

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Morrison.

First Sunday of Lent Year C

14th February 2016

	CHURCH HEATING FUND
	BALANCE STILL TO PAY
	Initial Cost £40,000 January £14,142.70

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £451.88 and £330.92 for the Building Fund. Thank you.

HEATING FUND

The Heating Fund collection last weekend amounted to £422. Thank you for your generosity.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend there will be the first of three collections for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and put it in the 2nd collection next weekend. Thank you.

LENT 2016

The following times of prayer are available throughout Lent:

Morning Mass: Monday—Saturday at 10am in the oratory, except for Friday morning when it will be celebrated in the church.

The Rosary will be recited at 9.30 am Monday-Thursday and Saturday at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer of the Church will be said in the oratory Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9.45 am, prior to Mass.

Prayers for the Year of Mercy will take place on Wednesday mornings at 9.45 am.

A reflection on the Way of the Cross will take place on a Friday in the church at 9.30 am.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election this year will take place in St Mirin's Cathedral on **TODAY at 4 pm.**

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 19th February from 7.30—10 pm at St Patrick's, Greenock. Please come along for a Family Quiz Night which will include a raffle and games. Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Tickets: Adults—£3; Child—£2 Family—£10. BYOB
Contact mcleanfamily2015@outlook.com or Tel. 07734 064419 for tickets

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

HOLIDAYS 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

SCIAF – Lenten Appeal 2016

SCIAF are delighted to announce that for the second year in a row, the UK Government will match SCIAF Lenten donations pound for pound, as part of the UK Aid Match scheme. To maximise this opportunity WEE BOXES will be distributed TODAY. Please take a SCIAF pack as you leave Church today. You are encourage to use the collection envelopes for the 4th Sunday of Lent and fill out the Gift Aid section on the WEE BOX if you are a tax payer.

SSVP

The quarterly meeting of the SSVP will take place in the hall on Thursday 18February after Mass in the church at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

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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, Mary Shannon, Nancy Heaton, Kathleen Boyle, Isabel McGregor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Catherine Begbie.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Bridget & Bernard McGinley, Mary Murphy, Annie Sloan, William Harvey.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Wednesday, 24th February at 7.00pm, is the date of the last meeting of the Rediscovering Mercy Course put on by the Parish Council in the Hall. All are welcome to attend.

REFLECTION ON LIFE IN LENT

The Liturgy and Spirituality Group will be holding three evenings of reflection in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 2nd March, Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 17th March at 7 pm to give parishioners the opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through prayer, music and word. These evenings will be led by Catherine Nolan and Carol Ann McLaren and are open to everyone in the Parish. If anyone has any questions, please speak to Catherine, Carol Ann, Gerry Gallagher or David Begg.

PALM SUNDAY YOUTH DAY

There will be an Inter-diocesan World Youth Day Gathering on Sunday 20th March at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, led by archbishop Leo Cushley and Bishop Hugh Gilbert. Parish and family groups most welcome. Please contact Fr Frank Hannigan by email youth@rcdop.org.uk or on 0141 847 6133 See Poster on Notice Board for further information about Coach pick-up and drop-off points, consent form and programme for the day. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Booking forms are now available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016. Volunteer helpers, trained nurses and doctors are required to assist registered pilgrims to have a safe and fulfilling pilgrimage. If you would like to know more or obtain a booking form, please contact Anne Louise on 01475 638132. There will be a meeting for helpers at 7 pm on Monday 15th February in St Patrick's, Greenock. Anyone who has volunteered or is thinking of volunteering to assist on the pilgrimage, should attend. There are still places available on the pilgrimage. Phone Anne Louise on above number.

YOUTH TO LOURDES FUNDRAISER

There will be a Family Quiz Night on Friday 19th February from 7.30 till 10 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall, Greenock, to help raise funds for the youth going to Lourdes. This Quiz night will include a raffle and games. Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Tickets cost: Adult £3. Child £2. Family £10. BYOB. Contact: mcleanfamily2015@outlook.com or 07734 064419 for tickets.

YOUTH EVENTS

SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENT

“What Does the Year of Mercy Mean to Me?”

Led by the NET Ministries Team, this event is open to all secondary school pupils from across the Diocese. The event will be fun and relaxed—refreshments will be provided, and the afternoon will conclude with Mass at 6 pm, which family members can attend. The event will take place on Sunday 21st February and will run from 3 pm—6.45 pm and takes place in St Joseph's, Church, 2 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston. Transport will be provided: Bus from St Mirin's Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Contact youth@rcdop.org.uk or Tel. 01505 813103.

A consent form is necessary for this event which can be downloaded on www.rcdop.org.uk

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT

“Let's Explore Mary's Meals”

This event is open to all Primary 6 and 7 pupils from across the Diocese. There will be games and activities exploring the work of Mary's Meals, and there will be refreshments. The afternoon will conclude with Mass at 6 pm which family members can attend. The event will take place on Sunday 28th February at St Aidan's Church, Tower Road, Johnstone from 3 pm—6.45 pm. Transport will be provided. Bus leaving from St Mirin's Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Contact youth@rcdop.org.uk or Tel. 01505 813103. A consent form is necessary for this event which can be downloaded on www.rcdop.org.uk

SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the Short term Pledge for Lent. Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March is World Day of Prayer. There will be an ecumenical service in Paisley Abbey at 2 pm on 4th March. All welcome.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CONSULTATION

On Wednesday, 17th February, Bishop John will be holding a consultation to discuss and feedback on the Synod interim Report, focussing on Marriage and Family Life. All are welcome from 7.30—9 pm at St Columba's church Hall, 35 Campsie Drive, Renfrew.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

Fr Joseph McAuley of St Andrew's and Edinburgh Diocese has been delegated by the Archbishop to promote the cause of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair throughout Scotland. Margaret Sinclair (1900-25) was a remarkable young Edinburgh woman who pursued holiness in everyday life. In 1978 she was declared Venerable by Pope Paul VI. Her beatification—and subsequent canonisation—would be a great testament to the proposition that sanctity is achievable in the modern world. On the first Tuesday of every month, the Archdiocese hosts a special Mass to pray for that beatification, at 7 pm in St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate, Edinburgh. That was Margaret's home parish and where her mortal remains now rest. All are welcome.

PRO LIFE MASS

This month's Mass is on Wednesday, 17th February in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Gorbals. There will be Adoration at 6 pm, Rosary at 7 pm and Mass at 7.30 pm, with tea and biscuits afterwards.

FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND

There will be an afternoon teaching session on the Billings Ovulation Method for all interested Health Professionals, on Tuesday 23rd February from 4-6 pm in the Queen Elizabeth Teaching and Learning Centre, Room L2-013. The theme is 'The Science and Practical Application'. To register an interest email: info@fertilitycare.org.uk or phone 0141 352 7930.

PRAYING THIS LENT

This Lent will be the most special for many years because it is in the Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis asked that Lent would be the heart and high point of this year and encouraged us to focus on three things to take up as our Lenten penance. Firstly, to meditate on the Scriptures, both those on God's mercy for us and those that challenge us to show mercy to each other. We have produced a selection of such Scriptures in a daily paragraph size available on our diocesan website. You are encouraged to read them daily as food for your Lenten journey.

YEAR OF MERCY—WEEK BY WEEK

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned “Missionaries of Mercy”, priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as “Living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of God's pardon.” In a way, though Pope Francis challenges all of us to become “missionaries of mercy” by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy.” Francis bids us make the prophet Micah's words our own: “God Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.” Having experienced God's mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God's boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God's unconditional love for them.

SYNOD OPENING MASS

Tuesday 19th April 2016.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

At St Mirin's Cathedral 5 pm every Sunday