

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Morrison.

Third Sunday of Lent Year C **28th 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 £435.99 and £292.94 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

The collection for Sick & Retired Priests amounted to £236.80. 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 be on a Friday in the church at 9.30 am.

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.

TAIZE EVENING

The Parishioners of St Charles, Paisley, warmly invite you to a Taize Evening of prayer and reflection, which will take place after their Lenten Mass at 7 pm on Monday 29th February. This is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time in preparation of the coming of Our Lord at Easter.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

At St Mirin's Cathedral 5 pm every Sunday

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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

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 **TODAY** 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.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The children from Primary 4 in St Peter's School, will be making their First Confessions on Monday 7th March. Please keep these children and their families, in your prayers.

SCIAF SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 6th March there is a collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities, including SCIAF. Please use the SCIAF envelope to put your donation in the second collection.

Remember all donations for the Wee Box collection (which includes next Sunday's SCIAF collection) will be doubled by the Government this year.

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

Charlie Bell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

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. There will also be Prayer Services at various times during these 24 hours. Please come along and avail yourselves of this special time for adoration, prayer and reconciliation.

Pope Francis wants "*Twenty-four Hours for the Lord,*" around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended "tenderness," the sacrament is "a source of true interior peace," says Francis, enabling people "to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening—or restoring—our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten springtime that Master Gardener can use even life's manure (the parable's "fertilizer") to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren—us! Parishes preparing catechumens may choose John's Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman's life-long neighbours thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news—and Jesus—with those very neighbours, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and "missionary of mercy."

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.

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.

MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

'Encountering Jesus in his Passion'

On Saturday 12th March there will be a morning of prayer and reflection in St James' Church, Renfrew, starting with Mass at 9.30 am and concluding at 1 pm. All Welcome.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

An evening of Prayer and reflection, organised by the Diocesan Service Team of Scottish Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be held in Holy Family Church, Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow, PA14 6BT on Monday 7 March commencing at 7pm. This is a time of quiet prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Light refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

20-40 NETWORK

Would you like to meet other young Catholics?

20-40 network is a new networking club being set up for Scotland. We organise networking events for young Catholics aged 20-40, giving them the opportunity to meet and socialise in a friendly, relaxed environment. Events are varied and will range from drinks in a local pub to more adventurous day trips. To join our mailing list please email: 2040network@gmail.com

MEN'S ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Tyburn Benedictine Convent, Largs. Opens 8pm Friday 11th March - Closes with Mass 8am Saturday 12th March. Contact liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com for further information

PARENTS AND OUR PAISLEY SYNOD

Parents please complete this Survey Monkey for Our Paisley Synod to help get your priorities and concerns onto the floor of our synod sessions. Family life is at the heart of the wellbeing of our diocese and we want your views to be the heart of our synod. <http://tinurl.com/zejtgo>

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

19th—22nd August 2016

The monks of Pluscarden Abbey offer a special opportunity to see at first-hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend Friday 19th to Monday 22nd August. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18-35 years. Anyone interested is invited to contact Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org; Pluscarden Abbey, Moray, IV30 8UA: 01343 890257.

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 on our diocesan website. You are encouraged to read them daily on your Lenten journey.

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REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

In the digital media age, its increasingly important that we are able to share and promote our good news and events expediently with media outlets and journalists. To help with this, we would like to build up a small pool of committed photographers (no professional qualifications required but ability, availability incl. evenings and weekends and the facility to upload images immediately is essential). If you, or anyone in your parish or diocese might be interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Erin Byrne - email eb@scmo.org

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 smallholder 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.

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are holding their Annual Lenten Retreat on Tuesday **8th March** in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge, starting at 7 pm. There will be the opportunity for confession and the Retreat will close with Mass.

COMFORT DOLLS FOR DEMENTIA

Is a non-profit project donating baby dolls to people living with dementia in care homes and dementia units. These can have a calming effect, reduce agitation and wandering behaviour. Can you donate new or used baby dolls (no crying and at least 18 ins long)? Knitters/crocheters are also required to make dolls clothes and blankets. Contact Co-op Funeral Care Home on 0141 889 6321 for more information, or <http://comfortdollsfordem.wix.com/comfortdolls> If you know of a school, community group or Company who would like to collect dolls to provide happiness to people living with dementia in your local community, please do not hesitate to contact the above number.

REGISTRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

The cost of WYD 2016 pilgrimage is £995. What does this include? You will depart on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 15.20 pm—flying directly with Ryanair from Edinburgh Airport into Krakow Balice airport, arriving at 19.05 pm (1.5 kg main luggage allowance with an additional 10 kg hand luggage - bus transfer from Paisley Diocese to Edinburgh included). 4 nights in Czestochowa and 7 nights in Krakow. Returning Monday 1st August. Young people 16-35 years. If you are interested, please register now.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

His Holiness Pope Francis states: "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever-new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion!" Knights of St Columba, the leading men's lay apostolate organisation in the United Kingdom, continue to assist the Hierarchy and clergy in this great Year of Mercy. We would be delighted to welcome like minded men to our Order, to assist us in serving God by serving others. <http://www.ksc.org.uk> Bertie Grogan, Director of Membership: mailto:membership@ksc.org.uk