

# St Peter's Catholic Church

## NEWSLETTER



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Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Morrison.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

13th March 2016

	<b>CHURCH HEATING FUND</b>
	<b>BALANCE STILL TO PAY</b>
	<b>Initial Cost     £40,000</b> <b>January            £13,667.70</b>

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £459.88 and £330.53 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

#### HEATING FUND

The heating fund collection last weekend amounted to £475.00. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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 are holding three evenings of reflection in the Church Hall during March. The final evening will take place on 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.

#### ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

On 25th March @11am from Springbank Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA32PA to Wallneuk North' Church of Scotland.

#### RCIA

Please note there will be **NO** RCIA meeting on Monday 14th March. The next meeting will be on Monday 21st March at the usual time.

#### 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**

#### SCIAF SUNDAY

The SCIAF collection last Sunday amounted to £242.00. Thank you. This amount will be doubled by the UK Government. Please remember to return your Wee Box on Good Friday, or send the money collected directly to SCIAF marking it as the "Wee Box Collection." This money will also be doubled by the UK Government.

#### CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass this year takes place on Wednesday 23rd March at 7 pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. All welcome.

#### KNOCK AND LOCH DERG

Knock and Lough Derg £250 - Knock and Donegal £320  
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July 2016 -Departs from George Square, Glasgow.

#### 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

Margaret D'Arcy, James Hanratty, Avril Barton Devine

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

John Nolan.

#### HOLY PLACES COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

In this Jubilee Year, we are urged more than ever to demonstrate our mercy and solicitude for our brothers in the Middle East. Refugees, displaced persons, the elderly, children and the sick, are all in need of our help. We live clinging to the Cross of Good Friday, but sustained by the light of the Resurrection. The Holy Land is a place of dialogue, whose inhabitants never cease dreaming of constructing bridges, and in which the Christian community lives to proclaim the Gospel of Peace. It is a Land of "ecumenism of blood" and at the same time of extraordinary normality. 'We cannot remain indifferent: God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind. God does not abandon us' (Pope Francis). This care is expressed by our open hands, contributing generously. The collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday reminds us of "ancient duty", which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of the joy that comes from helping our brothers and sisters. On Good Friday this year, please think about your contribution to support the people in the land where Christ was born, lived suffered, died and rose from the dead, and put what you can into the collection. Thank You.

#### FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Primary 7 of St Peter's Primary School will be hosting a Fairtrade Coffee morning on Wednesday 16th March at 9.30am. Some of the classes will be baking Fairtrade goods, but **any home baking would also be gratefully received.** All welcome.

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## **OUR PAISLEY SYNOD**

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.

### **CARDINAL WINNING PRO LIFE INITIATIVE**

Grand Sale on Saturday, 19th March from 12–4pm. There will be clothes for all ages, toys, books, shoes, bags, jewellery, bric-a-brac, new and not-so-new. It's at 104 Albert Road, Crosshill, Glasgow G42 8DR. Please come along! (17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"— "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

### **PRO LIFE MASS**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm, with tea and biscuits afterwards. The celebrant will be Mgr James Ryan.

### **SYNOD OPENING MASS**

Tuesday 19th April 2016.

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Thursday 17th March — Feast of St Patrick  
Saturday 19th March — Feast of St Joseph

## **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](http://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk) Tel: 0141 887 1881. Try to look for fairtrade goods when you are doing your shopping in the supermarkets.

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart' (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March Hope Human Development & Welfare Association cordially invite you to join us for Holy Mass for the persecuted, celebrated by the Right Reverend Joseph Toal, Bishop of Diocese of Motherwell. This Jubilee Year of Mercy, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Pakistan, we are holding a remembrance Mass for our persecuted who suffer in silence everyday withholding an unwavering faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Mass will take place in St. Vincent De Paul Parish, East Kilbride on the 14th of March 2016 at 7 pm followed by a presentation, testimonials and refreshments in the parish hall.