



St. Peter's R.C. Church, Paisley

BULLETIN

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A
20th September 2020

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WELCOME FR. ANDREW

The Parishioners extend a very warm welcome to you and wish you every success in your Ministry as our Parish Priest in St. Peter's.



Vigil Mass at 4.45pm

Sunday Masses at

10.00am & 12.15pm

Thursday at 10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(on request)

BAPTISM

(A maximum of 25 people)

Sunday at 2pm

FUNERALS

(A maximum of 20 people)

MARRIAGE

(by arrangement)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: £305.55

Buildings: £210.09

Holy Places: £260.55

Special Collections:

20th September: Sick and Retired Clergy

4th October: Peter's Pence (which is the Pontiff's charity).

Please use the envelopes in your box.

Spares will be available as you sign in for Mass.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the Parish especially during these difficult times.

SICK and RETIRED CLERGY:

"We have fifteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, six in houses throughout the diocese, three in parish presbyteries, and five at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £76,426, which represents 60% of our expenditure of £128,381. i.e. a shortfall of £51,955, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income."
Bishop John

COVID -19 Phase 3: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED TO ATTEND MASS. Parishioners were invited to apply for a 'Season Ticket' and were given priority on a first come basis. You can still apply for a ticket by emailing the parish at stpeter@rcdop.org.uk or by calling the presbytery : **0141 884 2435** on a Friday between Mid-day and 6pm.

ALL REQUIRED PROCEDURES for church attendance are detailed in the additional pages of this Bulletin.

Bishop John & The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to an **Hour of Mercy and Reconciliation on Tuesday 29th September in St. Mary's, Paisley at 6pm.**

Priests will be available to hear Confession: Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2020-hour-of-mercy-tickets-121449513765> or call the chapel house **01418892602** or email StMaryPaisley@rcdop.org.uk

'Grief to Grace'

A presentation by Fr. Dominic Allain, Saturday 3rd October; 11am-3pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall.

Numbers are limited to 40 so early booking is advisable. Register at G2G@rcdop.org.uk

More information available at <https://www.griefftoGraceuk.org>

PARISH PRESENTATION for CANON EDDIE

Many parishioners have indicated that they wish to contribute to a Parish presentation to Canon Eddie.

Envelopes will be available at the end of each Mass this weekend for all who wish to contribute. Please return your envelope at Mass (weekday/weekend) or put it through the church house letterbox **by Sunday 27th September.**
THANK YOU.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Each week we pray at all Masses for those whose names are on the Prayer Request List—including those who are sick. In order to ensure that our list of the sick is accurate, we need to up-date our information regularly.

As such, we ask you to kindly inform us of any family or friends whose names you wish to see remain, be removed or be added to the sick list. We will continue to pray for all our sick for as long as is requested.

Please provide Fr. Andrew with the names as soon as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fiona Lamond, Catriona Burnett, Terry Bisland, Helen Doyle, Mary Moynes and Carol Gordon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED
Tony Finnerty (Ireland)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME
Francis McPake

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please, send me your requests for prayers at Mass for your loved ones who are sick or recently dead; as well as the anniversaries of those who have died. Give me a call at the house or simply email their names to me and I will ensure that they are prayed for at my Masses. *Fr. Andrew*

PRO-LIFE MASS Repeats every third Wednesday of the month. There will be no Holy Hour or Rosary. Doors will open at 7pm for Mass at 7.30pm.

Masks must be worn while at Mass as per government guidelines and a name and contact number must be given at the door. Venue:
Blessed John Duns Scotus RC Church, 270 Ballater Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, G5 0YT

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

HOSPITALITY PASSKEEPING CLEANING

Can you help? In recent weeks restrictions have been relaxed allowing more volunteers to assist including those aged 70+ who feel able to help. Please contact Fr. Andrew for more information or to offer your services.



FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. PETER'S PARISH

Ticket Allocation for Mass during COVID-19

All who wish to attend Mass during the period of COVID-19 **MUST APPLY FOR A TICKET**. The reason for this decision results from the strict regulation by the Scottish Government that states: **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH FOR ANY MASS IS 50, EXCEPT FOR A FUNERAL WHICH IS 20**. Mass will be at 4.45pm (Vigil); 10am & 12.15pm (Sunday). The additional Mass was required because of the demand for more seats. There will also be a Mass in St. Peter's on a Thursday morning at 10am.

If it is not possible for you to attend Mass, for whatever reason,

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

Those who are shielding should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government. Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

Via mailing, the website and other means of outreach, parishioners were invited to apply for a 'Season Ticket'. Parishioners who registered for a ticket were given priority on a first come basis; thereafter all others can apply by emailing the parish at stpeter@rcdop.org.uk or by calling the presbytery on 0141 884 2435 **on a Friday between the time of Mid-day and 6pm**.

Those who qualified for a 'Season Ticket' have now received them. Available tickets, per week, will be offered on a first come basis to those who email the parish or call the presbytery **ONLY ON A FRIDAY BETWEEN MID-DAY AND 6PM, BEGINNING FRIDAY 31ST JULY**. You will receive a reply on Friday evening to say that you have been successful or otherwise.

The Scottish Government's "Track and Trace Policy" demands that we keep a record of every person who attends church in the event that they may have to be contacted. Those who haven't registered are obliged to provide their name, address and telephone number when they want to book a seat. We are obliged to keep accurate records of all attendees for a period of Three weeks. When booking a ticket, therefore, please remember to give the information required.

St. Peter's Church
The Celebration of Mass
& the Sacraments in a time of COVID-19
August 2020

The churches will re-open for Mass on the weekend of 1st / 2nd August.

The Vigil Mass will be at 4.45pm
Sunday Masses at 10.00am & 12.15pm

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May I remind you that if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.

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Those who are SHIELDING should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government. Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

In preparing the church for re-opening we have followed the guidance of the First Minister and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. I am confident that all that has been done in these past weeks will encourage proper social distancing and keep everyone safe. For your part, all I ask is this:

that you arrive early for Mass;

that you have your face mask on when you enter church grounds;

(except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions)

that you report to one of the welcoming team who will greet you as you enter the building;

that you confirm your seat number and name, or give your contact details;

that you sanitise your hands as directed before entering and leaving the main body of the church;

that you enter the main body of the church following the instruction of the pass-keeper

that you follow the instructions of the pass-keepers at all times.

Please follow the signs clearly marked on the floor; keeping a safe distance of two metres as you go, and taking your time moving to or from your seat, as directed. No system is perfect; if it doesn't work, we will change it until we get it right. At this initial stage, I ask for your **PATIENCE** and your full **CO-OPERATION**.

The following changes introduced at Mass in the early days of COVID-19 remain in place:

Donations for both collections should be inserted in the boxes provided on the tables on either side of the pews as parishioners enter the main body of the church.

(Parishioners may wish to make their offerings using a Standing Order.)

No Newsletters

No Mass books

No paper notices

No leaflets

No hymn books

No magazines

No passing of collection baskets

No offertory procession

No Sign of Peace

No Holy Communion from the chalice.

These additional changes have now been added to the list:

TOILETS ARE OUT OF USE

No use of confessionals

No cry rooms

No votive candles

Parishioners may only pray at their designated seat, and should not move around the church to visit altars or statues.

No altar servers

No sacristan

Readers must read from a separate place from the Ambo, using photocopied texts or their own missal.

Only the priest should be on the Sanctuary.

Recognising that the virus is predominantly contagious through the breathing in of air droplets, these guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time when parishioners are together. These are tentative steps for returning to Mass and may be reviewed at any time:

Singing of Mass parts and hymns will be omitted.

Cantors will be used in certain circumstances behind a screen.

Both the Gloria and the Creed will be omitted.

At Sunday Mass the second reading will be omitted.

The sermon will be brief.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

Please remain seated for Communion. The priest will come to you and offer Holy Communion or a blessing.

If you wish Holy Communion, please stand.

If you wish a blessing, please stand and cross your arms over your chest.

The priest will sanitise his hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.

The priest will wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion.

The use of the short formula for distribution of Holy Communion will be used. In place of the words "Body of Christ" for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he will say these words "May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life," to which the congregation responds, "Amen."

In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, Holy Communion is to be received in the hand for the duration of the pandemic.

Without doubt, it will be a very strange and different liturgy that we will celebrate in the coming months. Nevertheless, I look forward to being with you for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. It is a new challenge we face and one that we will embrace with confidence, with the help of God.

Thank you to all those parishioners who kindly volunteered their time to make it possible for the church to re-open and for ensuring our safety and wellbeing. We are in their capable hands and can be confident that our sacred space is prepared and ready for worship. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love."

Thank you for your support and co-operation as we move forward into a new era of being church. Take care and stay safe!



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