

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Second Sunday of Lent Year C 21st February 2016

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| | CHURCH HEATING FUND |
| | BALANCE STILL TO PAY |
| | Initial Cost £40,000 January £14,142.70 |

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £479.99 and £311.01 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

TODAY there will be the first of three collections for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and put it in the 2nd collection. Thank you.

LENT 2016

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Wednesday, 24th February at 7.00pm, is the date of the last meeting of the Rediscovering Mercy Course put on by the Parish Council in the Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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 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.

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

FAIRTRADE STALL

To celebrate the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight, there will be a Fairtrade Stall in the Church Hall next Sunday 28th February after 10 am Mass. Please come along and buy fairly traded goods, biscuits, tea, coffee, cereals, gifts, etc. to help poor farmers and producers make a living.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

The Cathedral will host round-the-clock Exposition and Confessions from noon till noon on Friday 4th—Saturday 5th March. More information to follow.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March is World Day of Prayer. There will be an ecumenical service in Paisley Abbey at 2 pm on 4th March. All 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, Isabel McGregor, James Flanagan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Catherine Begbie, Christine Morrow, Fr. Martin Sweeney, Mary McAteer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Joseph Bisland, Philip Duffy, Helen Sinclair, John Major, Emma Cain.

REFLECTION ON LIFE IN LENT

The Liturgy and Spirituality Group will be holding three evenings of reflection in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 2nd March, Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 17th March at 7 pm to give parishioners the opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through prayer, music and word. These evenings will be led by Catherine Nolan and Carol Ann McLaren and are open to everyone in the Parish. If anyone has any questions, please speak to Catherine, Carol Ann, Gerry Gallagher or David Begg.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 29th February to 13th March. Fair trade lifts millions of people out of poverty. When you buy fairly traded products, you enable small-holder farmers and producers to improve their position and have more control over their lives. It is a simple way that we can make a difference through our everyday choices. Rainbow Turtle, 7 Gauze Street, Paisley, offer lots of fairtrade items, gifts and food items. Please visit their shop or their website for further information www.rainbowturtle.org.uk Tel: 0141 887 1881. Try to look for fairtrade goods when you are doing your shopping in the supermarkets. They all have the Fairtrade Logo on them.



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 or Tel. 01505 813103. A consent form is necessary for this event which can be downloaded on www.rcdop.org.uk

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CAR BOOT SALE

St Andrew’s Academy is proud to have 6 pupils participating in Youth to Lourdes and World Youth Day this year. To help them in their fundraising efforts, a Car Boot/Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 12th March at St Charles’ Church from 11 am—1 pm. Why not have a Spring clean/de-clutter and book a car space/table for £5. Contact Miss J. Clunie on 887 5201 to book a place. Any donations of goods, medium or small, can be handed into the school.

PRO-LIFE FIDDLERS’ RALLY

Pro-Life are holding a Fiddlers’ Rally in Glasgow City Chambers on Friday 4th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10. Light refreshments on sale. Featuring the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra with the Deighan Sisters Ceilidh Band. In aid of Life, SPUC and Mary’s Meals. Tickets from Robert Graham 01505 335571, Michael Coane 01505 842157 or at the door on the night.

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.

PRAYING THIS LENT

This Lent will be the most special for many years because it is in the Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis asked that Lent would be the heart and high point of this year and encouraged us to focus on three things to take up as our Lenten penance. Firstly, to meditate on the Scriptures, both those on God’s mercy for us and those that challenge us to show mercy to each other. We have produced a selection of such Scriptures in a daily paragraph size available on our diocesan website. You are encouraged to read them daily as food for your Lenten journey.

YEAR OF MERCY—WEEK BY WEEK

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned “Missionaries of Mercy”, priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as “Living signs of the Father’s readiness to welcome those in search of God’s pardon.” In a way, though Pope Francis challenges all of us to become “missionaries of mercy” by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.” Francis bids us make the prophet Micah’s words our own: “God Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.” Having experienced God’s mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God’s boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God’s unconditional love for them.

SYNOD OPENING MASS

Tuesday 19th April 2016.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

At St Mirin’s Cathedral 5 pm every Sunday

BOOKS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO READ

Two books are noted below, highlighted in the Vocation for Justice Magazine of the Columban Missionaries.

THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY

For this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a book entitled “The Name of God is Mercy”. In it he invites all humanity to dialogue on the subject of Mercy—which is a central teaching of his papacy. Pope Francis explains—through memories from his youth and anecdotes from his experiences as a pastor—why “mercy is the first attribute of God.” He emphasises moral sincerity over dogma, and an understanding of the complexities of the world and individual Experience over rigid doctrine. He calls for a more merciful Catholic Church. He says “Jesus goes and heals and integrates the marginalised, the ones who are outside the city, the ones outside the encampment. In so doing, he shows us the way.” If you would like to read this book it is available now—“The Name of God is Mercy” ISBN-10:0399588639

CATHOLICS AND OUR COMMON HOME

Sr Margaret Atkins

What people today need is an “ecological conversion” says Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*. Pope Francis identifies two groups of Catholics: the critical and the indifferent. A third group might consist of those who are willing, even enthusiastic, but who feel discouraged about the possibility of making any real difference. By unpacking Church tradition and teaching, and bridging the gap between theory and practice, this booklet will challenge the first, stir up the second, and encourage the third. This booklet is available from CTS Books at a cost of £2.50p.