

St Peter & St Paul Catholic Church

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1st November, 2026: The Solemnity of All Saints

Mass Schedule

Monday:	9.30 am 7 pm	***All Souls' Day*;** with the Primary School
Tuesday:	9.30 am	*St Martin de Porres*
Wednesday:	9.30 am	*St Charles Borromeo*
Thursday:	**NB: 10 am**	Funeral Mass: Dorothy Duncan
Friday:	9.30 am	
Saturday:	6 pm (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)	
Sunday:	10 am	*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Confessions: Thursday 7-7.45 pm; Saturday 5.30-5.55 pm; or by request.

Baptisms: By arrangement with the Parish Priest

Marriage: By arrangement with the Parish Priest

Anointing of the Sick: Please request from one of the priests: we are happy to offer it!

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:: 10-11 am on Wednesday;
7-8 pm on Thursday (Benediction at 7.50 pm)

The Holy Rosary: 9.10 am on Weekdays

If you are going to, or someone you know is in, hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain on 07821 624124 or through the hospital switchboard on (01382) 660111.

Please Pray for the Dead:

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Duncan, and Roshida Akram

Anniversaries: Thomas Kierans

Requiescant in Pace

Please Pray for the Sick:

Allan Davidson, Linda & Sam Ewart, Margaret Meldrum, and Eleanor Whyte

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Funerals

Dorothy Duncan: Funeral Mass, Thursday 5th November, 10 am

Parish Finances

Sunday Collection: £783.90 *(of which Gift-Aided £292.90; not Gift-Aided £491)*

Thank you for your generosity

Gift Aid: If you are a tax-payer, please sign up for Gift Aid – it allows the parish to claim 25% back from HMRC of the value of your offering, without any cost to you, apart from the time it takes to fill in a form!

Standing Orders: If you wish to set up a Standing Order, the parish banking details are:

Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld No 3 Charitable Trust
St Peter and Paul Mission
Account no.: 28042063
Sort Code: 80-22-60

Cashless Donations: Just scan the "QR code" image with your mobile phone and you can make a one-off donation (or payment for the repository), if you do not have any cash.

Parish Notices

All Souls' Day: In addition to the 9.30 am Mass on All Souls' Day, there will be Mass at 7 pm; the Primary School will be joining us for the 9.30 am Mass. There will also be Mass at 8.20 am at St John's High School.

Thursday Funeral Mass: Please note that Mass on Thursday is at 10 am to accommodate the burial arrangements for the late Dorothy Duncan.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend for children from P1 – P4.

November Lists: Envelopes and lists are available for you to take and hand in your November Lists and offerings. Mass each day in November will be offered for the repose of the souls of those named on our November Lists.

St John's RC High School P6/7 Open Evening: There is an opening evening for parents whose children are in primary 6 or 7 at St John's High School on **Tuesday 3rd November**, from 6.30 pm – 9 pm.

Post-Mass Tea & Coffee: Tea, coffee, and cake are served in the Hall after the 10 am Sunday Mass: please join us for an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. The suggested donation is £2 to help cover costs and raise a little money for charity.

Food Bank: We continue to take donations in support of one of the Food Banks in the city centre. Please drop off anything you would like to donate in the baskets at the back of the Church.

Repository: There is a selection of holy items and cards available for a donation, at the back of the church.

Holy Communion for the Sick & the House-Bound: If you, or someone you know, is sick and house-bound, whether long term or for even only for a shorter period, we can arrange for a home visit with the

Blessed Sacrament so you can receive Holy Communion, either from one of the parish clergy or from one of the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please speak to the Parish Clergy.

Hall Enquiries: For any enquiries concerning hosting a private event in the Church Hall, please contact Fay Martin on 07932 432577. For anything Church-related please speak to Fr Malcolm.

Diocesan Notices

Mark10 Mission, for those who work with Children and Young People: The diocese is hosting a special evening of inspiration, formation, prayer and worship for anyone passionate about sharing the Catholic faith with children and young people aged 3-18. The evening will be led by Greg Finn of the Mark10 Mission and will also include a talk from the Youth Alpha team, as well as times of prayer, music and testimony from some young people who have grown in their faith in a big way recently. The event will take place **on 12th November at 6.30pm in the Cathedral**, and you can register by visiting: https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/forming-a-generation

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Diploma in Catechesis

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh offers a Diploma in Catechesis, which can be useful for anyone involved in teaching the Faith. This is a course of thirty-six sessions consisting of weekly lectures (Thursday nights on Zoom - also recorded for catch-up), guided reading from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and regular one-to-one support. Its aim is to help you share more fully in the life of God through greater knowledge and love. Jesus Christ is Lord now & forever - now is the time to go deeper with intentionality and joy. Please speak to Fr Malcolm if you are interested.

- The 36-week course begins on Thursday 28 January 2027 and ends Thursday 2 December 2027, with a July-August summer break.
- Sessions are hosted by Sr Miriam Ruth RSM and delivered by a range of expert speakers.
- Content includes: the nature of God, the nature of the human person, vocation, the Scriptures, Redemption, sacraments, grace, freedom, and happiness.
- Sessions are live on Zoom Thursdays at 7:30pm (1hr max) and always available for catch-up on You-Tube if students cannot attend the live sessions.
- One-to-one sessions are on Microsoft Teams with a course guide after each module.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We now have these two opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesday from 10 – 11 am, and Thursday from 7 – 8 pm. It is a wonderful way to spend time in quiet prayer before Our Lord, to offer Him our worries and concerns, to pray the Holy Rosary, or just to spend a moment in silent contemplation. I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity, even if you only pop in for a few minutes. We step back from the noise of the world into the quiet of the church; we set aside the distractions of our mobile 'phone or computer; we look upon Our Lord in the Monstrance, and we allow him to look upon our souls.

Eucharistic adoration is an act of worshipping and adoring the Lord Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist, before a Tabernacle or Monstrance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "because Christ Himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, He is to be honoured with the worship of adoration".

Pope Paul VI said people should not "forgot about paying a visit" to the Blessed Sacrament, because this is a "very special place of honour" and "proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (*Mysterium Fidei*, 66).

What do we do in Adoration? Most importantly, we spend time with Jesus. That is the heart of what we do during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We can offer our sufferings and sorrow for our sins to him; we

can offer gratitude to him for the goodness we have received; we can say the Rosary and meditate on his life; we can sit in silence in the peace of his presence.

November: Month of the Holy Souls

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Prayer for the Holy Souls in purgatory is an important element of our spiritual practices as Catholics. It is first and foremost an affirmation of our belief that Salvation is offered to all and that though we are not perfect we have that constant invitation to return to God. We pray for the dead because we hope that they will be in Glory and that we shall meet again. This is the promise of the Resurrection of Christ. God does not choose a finite number of people of Salvation; God does not choose people to go to Hell. Christ died on the Cross for the sins of all, and it is up to us to accept that Redemption offered on the Cross. We do not have to be perfect, but we have to desire to love God and to try to live the life that He asks us to. Our practise of Confession and our belief in prayer for the Holy Souls are two concrete expressions of this belief. Anyone might be a Saint and by praying for the Holy Souls we pray that they are.

Prayer for the Holy Souls also recognises that our relationships continue on after death: our greatest act of love for those who have died is to pray for them, to pour out that love in the form of prayer. We talk of our hope in the Resurrection: it is not nebulous but something concrete we offer in prayer. We pray for our loved ones. The Masses throughout November will be offered for those whose names we have on our November Lists: be greedy! List as many people as you like

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Advent at St Peter & St Paul's

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year, as we anticipate the moment when God descends into his creation, firstly in the Christ Child on Christmas Day, and secondly in Glory, when he shall make all things new. Advent marks in one sense our material preparations for the celebration of Christmas, but more importantly it is a period of spiritual preparation as we prepare to great out Creator lovingly as the Infant King, and as a friend and brother who comes to draw us to that heavenly promise.

We will begin Advent with a **Parish Fayre**, a chance to socialise and chat with each other. We are planning to have refreshments, and activities and face painting for children. Every Sunday in Advent we will celebrate **Vespers and Benediction** at 4 pm; except the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 13th December, when we will host our annual **Carol Service** at 3 pm, raising money towards the Lourdes Pilgrimage, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church Hall.

We will also have an **Advent Recollection** on Saturday 12th December to help us prepare spiritually for the celebrations. We will have an additional opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on the evening of Tuesday 22nd December, with visiting priests around the Deanery to assist with individual Confessions. Other parishes will be having similar services and these will be listed in due course as well.

We are also planning to organise Formation Evenings for Readers and for Extraordinary Ministers.

Sunday 29th November:	**after 10 am Mass**	**Parish Fayre**
	4 pm	**Vespers & Benediction**
Sunday 6th November:	**4 pm**	**Vespers & Benediction**
Saturday 12th December:	**10 am - 1 pm**	**Parish Advent Recollection**
Sunday 13th December:	**3 pm**	**Carol Service**
Sunday 20th December:	**4 pm**	**Vespers & Benediction**
Tuesday 22nd December:	**6.30 pm**	**Reconciliation Service**