

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Year C 11th September 2016

CHURCH HEATING FUND	
BALANCE STILL TO PAY	
Initial Cost	£40,000
August	£11,135

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £457.72 and £315.95 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

HEATING FUND

The Heating Fund collection for August amounted to £350. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BUS TO CARFIN

Please note the change of date!

The St Vincent de Paul will be running a bus to Carfin on **Sunday 18th September** leaving St Peter's at 10.30 am and returning from Carfin about 3.30 pm. This bus is free. If you wish to go on the bus, please put your name and phone number on the sheet at the back of the Church, **TODAY.**

PAISLEY SYNOD

MOVING FORWARD LEAFLETS

Copies of this leaflet are available on the tables at the back of the church. Please take one. They give you a summary of our Paisley Synod so far together with news of how our full Synod Sessions in Eastertime went. Delegates produced a 10 point Charter which is in the leaflets along with proposals for moving forward with their recommendations in the year ahead. Once again a huge thanks to everyone who got involved in making this diocesan journey of ours so inspirational.

VOCATIONS WEEK

11th—17th September 2016

Today we begin Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland - a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. ***Please pray for Vocations.*** If you would like to find out more about becoming a priest, deacon or religious, please speak to Fr Eddie or contact Fr John Morrison on 01475 720223.

PRAYING FOR YOU

New prayer request ministry on our diocesan website please visit <http://rcdop.org.uk/prayingforyou> We welcome your prayer requests; all requests are placed on the Bishop's altar where he celebrates his daily morning Mass & respectfully disposed of thereafter. Please be assured of complete confidentiality and discretion with your request.

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

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

Copies of the Minutes of the last Parish Pastoral Council are available beside the Pastoral Council Board at the back of the Church or at the side door. Please help yourself.

AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE

The first of these evenings looking at the Pope's encyclical on the family, resulting from the Rome Synod this year, will take place on Wednesday 14th September at 7 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Next Sunday 18th September there will be a collection for the Sick & Retired Priests of our Diocese. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church today and return it with your donation in the 2nd collection next weekend. Thank you.

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, Nancy Heaton, James Flanagan, Nan Clarke, Betty Magee, Joseph Donnachie, Kirtsy Roache.

PLEASE PRAY

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Conor McPherson, Mary Devlin, Maime Brogan, Jimmy Macklin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Marian Donaldson, Grant Thomson, John McPhee

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

The Spirituality Development Group of the Parish Pastoral Council invite you to spend a short time in prayer to reflect and pray on a variety of themes. Over the next year there will be 7 of these evenings as noted below:-

7th September 2016—Called to Holiness

2nd November 2016—Year of Mercy

11th January 2017—New Beginnings

8th March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Father

15th March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Son

22nd March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Holy Spirit

3rd May 2017—Mary Our Mother

There are leaflets at the back of the Church giving these dates and a short overview of the content of the reflection. Please take one if you leave Church today and keep it in a safe place for reference.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will recommence meetings on Monday 26th September at 7.30 pm in the meeting room. If you know anyone who would like to find out more about the Catholic Faith or would like to know more yourself, please speak to Fr Eddie or Deacon John.

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FAMILY IN FAITH AUTUMN GATHERING

Sunday 2nd October Come and join us for our diocesan family gathering on Sunday 2nd October at St Patrick's, Greenock from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. The event will start with refreshments, family prayer and activities followed by Mass at 3.30pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

LOURDES HOSPITALITE

This year our reunion will take the form of a Marian Jubilee for the Year of Mercy. Bishop John invites members of the Hospitalité, pilgrims to Lourdes this year (no matter how you travelled) family and friends to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 9th October 2016. The afternoon will commence at 2pm when pilgrims will go to Paisley Abbey. Refreshments will be included. There will be a bus available, leaving St Mary's Greenock at 1.30pm sharp stopping at Coronation Park Port Glasgow en route to the Cathedral. If you wish to book a seat on the bus please contact Anne Louise 01457 638132

TEACHING AS A POSITIVE CAREER CHOICE

Bishop John and the Education Department of the diocese of Paisley invite you to an information session on Monday 3rd October 2016 from 7—9 pm in St Columba's Church and Parish Hall, Renfrew. If you are currently at University and considering your next step. If you have considered teaching as a possible option. If you are considering a change in your career path or would like more information about teaching in a Catholic School, please come along to this meeting. You will be made most welcome. Please respond to: education@rcdop.org.uk before Friday 23rd September to indicate that you plan to attend

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

Are looking for adopters. We pride ourselves on being a specialised adoption service and encourage you to take a look at our most recent inspection report at www.careinpectorate.com. Have you ever considered adoption? Could you give a loving, stable home to a child who has suffered abuse or trauma? Do you have what it takes to be a 'Therapeutic Parent'? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please visit our website at www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk for more information or call 0141 332 8371 and speak to our duty worker.

SIMPLE FAITH GOSPEL GROUP CONCERT

Glenburn Parish Church are holding a Concert by the Gospel Group Simple Faith on Saturday 24th September at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 which includes refreshments and home baking. Proceeds to go to Simple Faith Ministries and the church. St Peter's Parishioners are cordially invited to come along to this Concert and if you would like tickets, please contact Lisa Brotherston on 07580845764.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland would like to invite all parishes to join them to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work that Michael McGrath has contributed to Catholic Education in Scotland. The Mass is being held in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7pm on the 14th September followed by refreshments in St Bride's hall. The Bishops hope that as many parishes as possible can be represented at the Mass. For catering purposes could you please contact Julie McGinness at mail@scses.uk.com and let her know if you would like to attend by Monday 12th September.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

All-night Vigil of prayer and Adoration in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday 16th September 2016. Opens 8pm with Night Prayer Closing Mass 8am at Tyburn Benedictine Convent, Largs Due to the Benedictine Rule the Vigil is open to Men only. For further information please contact Liam Coyle – email: liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com phone: 07806517383

FAITH, HOPE AND FREEDOM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Please join us on Wednesday 12th October at 7 pm at St Mirin's Cathedral. The evening will begin with Mass. The main celebrant will be Bishop John. After Mass you will have the opportunity to hear from Sr Annie about the updated situation in Aleppo, Syria and the challenges facing Christians in Pakistan, by Archbishop Shaw. Entry is free. There will be a collection for the Church in Syria and Pakistan. There will also be a trading stall selling CAN Christmas Cards books and gifts.

For further information please contact Lorraine McMahon on 01698337470 or email Lorraine.mcmahon@acnuk.org

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd, abandoning ninety-nine obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father's will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother's welcome-home feast. This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* asks, which half of Jesus' audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus' feast of forgiveness?

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