

ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SOLEMNITY

(Ez 34:11-17, 1 Cor 15:20-28, Mt 25:31-46)



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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 Lily Thorburn.

P7 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 third Sunday of catechesis called *'You Shall Be My Witnesses',* today, 22 November during morning Mass.

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.

GIVING TREE AT ST FERGUS' & ST PETER'S: Feel free to choose a tag from the giving tree to give a gift to someone mentioned in the card. Please do not forget to place the tag on the gift in order to give to the right recipient. The gifts collected in St Fergus are for the children of *St Fergus School*, while in St Peter's for *'Stronger Communities Glenburn', and 'the SSVP'*. So please bring the gifts latest by Sunday 13. Feel free to contribute towards the hampers for St Fergus.

MASS IN ST FERGUS SCHOOL: Mass will be celebrated in St Fergus School on Friday 27th at 9.30am.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST PETER'S: St Andrew's Academy (High School) is delighted to present a carol by candlelight on Thursday, 10 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! Enjoy tea/coffee after the programme in the parish hall.

SPRED MASS: The annual SPRED Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's Church on Sunday, 29th November, at 10:00 am. Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to join for a special tea and coffee gathering, with delicious snacks, a raffle and other fun games. Donations are welcome for the raffle.
We look forward to seeing you there!

ADVENT: The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. It is a special time of grace as we prepare for the Feast of Christmas, birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS TEA IN THE PARISHES: St Peter's and St Fergus' parishes are each organizing a Christmas tea party for all the parishioners on Sunday 6 December after the morning mass. Please join us for this great celebration.

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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026:16th – 30th November | Theme: To Know God, Love God and Serve God. This Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. Catholic Education Week invites us to celebrate the partnership between our families, parishes and schools in nurturing the faith of our children and young people. Our theme, *To Know God, Love God, Serve God*, expresses the heart of Catholic education. Through prayer, Scripture, the

Sacraments and the witness of others, we come to know God and discover His love for us. We are then called to share that love through kindness, compassion and service. Our parish has an important part to play in this mission. Through our prayers, encouragement and practical support, we can help our young people grow in faith and use their gifts in service of others. Please join us in praying for all pupils, families, teachers and staff during Catholic Education Week. There will be a short talk from St Andrews at all masses. We welcome them to our parishes.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (8 Nov): St Peter's – Offertory: £459.00, B. Fund: £301.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £339.00.

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

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.

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.

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.

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND ST FERGUS: An easy way to raise some fund for the parishes is to purchase things online especially at this festive season of Christmas when we buy perhaps huge quantities of things. Easy fundraising is a platform that allows people to raise money for a noble cause, such as a charity/church/school by doing your online shopping. When someone shops through the *easyfundraising website or app*, the retailer donates a percentage of the sale price to the shopper's chosen cause without any additional cost to the shopper. As mentioned, it doesn't cost the buyer any additional burden and the advantage is that it will raise some fund for the parishes. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of our Churches.

ST CHARLES SSVP: The SSVP at St Charles, Paisley, appeals for warm men's winter jackets in all sizes. Please drop any donations off at St Peter's Church to be passed on.

SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe falls on Sunday, November 22, 2026, marking the final Sunday of the Christian liturgical year before Advent begins. This was stablished in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in the encyclical *Quas Primas* to affirm Christ's spiritual sovereignty amid rising secularism and authoritarianism. After World War I ended in 1918, secularism began to grow worldwide, and communist and fascist ideologies emerged, leading many to question and even abandon their faith. The unity of faith and civil governance, which had been part of the make-up of Europe since the fourth century, slowly crumbled, and God's sovereignty over the world was readily dismissed. If God's authority and laws are excluded from human governance, man is left to his own designs and inevitably goes astray. This feast is to remind the Church and the world that there is only one King, He is the King of humanity, of the entire Universe.

Jesus Christ as ruler over all creation through love, justice, and service rather than earthly political power.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world' (Matthew 25:31–34).

When Jesus walked the earth, He instituted the Kingdom of God as a spiritual reality and invited us to participate in it. Those who participate are called to work to establish Christ's Kingdom on earth.

This feast also reminds us that in order for Christ to reign as King, He must first govern each soul. Jesus is not only the Saviour of mankind, He is also the model of Christian living. Just as the Son of God did His Father's will while on the earth, so must we. Only in Christ do we find peace, unity, harmony, and true purpose.