

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

31st January 2016

	CHURCH HEATING FUND
	BALANCE STILL TO PAY
	Initial Cost £40,000 December £14,564.70

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £485.07 and £329.99 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

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.

SCIAF – Lenten Appeal 2016

WEE BOX BIG CHANGE

SCIAF are delighted to announce that for the second year in a row, the UK Government will match SCIAF Lenten donations pound for pound, as part of the UK Aid Match scheme. To maximise this opportunity WEE BOXES will be distributed the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which is next weekend. You are encouraged to use the collection envelopes for the 4th Sunday of Lent and fill out the Gift Aid section on the WEE BOX if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS

The annual White Mass for healthcare professions and workers and those involved in Lourdes hospitalite will take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 7th February at 12 noon.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The next Fairtrade Stall will take place on Sunday 28th February in the Church Hall

SYNOD OPENING MASS

Tuesday 19th April 2016.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

40 days for life—10th February—20th March. See website for all details—<http://rcdop.org.uk/news/40-days-for-life>. See also Poster on Notice Board.

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

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

10.00 am. & 7.00 pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
10.30-11.00 am.
4.30-5.00 pm.

BAPTISM

Sunday at 12 Noon.

MARRIAGE

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

LENT 2016

Ash Wednesday is on
Wednesday 10th February

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

At St Mirin's Cathedral 5 pm
every Sunday.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election this year will take place in St Mirin's Cathedral on **Thursday 4th February at 4 pm.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION MASS

The Catholic Education Mass for the schools will take place in St Charles' Church, Paisley on Thursday 4th February at 7 pm. Michael McGrath will speak to our youth on 'Learning to be Merciful'. Everyone is welcome.

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, Kathleen Boyle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Joe Davey, June Gibson, Agnes Rooney

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Frances MacEwan, Rose Gray, Cathie Adam

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

31st January to 6th February 2016

TODAY is Catholic Education Sunday and the start of Catholic Education Week. The theme this year is 'Learning to be Merciful'. There will be a letter from Bishop Tartaglia and **there is a second collection today for the Scottish Catholic Education Service.** Please use the envelopes at the back of the Church and put them in the 2nd collection. Bishop Tartaglia appeals for people to consider teaching as a career, and in particular, to consider teaching in Catholic Schools. Given the critical shortages of teachers we are now experiencing, he considers it most important that we all play our part to help fill teaching posts in our local schools.

PAISLEY VOCATIONS

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a Priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Fr John Morrison on 01475 720223 or email johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

To mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome is proposed from 25th—29th September led by Bishop John Keenan. With a direct flight from Glasgow and staying within a short walk of St Peter's, the cost of the pilgrimage will be approximately £550 per person, B&B sharing a double room (single with supplement). At this stage we are asking you to register your interest to ascertain if there are sufficient numbers across the Diocese to make firm arrangements. If you would like to register your interest, please contact Fr Danny McLoughlin on 01505 612046 or email: paisleymercy@gmail.com

SCHOLA CANTORUM WINTER CONCERT

Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 pm in St Aloysius Church, Rose Street, Glasgow. Tickets are £5 (under 18s free) from nwhite@staloyusius.org. A selection of sacred music including "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Last week's evening of the Rediscovering Mercy Course put on by the Parish Council in the Hall, went well and most people hopefully got something helpful out of it. The next evening of the *Rediscovering Mercy* Course will take place on **Wednesday 10th February**. As this is also Ash Wednesday and there is Mass at 7 pm, the Course will not start until 7.30 pm on that evening. We hope that more people will be able to come to the next session. If you are out at Mass, you are very welcome to come into the Hall and join us for the evening. You do not need to have attended any of the other evenings. You can come along to just one or two of the course nights. You will be most welcome. For your information, the final evening of this course will take place on 24th February.

INTEGRATING LIFE AND FAITH MEETING

Monday 1st February at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston. Interfaith Dialogue—guest speaker, Sr Isabel Smyth, SND, OBE, a leading member of Interfaith Scotland. Sr Isabel will examine how interfaith relationships have developed in Scotland from a Catholic perspective.

GUIDE GODS

A witty and illuminating show in the Beacon Arts Centre, Greenock on Thursday 4th February at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. The Huffington Post quoted "If the world's political and religious leaders saw Guide Gods, I wonder if we might move a little closer to world peace?" After each show there will be a chance to have some tea and a chat and to ponder your own beliefs. All welcome!

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL EVENT

All young adults (aged 18-30) are invited to a pub night hosted by the NET Ministries Team. Meet new people, learn more about future ministry events and enjoy food and drink at a local pub. Friday 12th February from 9.30—11 pm at the Flying Scotsman (Broadloan, Renfrew). We hope to see you there!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Planning your wedding? Why not come along to one of the marriage preparation days held at the Diocesan Offices. The dates are: 13th February, 12th March, 14th May, 10th September and 8th October from 11 am till 3.30 pm. Cost £20 per couple including lunch. Interested couples should ask their parish priest to enrol them. At present the capacity for each day is 10 couples.

CHARITY NIGHTS COMING UP

Two Charity nights are coming up in St Mirin's Hall:-
A **ballroom dance @Strictly Goes Bond'** with a bond theme on Saturday 27th February (charity still to be confirmed) at 7.30 pm BYOB—cost £10 per ticket, but will include a cocktail and light supper. Contact M. Fender for tickets: 07908788494.

'**Motown Brothers'** on Friday 4th March at 7.30 pm. BYOB. Tickets cost £8 with proceeds to Leuchie House and Mary's Meals. Contact A. Butterfield 07938166163 and M. Fender 07908788494.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 11th-13th March 2016 at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For further details contact: Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email: rem2524@yahoo.co.uk

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Please join Aid to the Church in Need in prayer and ask God to protect the Christian people of Pakistan who are suffering persecution and oppression because of their faith:

Heavenly Father, you know by name all those who suffer in your name.

We ask that you comfort and strengthen Christians in Pakistan, and that you grant particular protection to women and girls.

We also ask you to provide love and solace to converts to Christianity who can often experience rejection from their families or even physical violence.

May we in Scotland be encouraged by their example and may we never take for granted the freedom we have to follow you.

Compassionate creator, please forgive those who persecute Christians, reach out to them with your grace and your love.

Amen.