

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday—Year B

13th September 2015

	CHURCH HEATING FUND
	BALANCE STILL TO PAY
	Initial Cost £40,000
	August £17,027.70

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £462.57 and £365.33 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

AUGUST HEATING FUND

The Heating Fund this week amounted to £563.00. Thank you for your generosity.

ST PETER'S PARISH ASSEMBLY

From the Notice on this page about *'Preparation for the Synod'* you will see that all the Parishes are asked to have a Parish Assembly. Here in St Peter's we are holding our Parish Assembly on Monday 21st September from 8 pm till 10 pm in the Parish Hall. Bishop John has asked that as many people as possible come along and be involved in this Assembly. It is a very important part of the preparation for our Diocesan Synod. Please make a special effort to attend.

At the back of the Church TODAY there are leaflets entitled "Laity in the New Evangelisation." These leaflets will give you some background information prior to the Assembly here in St Peter's on 21st September. Please take on as you leave the Church.

RCIA

The first meeting of the new session is on Monday 14th September at 7.30 pm in the meeting room adjacent to the sacristy. If you want to know more about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, or you know someone who wants to know more about what is involved, please contact Fr Eddie or Deacon John. Also, any members of the Parish who feel they might be able to assist with the work of the RCIA, please contact Fr Eddie or Deacon John.

PAISLEY VOCATIONS

"Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr John Morrison on 01475 720223 or e-mail johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

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TIMES OF MASSES

Morning Mass
at 10.00 a.m.

(In the Parish house Monday-Saturday inclusive, except for funerals and First Fridays.)

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 5.15 pm.

Sunday morning
10.00 am. & 12 Noon.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

10.00 am. & 7.00 pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
10.30-11.00 am.
4.30-5.00 pm.

BAPTISM

Sunday at 1.00 pm.

MARRIAGE

Arranged by appointment.
At least six months notice is required for preparations

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend there will be a collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and put your donation in the second collection next weekend, 20th September. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE MASS

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday 16th September in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Gorbals. There will be Exposition at 6 pm followed by Rosary at 7 pm, Mass at 7.30 pm and tea and biscuits afterwards. The celebrant will be Fr John Gannon.

VOCATIONS MASS

The Diocesan Vocations Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley on 14th September at 7 pm.

PLEASE PRAY

FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Jim McIntosh, Christine Clark, John Ward, Anne Craig, Peter Smith, Christine McPherson, Eileen Knowles, Janet Ferguson, Elizabeth Lomas, Allister McNeill, Jonathon Arthur, Christine Hughes, Lynn Smith, Jean Alison, Irene Baillie, Rhian Docherty, Tony Browning, Susan Mullen, Annie Hampson, Rona Kinnell, Drew Meiklejohn, Gavin Lanigan, Mary Shannon, Christine Dickinson, Rosemary McCormick, Edward Stewart.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is available in the parish hall on a Sunday at 10am. Please bring your child to the hall at least 10 minutes before the liturgy is due to start. Dates for the Liturgy are available on the noticeboard. We need volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. You would be required every 4 weeks, or less if there are enough people. If you are interested, speak to Fr. Eddie.

CARFIN GROTTO

The St Vincent de Paul are running a bus to Carfin Grotto on Saturday 26th September. This bus is free, but a bag will be put round for donations. The bus will leave St Peter's at 10.30 am, be at St John's, Barrhead at 10.45 am and Ince Street at 11 am. The bus will leave Carfin at 4 pm. Anyone who would like to go on the bus, please put your name on the sheets at the back of the Church, before 21st September. No more names can be added after that date.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - 13-20 September 2015

This week, Vocations Awareness Week, is a time when we as a Diocesan Community pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This year the Vocations Mass will take place, tomorrow, Monday 14th September at 7 pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. To make the end of Vocations Week, Bishop John will be celebrating Solemn Vespers in St Patrick's, Greenock on Sunday 20th September at 5 pm.

INTERFAITH STATEMENT ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Issued on behalf of the Catholic Church in Scotland, the Church of Scotland, the Muslim Council of Scotland, and the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities.

“Our faiths instruct us not to fear the stranger, but to love our neighbour. We view the desperate situation facing refugees currently seeking sanctuary in Europe with growing alarm. We are compelled to speak out. Our faiths in their different ways are rooted in the refugee experience, in what it means to be forced to leave a place where one’s very existence is threatened, in search of somewhere safer. Our scriptures teach the importance of love and compassion for all who are destitute. We are concerned by the dehumanising language used to describe people who are so desperate that they risk their lives, and we share the belief that all people have an inherent dignity and right to life. We welcome the UK and Scottish governments’ willingness to offer a safe haven to these desperate people. We urge them to back this with practical action to help as many refugees as possible, and we call on our communities to support this and make them welcome.”

Below are three of the many ways in which you can help the Refugee Crisis:-

RENFREWSHIRE AID FOR REFUGEES IN CALAIS

This is a voluntary group collecting supplies to aid Refugees currently in Calais. All donations welcome, particularly male clothing and toiletries. Donations will be transported to University of West of Scotland who will organise transport and distribution with charitable partners. The Drop Off Point is the Adelphi Hall, Priory Avenue, PA3 4NR. Opening times: Tuesday 12—7 pm: Thursday 12—7 pm: Saturday 12—4 pm.

LOCAL INITIATIVE PROMOTED BY BISHOP JOHN

Jade and Elizabeth O’Neill are raising money to fill a car and drive it during the September weekend weekend (which is next weekend) to Calais, where people are in desperate need of food, clothes and shelter. Donations will pay for essential provisions and transportation. Bishop John is backing this campaign, along with the local press and politicians. You can donate on line at <http://www.gofundme.com/a93c5y6G>

SCIAF APPEAL FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

SCIAF have also started an Appeal to help the Syrian Refugees. You can make a donation on line at: www.sciaf.org.uk or by telephone 0141 354 5555.

DIOCESAN SYNOD PREPARATION

This week we will look in more detail at the Spiritual Preparation for the Synod. Studying and discussing the synod’s topic is necessary for a successful outcome. However, it would be a terrible mistake to reduce the synod to being merely a workshop. The Holy Spirit must be allowed to direct the synod from its beginning to its end. This is why the Church insists that we prepare spiritually. The Icon of Our Lady of Paisley will visit each Parish for a week, which will be a time of special prayer together. We will also be offered little retreats and various helps in prayer. Icons will also be in the stall so that we can continue our devotion at home. The Diocesan synod presents an opportunity for the renewal of the Church within our Diocese. Please play a full role in the synodal preparation and this will involve prayer as well as the sessions catechesis and consultation.

INTEGRATING LIFE AND FAITH MEETINGS “CLIMATE CHANGE”

The first talk in a series linked to our responsibilities contained in Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si* on the causes and consequences of climate change, will take place on Monday 14th September at 7.30 pm in St Joseph’s Church Hall, Clarkston. The guest speaker is Professor Colin McInnes. All welcome.

MARY’S MEALS

The UK Government has agreed to match fund donations made to Mary’s Meals from **28th September until 28th December 2015**. This means that a donation made during that period will be doubled. There will be more information about this in the next two weeks. Please note though, that the Government’s Aid Match support **will not apply** to any donations **before the start of the campaign on 28th September**. So please wait until after that date to send your donations. You will be reminded again at that time. Thank you.