiopia, Nigeria are only a few examples to point out how Christians are hated and ill-treated.

Honouring of Christians who led an exemplary life and witness to their faith was there from earliest time of the Church. From the first century, martyrs were honoured by the community of believers, beginning with the deacon Saint Stephen, the first martyr. Then began persecutions after persecutions under Roman emperors throughout the empire and we admire today the courage and faith those Christians displayed even at the cost of their own lives. We have the examples of Peter, and the apostles, Paul and many other known and unknown Christians. During that persecution, churches and sacred texts were destroyed; Christians lost their property, legal rights, and lives; and those who were not killed were imprisoned and tortured. By honouring this host of saintly witnesses, we honour and glorify God through their lives. By honouring them, we honour Him Who made them holy.

This solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven is the eternal celebration of God's glory, where all the saints and angels continually praise Him for His goodness, mercy and love. We read in Rev 4:8, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come." In Isaiah 6: 3 we have "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The lives, sacrifices, prayers and service of the saints will forever reflect God's greatness. Honouring the saints reminds us that we too are called to follow their example, grow in holiness and strive to attain eternal life with God.