

# St Peter's Catholic Church

## NEWSLETTER



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Parish Priest: Fr. Edward D Cameron  
Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Morrison.

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

7th February 2016

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|  | <b>CHURCH HEATING FUND</b>   |
|  | <b>BALANCE STILL TO PAY</b>  |
|  | <b>Initial Cost     £40,000</b><br><b>December        £14,564.70</b> |

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £511.82 and £317.01 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

### EDUCATION SUNDAY

The Education Sunday collection last week-end amounted to £62.82p. Thank you.

### LENT 2016

This Wednesday, 10th February is Ash Wednesday and is a day of **Fast and Abstinence.** Mass and distribution of ashes will take place at **10 am and 7 pm.**

The following times of prayer are available throughout Lent:

Morning Mass: Monday—Saturday at 10am in the oratory, except for Friday morning when it will be celebrated in the church.

The Rosary will be recited at 9.30 am Monday-Thursday and Saturday at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer of the Church will be said in the oratory Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9.45 am, prior to Mass.

Prayers for the Year of Mercy will take place on Wednesday mornings at 9.45 am.

A reflection on the Way of the Cross will take place on a Friday in the church at 9.30 am.

### SCIAF

At both Masses this weekend a guest from SCIAF will speak to us about the work undertaken by the organisation on our behalf locally and abroad. It is important that we are kept informed about the many projects currently receiving our full support financially. I am certain our guest will be welcomed warmly and will receive our fullest attention and pledge of ongoing support financially. The collection for SCIAF will be taken up on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In anticipation of your support, I thank you for your generous offering. Please pray for all who work with and for SCIAF.

### 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

**HOLIDAYS 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**

### RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election this year will take place in St Mirin's Cathedral on **Sunday 14th February at 4 pm.**

**\* Please note that there was an error in last week's bulletin and the date is as above.**

### JOHN DEIGHAN

Mr John Deighan, former Parliamentary Officer for the Catholic Church at the Scottish Parliament, and now Chief Executive of SPUC Scotland, has been honoured by the Holy Father by being made a Knight of St Gregory. This is in recognition of his work for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. A Mass of Investiture will take place on Thursday 11th February at 7 pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. All welcome.

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### 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, Isabel McGregor

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Hugh NcAuley, Maureen O'Neil

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Thomas Traynor

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

This **Wednesday, 10th February** is the next meeting of the Rediscovering Mercy Course put on by the Parish Council in the Hall, As this is also Ash Wednesday and there is Mass at 7 pm, **the Course will not start until 7.30 pm.** We hope that more people will be able to come to this 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. For your information, the final evening of this course will take place on 24th February.

### SCIAF – Lenten Appeal 2016

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 TODAY. Please take a SCIAF pack as you leave Church today. 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.

### SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the Short term Pledge for Lent. Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

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, please contact Anne Louise on 01475 638132.

There will be a meeting for helpers at 7 pm on Monday 15th February in St Patrick's, Greenock. Anyone who has volunteered or is thinking of volunteering to assist on the pilgrimage, should attend. There are still places available on the pilgrimage. Phone Anne Louise on above number.

## YOUTH TO LOURDES FUNDRAISER

There will be a Family Quiz Night on Friday 19th February from 7.30 till 10 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall, Greenock, to help raise funds for the youth going to Lourdes. This Quiz night will include a raffle and games. Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Tickets cost: Adult £3. Child £2. Family £10.

BYOB. Contact: [mcleanfamily2015@outlook.com](mailto:mcleanfamily2015@outlook.com) or 07734 064419 for tickets.

## YOUTH EVENTS

### SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENT

#### “What Does the Year of Mercy Mean to Me?”

Led by the NET Ministries Team, this event is open to all secondary school pupils from across the Diocese. The event will be fun and relaxed—refreshments will be provided, and the afternoon will conclude with Mass at 6 pm, which family members can attend. The event will take place on Sunday 21st February and will run from 3 pm—6.45 pm and takes place in St Joseph's, Church, 2 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston. Transport will be provided: Bus from St Mirin's Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Contact [youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdop.org.uk) or Tel. 01505 813103.

A consent form is necessary for this event which can be downloaded on [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk)

### PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT

#### “Let's Explore Mary's Meals”

This event is open to all Primary 6 and 7 pupils from across the Diocese. There will be games and activities exploring the work of Mary's Meals, and there will be refreshments. The afternoon will conclude with Mass at 6 pm which family members can attend. The event will take place on Sunday 28th February at St Aidan's Church, Tower Road, Johnstone from 3 pm—6.45 pm. Transport will be provided. Bus leaving from St Mirin's Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Contact [youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdop.org.uk) or Tel. 01505 813103.

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### PALM SUNDAY YOUTH DAY

There will be an Inter-diocesan World Youth Day Gathering on Sunday 20th March at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, led by archbishop Leo Cushley and Bishop Hugh Gilbert. Parish and family groups most welcome. Please contact Fr Frank Hannigan by email [youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdop.org.uk) or on 0141 847 6133 See Poster on Notice Board for further information about Coach pick-up and drop-off points, consent form and programme for the day. 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!

## LENTEN EVENING RETREAT

Led by Fr Eamon Sweeney in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge on Tuesday 1st March at 7 pm. All welcome.

## THE GONZAGA LECTURES

“Celebrating the Year of Mercy.” St Aloysius College has organised the Gonzaga Lectures for this year in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, 232-242 Vincent Street, Glasgow, beginning at 7.30 pm. The dates are:-

**16th Feb:** Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB “Mercy & Sin”

**22nd Feb:** Lord Maurice Glasman “Foundations of Mercy”

**26th Feb:** Lord David Alton “The Mercy Factory”

Please arrive early to ensure a seat.

## PAISLEY SYNOD

This Thursday marked 75 days to the Opening Mass of our Paisley Synod and your involvement across the diocese has been exciting and encouraging. Please keep up the efforts. There are 3 ways you can be involved. (1) Pray, especially to Our Lady of Paisley, for the fruitfulness and success of our Synod. (2) Keep engaging in the consultation process by sending in your further thoughts on the interim report to [bishopjohn@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:bishopjohn@rcdop.org.uk) or by mail. The report is on our Diocese of Paisley website under Laity in the New Evangelisation and there are ready made questions to answer. If you are not online, your Parish Priest will give you a copy. The final report after incorporating your responses will be the basic document of the Synod. (3) Become a Synod delegate or nominate a friend. This is a bigger commitment than you have been used to in the Church, since you commit to 5 Saturdays, but we want to bring about a radical shift in lay commitment in the Church and this is a once in a generation chance for the lay faithful to be at the forefront of a great work of reshaping our Diocese and making it fit for purpose for our next generation.

## SYNOD LOGO WINNER

Congratulations to Josephine Young from St Mary's Primary, Greenock for the winning entry and to Ross Crighton from St Ninian's Primary, Gourock for the runner up entry and to all the children who entered the competition for their wonderful ideas and creations. A little explanation of the Logo. The basic shape of a tree, in the form of a person with arm pointing, tells of our strong roots as a diocese, that allows us to reach out to a new future in hope. The shape of the tree is a path leading to a horizon to represent the word syn-od which comes from the Greek “journeying together”. The branches look like the side of a parent's hand reaching out to a child's hand, to show union of the different generations of the Church. The blue leaf at the top represents Our Lady of Paisley pointing us towards Her Son, represented by the red leaf. The other leaves are flames, each with their own personality to show we are a variety of gifts but always the same ardent Spirit of evangelisation.

