

ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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 in particular, Bernard Heavey, and Anne MacKinnon and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Charlie Doherty.

SPRED MASS: The annual SPRED Mass is celebrated at St Peter's Church today, 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!

FUNERAL MASSES: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Mary Corr on Thursday 3rd Dec at 10am at Peter's. Her remains will be received into Church on Wednesday at 6.00pm.

A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Kathleen Dolan on Friday 4th Dec at 10am at Peter's. Her remains will be received into Church on Thursday at 6.00pm. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

CHURCH STALL: The stall at St Peter's has been refurbished! Christmas gift items such as Christmas cards, Christmas banners, Christmas table cloth/table runner, Advent calendars, children's Bibles, Bible stories and many more are available from this weekend. Please visit.

MASS OF ENROLMENT: The Primary 4 children of St Peter's and St Fergus Schools will have their Mass of Enrolment on Sunday 6th December during morning mass.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: The Mass times in both parishes are as follows:

St Fergus

Christmas Vigil: Thursday 24th December at 2.00 pm – Carol Service followed by Mass.

Christmas Morning Mass: Friday 25th December at 11.30 am.

St Peter's

Christmas Vigil: Thursday 24th December at 4.00 pm – Carol Service followed by Mass.

Christmas Morning Mass: Friday 25th December at 10.00 am.

The St Fergus Carol Choir will have rehearsals on Sundays 13th and 20th December, after morning Mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (22 Nov): St Peter's - Offertory: £476.00, B. Fund: £307.00, Education: £123.00, Votives: £157.00 St Fergus: Offertory: £212.00, Education: £69.00

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: You can find Mass times listings for Christmas throughout the diocese on the diocesan website - https://rcdop.org.uk/christmas.

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

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", 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.

TEA & COFFEE – Tea & coffee available in the hall. All welcome

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR ST PETER'S AND ST FERGUS: During this festive season (also other times) as you purchase things online, you will be able to raise some funds for your parishes though Easy Fundraising. 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. For certain purchase it may be a few pence while for other purchases may be a few pounds you will be contributing, depending on the things you purchase and the company that you order from. It doesn't cost the buyer any additional burden. 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. For more information please get a copy of the flier at the back of our Churches.

ACUTIS EVENING: S4 to S6 pupils are invited to the next Acutis Evening, for catechesis, dinner and prayer, on Friday 4th December. It will take place in Saint James's church and hall (Greenock Road, Paisley) from 6pm to 8pm. Father Eoin Patten will speak on Forgiveness and Sin. Please note that (one-time) registration for these events in 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 NICHOLAS IS COMING TO TOWN: Families from across the Diocese are warmly invited to a Saint Nicholas Family Day on Sunday 6th December from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Saint Charles' Church hall, Paisley. Organised by the Marriage and Family Life Commission and Catholic Mothers, this afternoon will include activities and stories for children, a talk for parents, refreshments, games and a special guest. Donations will be gratefully received, with a special collection being sent to support children in Ukraine through the Ukrainian Greek Catholic community in Glasgow. To help with catering and planning, please register by Tuesday 1st December at https://rcdop.org.uk/st-nicholas-celebration

ADVENT: Advent is a four-week season of spiritual preparation that begins on the First Sunday of Advent—falling on Sunday, 29 November 2026—and marks the start of the new liturgical year. It is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus.

The word 'Advent' is derived from the Latin *adventus* means "coming". It reminds us of Christ's birth at Christmas and anticipating his Second Coming at the end of time.

The vestments worn by the priests during this time are violet or purple, while rose is used on the Third Sunday (*Gaudete* Sunday) to mark anticipatory joy. During this time fasting is not obligatory, however, a few other rites in the Catholic Church recommend it. Importance is given for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the Church this season marks with the lighting of the first purple or violet candle on the Advent wreath. Some Catholics do light candles on the Advent wreath, at home. This candle focuses on theme of 'hope,' which points to the long-expected Saviour.

A Call to Conversion: It's also a season of introspection and renewal. The liturgical colour 'purple' reminds us of our imperfections and the need for repentance. By acknowledging our shortcomings, we open ourselves to God's grace and prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Christ.