

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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3rd Sunday of Lent Year—A

15th March 2020

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: £491.25

Building Fund: £291.88

Thank you for your generosity.

LUCKY STARS FIFTY/FIFTY

Tickets for the Lucky Stars Draw are available before and after Mass opposite the stall. All proceeds from the draw will help fund ongoing maintenance and improvements to parish property. Thank you for your support. We have one winner in this week's Lucky Stars with numbers 5 & 12: Nan Farmer (04658) winning £44. Well done!

SICK & RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who kindly contributed to last week's special collection for the Sick and Retired Priest' Fund which received a total of £242.60.

EASTER EGG APPEAL Steven Cameron Funerals

Parishioners are kindly asked to support this year's Easter Egg Appeal to provide a treat for children at Easter. Last year's response was exceptional with many parishioners kindly donating hundreds of eggs which were delivered by Steven Cameron to many worthy children who were delighted to receive your gifts. Please bring your eggs to Mass and place them in the boxes provided at the back of the church beside the St Anthony statue. Thank you for your generous giving to this appeal.

SCIAF COLLECTION Weekend of 21/22 March

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are asked to collect from the sacristy a copy of the amended rota for the coming months.

TIMES OF MASSES

**Morning Mass
at 10.00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
(In the Parish house)**

**NO MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
OR SATURDAY MORNING
MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil Mass
at 4.45 pm.**

**Sunday Morning Mass
10.00 am**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

10am.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4.30 pm.

BAPTISM

By arrangement with
Canon Eddie

MARRIAGE

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

LENTEN RETREAT JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM

Wednesday's in Lent :
**18th March,
25th March,
1st April,**

The meeting after Lent will be on
22nd April.

Everyone welcome!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This year we are offering a **Fairtrade Stall** on **Sunday 15th March** after the 10am Mass in St Peter's Hall. All goods are from the Rainbow Turtle shop (7 Gauze Street PA1 1EP) Every purchase supports a fairer world. Special requests please ask (kmceachen825@gmail.com)

DIOCESAN CHOIR

If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Choir as we prepare for the Chrism Mass, please join us as we rehearse in St Charles (Paisley) at **2.30pm on Sunday 15th March.** All welcome!

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ROSARY SERVICE FOR THE END OF THE CORONA VIRUS

"The most Holy Virgin in these Times has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. She has given this efficacy to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the praying of the rosary" (Sr Lucia.) A rosary service will be held in **St. Mirins Cathedral** on **Tuesday, 17th of March at 7pm**, for an end to the Corona Virus and in intercession for all those affected by it. This service is open to all.

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Building Fund: £312.78

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TIMES OF MASSES/SERVICES

ROSARY

Monday & Wednesday: 9.40am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday & Wednesday 10am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

6.00 pm

SUNDAY MORNING Mass

11.15 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil at 6.30pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.30 -11.00AM.

Or on request.

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PRAYER OF THANKS

Thanks to St Rita of Cascia and St Philip Neri for favours granted.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

At every Mass, we pray for our deceased relatives and friends but, in keeping with Catholic tradition, November is a month specifically dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. On or near the Feast of All Souls, a special *Mass of Remembrance* is celebrated in our parish for all our deceased loved ones. As a Parish community, we now hope to commemorate our deceased parishioners in two very special and everlasting ways:

Firstly, we think it fitting to establish a dedicated *Altar of Remembrance* on which a *Parish Memorial Book* will be placed as a perpetual reminder of all our deceased parishioners. **Secondly**, we also wish to provide families and friends of our deceased parishioners - and benefactors - the option to dedicate individual/family *Memorial Plaques* which will be permanently mounted on the walls around this Altar. A "*Memorial Plaque*" brochure, available after Mass in the sacristy, contains more details of these plans. We hope you share our view that these plans provide a befitting memorial to our deceased loved ones and that you will support our endeavours.

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2: The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2017 or early 2018, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next sessions will be on: **Monday 30th March at 10.30am in Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley, Tuesday 12th May at 7pm St. Ninian's Parish Hall, Gourock, Monday 8th June at 7pm St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Wemyss Bay.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD -Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the diocese this Lent. His 7.00pm Station Mass will be the only Mass in your cluster that day, to allow our priests and people to join him. A Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm. Maybe you would consider making your Lenten discipline to journey to all of these Masses. A full list of the Masses is available on the table at the back of the church. Please take one before leaving church today.

DATE	CLUSTER GROUP	STATION CHURCH FOR MASS
Wed. 18 March	St. Benedict's	St. Fillan's, Houston.
Thur. 19 March	St. Stephen's	St. John the Baptist, Port Glasgow.
Wed. 25 March	Notre Dame	St. Patrick's, Greenock.

TAIZE LENTEN REFLECTIONS—On the Sundays of Lent Year A: St Aidan's **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions available during the hour. St Mirin's Cathedral Choir will lead the singing. Teas afterwards in Hall. All welcome

Government Consultation on Changing Legal Gender: The Scottish Government is consulting on new legislation around the ability to legally change gender. Consultation closes on **17th March.** The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a four page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. The briefing can be accessed via <https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/> Please consider responding to the consultation. Anyone can access and respond to the consultation at <https://consult.gov.scot/family-law/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>.

Pro-Life Mass: This month's Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 18th March** in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Dominic Quinn.

St. Francis and St. Clare Prayer Group: Are you aged between 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invites you to a night of prayer intercessions ,talks and sharing and something to eat. Please join us at **7-9pm in the Diocesan Offices** , Incle Street next **Thursday 19th March** .

Jesus Heals: - A Healing Mass, Adoration and Homily: **CANCELLED** This mass has now been cancelled until summer/autumn due to the fast spreading Coronavirus. This was due to take place in Saint Mirin's Cathedral, **Tue 17 March, 5.30-8.30pm.** Led by Fr George Anthony OP, who has been involved in Charismatic Renewal since 1983 and holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies from the Angelicum, Rome.

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