

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Very Rev. Edward D. Canon Cameron

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Fr. Robert Oduro

Permanent Deacon:

Rev. John Morrison.

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Eighth Sunday of Year A

26th February 2017

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £455.97 and £324.41 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

VIDES FRIENDS' CLUB

The Parish VIDES Friends' Club invite you to a Cake & Coffee morning after the 10 am Mass. The money raised will help support their charity in Dagaretti which provides much needed and ongoing support for the education and formation of young people. Donations of home baking and sweet treats would be gratefully appreciated. We hope to see many of you there to help fund this project. Please bring your donations of baking etc. to the hall before Mass. We look forward to welcoming you on the day. Thank You for your support.

SCIAF LENTEN BOXES

SCIAF's Wee Box and information envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church to encourage almsgiving during Lent. Please take one and return it at the end of the Lenten period.

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION

The first of three collections for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund will take place TODAY, please use the envelope provided at the back of the church. On behalf of the clergy, A BIG THANK YOU for your continued support.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

You are invited to spend time before the morning Mass on Friday's throughout the Season of Lent reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. The meditation will begin at 9.30am preceded by the Rosary at 9.15am.

Morning Prayer of the Church will take place during Lent in the Oratory, Monday-Thursday inclusive, beginning at 9.45am, preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Lent prepares for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and catechumens to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Please remember in your prayers those who are preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We will pray with the catechumens of our parish in the celebration of the Scrutinies which will take place at Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday's of Lent.

TIMES OF MASSES

Morning Mass
at 10.00 a.m.

(In the Parish house
Monday-Friday)

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 4.45 pm.

Sunday Morning Mass
10.00 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil at 7.00pm. & 10am.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4-4.40 pm.

BAPTISM

By arrangement with
Canon Eddie

MARRIAGE

Arranged by appointment.
At least six months notice is
required for preparations

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

In recent years the annual fundraiser took the form of a parish fete which generated on average £2500 for parish funds. It was a lot of hard work undertaken by a small number of parishioners who worked very hard to raise the money. After discussion it was felt that now was the time for a change, so to that end the team are planning a dinner dance and fun night in the parish hall on Friday 2 June beginning at 7.30pm. The evening will consist of a 3 course meal, dance, race night, stalls and much more. The cost of tickets for the evening is £15. You can purchase a horse for the race night at a cost of £2 and win yourself a bottle of whisky or Vodka. Tickets will be available a month before the event. Meantime, we appeal to your generosity for donations of bottles and unwanted gifts, please begin to bring them along next week.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The distribution of Ashes will take place during Mass on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm and on 1st March at 10.00am. The children of St. Peter's Primary School will join us for the morning Mass on Ash Wednesday.

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, Kirtsy Roache, John Allison, Tony Browning, Paul Moran, Deacon Paul Rodgers, Collette Barret, Gussie Fisher.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Gerry Gallagher

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

David Barclay, Anna Rocks, May Courtney.

FIRST CONFESSION

The children of primary four will celebrate their First Confession in the church on Monday 13 March at 7pm. Please remember the children in your prayers.

INVITATION

You are invited by Bishop John to the Investiture of two new Canons (Fr. Oliver Freney & Fr. Tom Boyle) at the Cathedral on Friday 17th March at 7pm.

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TIMES OF MASSES/SERVICES IN ST PAUL'S

Rosary & Adoration:

Monday—Friday at 9.10am.

Morning Mass:

Monday—Friday at 9.30am.

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6pm.
Sunday Mass at 11.15am.

Holydays of Obligation:

9.30am. and 6.30pm.

Confessions: Saturday 10.30—11.30am.

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Thank you for your continued support and
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Further to the thoughts shared with the
Parishioners who attended the Open Meeting last
Sunday, at some point in the future you will be
asked to vote on a proposal regarding whether
the Church or the Hall will become the place of
worship. Only those people who have registered
as Parishioners will have a right to vote and the
majority will decide the outcome. If you wish to
register as a Parishioner of St Paul's, please
complete a registration form, available at the
back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible.

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6.30pm. Mass will be celebrated for the children
in the primary school at 2.00pm.

PROVISION FOR MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

For a number of reasons it was necessary to
change the meeting of parishioners from the
12th to the 19th March at 12 noon, please
accept my apology for any inconvenience
caused. It is essential that parishioners
attend this short meeting to learn about all
that has been done to date to help us make
the appropriate decision for the long term
future of the parish.

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MORNING MASS

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reasons for this change will be
explained at the end of Mass today.

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6.00 pm

SUNDAY MORNING Mass
11.15 am

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RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 10.30-11.30AM.
Or on request.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Over the past few years,
parishioners, under the direction
and drive of a committed group of
people have worked incredibly
hard to generate much needed
funds to meet the growing costs of
running the parish. It is
commendable and a credit to all of
you for the support you have
given and for the genuine concern
you have shown for the wellbeing
of the parish and its properties.
Regrettably, we are not in a
position of financial stability to
stop fundraising. For the
foreseeable future we must
continue our efforts to generate as
much income as necessary to
achieve our long term objectives. I
appeal **TO YOU** and ask that you
consider joining the fundraising
group which will meet in the
parish hall after Mass on Sunday 5
March. **PLEASE COME
ALONG!**



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Rosary at 9.40am.

Morning Mass:

Monday—Friday at 10 am

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Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4.45 pm

Sunday Mass at 10 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

(Vigil) 7 pm and 10 am

Confessions:

Saturday 4—4.40 pm

40 Days for Life - From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Hardgate Road, off Shieldhall Road, Govan, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Rose Docherty – Ogilvie2017@outlook.com.

Marriage Preparation Days 2017. For engaged couples as they prepare to enter the sacrament of Marriage. These will take place in the Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts, Ince Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Cost £30 per couple (This includes information pack and lunch on the day) To book, please speak to your Parish Priest. **18 February, 18 March, 20 May, 30 September. 11am – 3.30pm**

All night Vigil of Prayer and Adoration in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Friday 10th March 2017 – 8pm.** Tyburn Benedictine Convent, 5 Mackerston Place, Largs, KA30 8BY. Opening: 8pm – Sung Night prayer with Sisters. Closing Mass: 8am - *Please note the Vigil is for men only due to the Benedictine Rule, details of women's event on request.*

Walk the Whithorn Way with St Mirin's Pilgrims. Paisley to Lochwinnoch Section. Saturday 4th March 2017, leaving at 9.00am from St Mirin's Cathedral. Open to all walkers. Support vehicles will be available to provide assistance. Walking guides will lead the group. Wear comfortable walking gear and footwear. Bring waterproof clothing – hopefully not required! A packed lunch is recommended and water to drink. Please register at pat_murdoch@hotmail.com with your name (and contact phone number) as further information will be posted to you by email. If you wish to be sponsored, please do so for Diocese of Paisley SPRED through their just giving page.

Lenten Talks at St Mirin's Cathedral - Wednesday evenings 7-9pm - Understanding and Praying the Bible. Fr David Birchall SJ & Dr Catriona Fletcher of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. Two part sessions – first part is Mass in the Cathedral during which we shall look at ways of using the Bible for Prayer. The second part in the Hall is an introduction to the Bible.

Could you become a Knight of St Columba? - The Knights of St Columba are the leading men's lay apostolate organisation in the United Kingdom and continue to assist the Hierarchy and clergy in this great Year of the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima. We would be delighted to welcome like-minded men to our Order, to assist us in Serving God by Serving others. If you are interested please contact Bertie M Grogan email (membership@ksc.org.uk) or visit <http://www.ksc.org.uk>

Can you volunteer a few hours work in Beanfeast Childrens' Charity tearoom? *Beanfeast* runs tearooms in the Sheriff Courts of Paisley and Greenock to raise funds for local children's charities. They have raised £120,000 in the last decade for the Children's Hospice, Clippens School and others. They urgently need volunteers to give a few hours serving teas and coffees, weekday mornings and lunchtime. If you are willing and able please contact Phil at Phil.fraser@uwclub.net or tel. Pamela on 01505 345 467. It's great fun and good causes!

Update from Bishop John on our Synod Moving On in 2017 - 2017 is the year for implementing our Synod and bringing to fruit the good seeds planted in our diocese by our Synod of 2016. Our Synod produced a ten point Charter for the diocese and asked us to establish diocesan structures to bring the Charter to life in Paisley. So our Synod Steering Group made up of laity and clergy has begun to plan for us moving on, and ten task groups are concentrating on each Charter point. Feedback from our priests recommended we focus on prioritising themes to tackle straight away at parish level. They reminded us our aim is evangelisation and taking our message out to our families, work and neighbourhood. The laity's challenge is to be confident to carry our Catholic faith out to everyone. Charter points are: *Collaborative ministry* of clergy and laity working hand in hand; *Evangelisation* and sharing the Good News from our own personal faith; *Formation of the laity* so we know our faith and how to pass it on; *Welcoming parishes* where everyone feels they belong and are involved; *Positive focus on youth* by believing our young people are 'part of the solution'; *Openness to all families* no matter what their circumstances; *Outreach to the excluded* especially the lapsed, the poor and the lonely; *Reformed diocesan structures* that let our laity take on decisive responsibility; *Attractive Messengers* who are careful with language and how we proclaim the Gospel; *Good Communicators* who are creatively engaged with the issues of our times. Members of the Steering Group for the Synod implementation are: John Couttie (Chair) Brian Blacklaw, Joseph Bonner, Eleanor de Murro, Linda Polonis, Simon Keenan (no relation), Michael Morris, Jacqueline Stewart, John Kelly, John O'Brien, Caroline Lyall, Stephen McCauley, Andy Milwaine, June Clunie, Philomena Muggins and Jackie Gillespie. Once again thanks for being so supportive both of our synod and as we begin in earnest its implementation.

Pioneer Society—A short term pledge for Lent. The National Council in Scotland will celebrate their Golden Jubilee Year in 2017. As part of their programme of celebrations they are promoting once again the "short-Term Pledge of Lent". Prayer leaflets are available on the table at the back of the church for those who wish to take the pledge. An evening retreat will be led by Fr Eamon Sweeney in St. Patrick's Church, Coatbridge, on Tuesday 21st March commencing at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Catholic Education Commission – Open Forum will take place on **Saturday 11th March 2017 from 10am -1pm** in St. Margaret's Cathedral Halls, John Street, Ayr, KA8 0BS. Theme is 'Developing as a Community of Faith and Learning'. To book your place, visit www.sces.org.uk or send an email to mail@scs.org.uk or telephone 0141 556 4727.

Paisley Faith Forum Spring Season for Young Adults - How do I take the Bible and Creation Seriously when Everyone Knows about The Big Bang and Evolution? Canon Michael McMahon. **Thu 2 March, 7.00pm.** UWS Catholic Chaplaincy, Paisley High Street (above *Hamish Hoose*). The Spring Season is on the theme: *Tough Questions Catholics Get Asked, and is part of Pope Francis' World Youth Day Challenge to Young People.*

Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Father - St. Peter's Parish Hall, 8 March 2017,