

ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER: World Day of the Poor
(Pv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30)



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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

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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 Patti Henry, Bridget McGrath, Kevin Flenegen and Mary McPhee.

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 have their second Sunday of catechesis called *'You Shall Be My Witnesses',* today, 15 November during morning Mass. The third catechesis will be on Sunday 22nd during morning mass.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Lawrence Clancy on Thursday 19th Nov at 10am at Peter's. His remains will be received into Church on Wednesday at 6.00pm. May he rest in peace, Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Parents, please bring your children to Mass and children's liturgy on Sundays to enrich their faith.

NOVEMBER LIST: Mass is celebrated each day throughout this month for the happy repose of the faithful departed, especially those whose names appear on our lists in both parishes. Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: There will be a Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died in St Peter's and St Fergus' over the past years, at St Peter's Church on Thursday 26th at 6.00pm. Relatives and friends of anyone who has died during the past years are especially invited to come along to this Mass to remember and pray for their deceased relatives.

CHURCH STALL: The stall at St Peter's has been refurbished! Christmas gifts and items such as cards, Advent calendars, children's Bibles, and many more will be available from next weekend.

ST ANDREW'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: St Andrew's Academy (High School) is delighted to present a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday, 10th December, at 7.00 pm in St Peter's Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage, support and appreciate the musical talents of our young people as they share the joy of Christmas with us. Please mark the date in your diary and join us for this special occasion. The service will last approximately 40 minutes. Everyone is warmly welcome!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (8 Nov): St Peter's – Offertory: £490.00, B. Fund: £357.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £310.00, Votives: £180.00.

RED WEDNESDAY: On Red Wednesday, 18th November, our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the world who suffer just for believing in Jesus. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Will you help us 'break the silence on Christian persecution'? Come along to Mass this Wednesday November 18th at St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley at 7pm. For more details, contact scotland@acnuk.org or call the office at 01698 337 470.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 2nd July to Thursday 8th July 2027. Anyone interested in joining the

pilgrimage is warmly invited to register their interest at this stage. For further information or to express your interest, please telephone Anne Louise Buchanan on 01475638132 or email annebuchannan@rcdop.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - NOVEMBER: We aim to ensure a climate of listening and respect.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR MEETINGS: All Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators are warmly invited to attend one of our forthcoming safeguarding meetings:
Thursday 19th November at 6:30pm
Saturday 21th November at 10:30am

P4 TO P7 RETREAT DAY: Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils are warmly invited to the Diocese of Paisley Youth retreat day, "Called by God – Hannah", on Sunday 29th November from 1:45pm to 5pm at Saint Francis of Assisi, Port Glasgow. The afternoon will offer young people an opportunity to grow in faith through prayer, reflection and friendship while exploring God's call in their lives. Registration is required and can be completed at https://tinyurl.com/November-Retreat. For further information, please email the Diocese of Paisley Youth team at ve-youth@rcdop.org.uk.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR VOCATIONS: "Come and See." John 1:39. Is God calling you to the Priesthood? Priests for Scotland will hold a "Come and See" weekend on Saturday 5th December to Sunday 6th December for men who are discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend will be an opportunity for prayer and reflection and to explore the call more deeply. If you are interested please email the Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Eoin Patten VE-Vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN SCHOOLS: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland strongly encourages you to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation which closes on Tuesday 19th January. Find out more at https://cve-scotland.org.uk/resources/ro_consultation_-jan-2027/.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC TEACHER: The Saint Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education will be hosting an online information session for anyone interested in applying for Catholic teaching and attaining the Catholic Teacher Certificate on Wednesday 25th November from 5pm to 6pm. The session will cover the vocation of teaching, becoming a Catholic teacher through our Undergraduate (MEduc) and Postgraduate (PGDE) programmes and the ways to obtain the Catholic Teacher Certificate for practising teachers. Eligibility and submission of a priest's reference will also be covered. If you are interested in becoming a teacher in a Catholic school, you are most welcome to join the information session (via Teams) at https://tinyurl.com/cathteach. For further information please email: catholic-education@glasgow.ac.uk.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 15 November 2026 to be the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." (Ps 14:6).
This day is more than a day of awareness, reflection, or prayer. It is a call to love without limits. To see Christ in the faces of those who suffer and to turn our faith into action. It is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic social teaching reminds us that caring for the poor is not simply an act of generosity—it is an essential expression of our faith. At the heart of our faith is an unwavering truth: Every human life has God-given dignity. Christ didn't just preach love. He lived it. And He calls us to do the same.
Pope Leo emphasises that God is their refuge is not merely a promise; it becomes a reality in the person of Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ is God's refuge for the poor, demonstrating God's love through his humility, compassion and willingness to share in human suffering. Jesus offers comfort, hope and dignity to everyone, particularly those who are struggling or marginalised. He reaches out to everyone and offers each a safe refuge: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (*Mt* 11:28).
He says that the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, and material things but also being forgotten, unheard and excluded from society. Christians are therefore called to recognise the dignity of every person and follow Jesus' example by offering practical support, friendship and a sense of belonging. So, let us encounter Christ first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians.
Pope Leo challenges the selfish accumulation of wealth and encourages generosity, sharing and a change of heart. He hopes the World Day of the Poor will inspire people to recognise those in need and make the Church a welcoming

community where everyone feels valued and at home.