

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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4th Sunday of Lent Year—A

22nd March 2020

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: £339.68

Building Fund: £242.62

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. It's a Rollover. £45 will be added to the prize money of the next draw.

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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Please make personal donations directly to SCIAF in order that they may continue to support their essential projects throughout the world.

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

Due to Covid19 all further evening reflections have been cancelled. Thank you to everyone who faithfully attended the sessions thus far.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The stall last week raised a total of £62. Many thanks for your generous support, especially in these times.

National Day of Prayer

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Bishops of Scotland have issued a Pastoral Letter in response to issues surrounding the Coronavirus. The text in its entirety is attached to this newsletter. Sadly we have come to this point when public Masses will be suspended after all Masses for the Solemnity of St. Joseph's on Thursday 19th March. Please pray each day for a vaccine for this awful virus and for all who have been affected by it. God be with you and all his people at this difficult time.

St Paul's Catholic Church

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Offertory: £396.20

Building Fund: £319.10

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LUCKY STARS FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW

Tickets for the Lucky Stars Draw are available before and after Mass in the porch. All proceeds from the draw will help fund ongoing maintenance and improvements to parish property. Thank you for your support. We have two winners in this week's Lucky Stars with numbers 2 & 12: Jim Muir (09408) and Marie Anne Muir (09420) each winning £20.50. 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 £420.25.

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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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Pastoral Letter and Statement of the Scottish Bishops re. Covid 19 Virus

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this time of trial we, the Bishops of Scotland, wish to send you a word of reassurance and encouragement. We are all facing much uncertainty, anxiety and an unpredictable future. This situation touches on every aspect of our lives, individually and collectively.

Sacred Scripture calls us repeatedly not to fear and to look to the help that comes to us from above.

We are called to support one another in every way we can, especially those who are most vulnerable, through age or underlying conditions. Even in the midst of any necessary “distancing” we must stand by each other.

We ask you to pray for the sick, those caring for them, for those in positions of responsibility with difficult decisions to make, indeed for our whole country and the entire human family.

Most of all, we are being asked to put our trust in the living God who has created everything to be and to flourish and whose providence guides the course of world events. We put our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, and the true physician of our souls and bodies.

During this Lent, especially, let us all take the opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. As your bishops and with our priests and deacons, we assure you of our continuing commitment to your spiritual, pastoral and sacramental needs.

We want to maintain and foster the life of faith in every way we can, while also being informed by the advice and guidance of Government and health professionals. Over the centuries the Church has often been a source of comfort in times of trial and transformed sadness and fear into peace and joy. We want the same to happen now.

Given the latest official advice to reduce the spread of Covid19, we have taken the difficult decision, respecting the prudential judgement of each bishop, to suspend Holy Mass in public for the time being from Thursday 19th March, the feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, after all Masses. As pastors of the flocks entrusted to us, we are responding to an unprecedented crisis in modern times and assure all those whom we lead that this decision has not been taken without much prayer and discernment.

Priests will continue to celebrate Holy Mass in private with the particular intention of praying for those suffering from Covid19 and those who care for them.

However, our Churches will remain open for personal prayer and we would encourage parish priests to welcome individuals who seek consolation and encouragement from the Lord. We also ask our priests to be available for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion as and when they are needed especially for the sick and housebound.

For the celebration of baptisms, funeral Masses and weddings we would ask that only close family are invited.

We wish to remain close to and with our priests who are on the front line of pastoral care, as we remain close to the Lord, sure of that victory of Christ we celebrate at Easter.

We encourage you where possible to access the live streaming of Holy Mass from the many parishes in our diocese and country which have that facility.

Our celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum may indeed be curtailed by this government advice and we will seek means of celebrating those most important three days of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil online so that they may be accessible in your own home. We will have the opportunity to be with one another in spirit and in prayer. Moreover, the Holy Father, Pope Francis will be celebrating the Sacred Triduum online from St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and that celebration will unite us in prayer with all Catholics throughout the world.

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On this coming Sunday also we were due to have our collection for the SCIAF Lenten Appeal, and it would be good if we could still show our concern for the poorest in the world, even in our own time of need, by sending our donations to SCIAF or making them on-line to the SCIAF Wee Box Appeal at www.sciaf.org.uk.”

As Government advice changes, we will update our guidance accordingly in the hope of restoring the public celebration of Mass. In the meantime, please ensure that no one feels abandoned in our communities and do what you can in practical terms to help those who are alone.

We entrust all of you, especially those already afflicted by the virus and all health care professionals, to the care of Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishops’ Conference of Scotland

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