

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Third Sunday of Advent—Year C

13th December 2015

	CHURCH HEATING FUND
	BALANCE STILL TO PAY
	Initial Cost £40,000
	November £15,257.70

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £472.13 and £300.43 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

HEATING

The heating fund collected last weekend amounted to £870.40. Thank you.

INVITATION-ADVENT REFLECTION

You are invited to come to an evening of recollection to be held in the Church on 3 evenings during advent:- 1st, 8th and 21st December at 7 pm. This service will be led by Catherine Nolan and Carol Ann McLaren and will be focussed on the themes of Advent. You will be led through different approaches to prayer in order to prepare for Christmas. All welcome.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

There will be an Ecumenical Service held here in St Peter's on Wednesday 16th December at 7 pm. All welcome.

ADVENT SERVICES IN ST PETER'S

Rosary: (Oratory) Mon-Sat at 9.30 am

Morning Prayer: (Oratory) Mon. Tue
Thur. Fri. at 9.45 am

Morning Mass : (Oratory) 10 am

Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11 am and
4.30-5 pm
After each evening of Recollection.

Year of Mercy: (Church)

Prayer Service for the Year of Mercy -
Wednesday at 9.45 am

ST VINCENT de PAUL—WINTER TAXI SERVICE

The SSVP will be offering a taxi service to any Parishioners throughout the winter season. A sheet will be available at the back of the Church for any names, addresses and telephone numbers at the back of the Church. Please remember to put which Mass you would like to attend

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 at
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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NATIVITY

Could all the children involved in the Nativity this year, come for a rehearsal TODAY, 13th and next Sunday 20th December after the 10 am Mass.

PRO LIFE COLLECTION

The Pro Life collection last weekend amounted to £163.90. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFESSION

Confessions will be available after the Advent reflection on Tuesday evenings.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be Confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral from 9 am till 9 pm on Monday 21st December. See timetable of priests on back of sheet

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, Nancy Heaton

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Karen Anderson, Mary Devenney, Canon Willie Harkins.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS

Just a reminder that the change of Sunday Mass will take effect from Sunday the 3rd January 2016.

Regrettably, the 12 o'clock Mass will be cancelled and there will be only *one Mass on a Sunday from 3rd January onwards, at 10 am.*

VIDES CLUB BAKE SALE

The young parishioners from the VIDES Club would like to thank all those who came along to their first fundraising event last Sunday. They hope that you enjoyed it. They raised £240 for the Mama's Project in Dagoretti. Thank you also to all who donated baking and sweets for this event. It was very much appreciated.

PAISLEY VOCATIONS

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr John Morrison on 01475 720223 or email: johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

There will be a Carols by Candlelight service in St James' Church, Renfrew on Sunday 20th December at 4 pm. All welcome

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OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR

The Holy Door for the Year of Mercy will be opened by Bishop John at St Mirin's Cathedral TODAY 13th December. The Opening will begin at 3 pm and be followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction. The Bishop extends a warm invitation to everyone to join with him in beginning this special Jubilee of Mercy.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS TIMETABLE

Time	Confessional one	Confessional two	Confessional three
9-10 am	Fr McLoughlin	Fr Baillie	Fr Boyd
10 am	Mass		
10.30-11am	Fr McLoughlin	Fr Baillie	Fr Boyd
11-1 pm	Fr Cameron	Fr Eagers	Fr Cotter
1 pm	Mass		
1.30-3 pm	Fr McMahan	Mgr Monaghan	Fr Freney
3-5 pm	Fr Boyle	Mgr Cunningham	Bishop John
5-7 pm	Fr Hannigan	Mgr Diamond	Canon McElroy
709 pm	Fr Oduro	Fr Burke	Canon Dow

Tea and coffee available in the Parish house.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Prayer for Advent

'Holy God, You have given us the great witness of St Stephen, the first martyr, who in spite of those who took up stones against him, found it in his heart to forgive his persecutors. Give us that strength to love our enemies and do good to those who wish harm to us. Help us like Stephen to keep our eyes on heaven and its graces. Heavenly Father, the Holy Innocents remind us of the many children caught across the ages through civil strife and unrest and suffer needlessly. But innocence so often frustrates evil plans. In your mercy remember the innocent of this world caught up in the harshness of wars and persecution. Amen.'

WEEK BY WEEK THROUGH THE YEAR OF MERCY

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy last Tuesday because December 8th marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. The council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes St John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy" and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (Misericordiae Vultus 4). Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (MV 12). Three times today's Gospel asks, "What should I do?" Pope Francis would say: Imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgement that John the Baptist threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness—mercy!

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CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Christian Unity Week takes place from 18th-25th January. During that week, there will be 15 minute daily meditation in the Cathedral Hall at 12.30 pm Monday to Saturday (18th-23rd January). On Sunday 24th there is a PACT Taize Christian Unity Service in Paisley Abbey at 4 pm. All welcome.

MARY'S MEALS

The UK Government has agreed to match fund donations made to Mary's Meals **until 28th December** 2015. This means that a donation made during this period will be doubled. So, if you wish to support Mary's Meals financially, from now until 28th December is a very good time to do this!!

LOURDES HOSPITALITE

Booking forms are now available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016. Volunteer helpers, trained nurses and doctors are required to assist registered pilgrims to have a safe and fulfilling pilgrimage. If you would like to know more or obtain a booking form, contact Anne Louise on 01475 638132.

VOICE OF HOPE PUBLICATION

Bishop John has invited Premier to send copies of its Voice of Hope devotional magazine to every parish within the Diocese of Paisley. These will be available to every parishioner next week. Bishop John wants Voice of Hope to be a special evangelisation tool for our Diocese.

PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT

NHS Information

PIP is a benefit for people aged 16 to 64 who have disability, physical impairment or mental health conditions. It will replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) but more people will qualify for PIP than DLA. If you have problems with daily living, such as eating or preparing food, taking medication, moving around or managing money, you may qualify. Call the PIP helpline for more information or to make a claim:-

PIP Claims line: 0800 917 2222

Textphone: 0800 917 7777

Website: www.gov.uk