



# ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

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I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read 'Heaven Grocery Store'. As I got a little closer, the door came wide open, And when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store. And if you couldn't carry them, you could come back for more. First I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go. I got a box of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for He was all over the place. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me win the race and though my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE. I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation, that was free. So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I started up the counter to pay the grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in, For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into SIN. PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself. Then I said to the Angel, "Now how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go!" Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?" The Angel smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God." "Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts. God's love calls us to move beyond fear." [Pope Francis]

# Liturgy for the Week - Fifth Week of the Year [Year I]

| ST PETER IN CHAINS<br><i>Father Duncan McVicar<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>  | ST BRIDE'S<br><i>Fr Duncan McVicar<br/>Fr Gerry Hamill</i>        | ST MARY'S<br><i>Canon Martin Poland<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i> | ST JOHN'S<br><i>Canon Martin Poland<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i> |
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| <b>SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY</b><br>5th Sunday of the Year<br><b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b><br><i>Offered for Catherine Finnigan (MM)</i>  |   | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm  |   |
| <b>SUNDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY</b><br>5th Sunday of the Year<br><b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b><br><i>Offered for our Parishes</i>   | Holy Mass at 12.15pm<br><i>Offered for Catherine McAleavy (A)</i> | Holy Mass at 10am   | Holy Mass at 11.30am  |
| <b>MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY</b><br>Memorial of St Scholastica<br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Marie-Louise Paterson (A)</i>   |   |   |   |
| <b>TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY</b><br>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes<br><b>Morning Prayer at 9.40am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Betty Craig (MM), Karen Wardrope (MM)</i>   | Morning Prayer at 9.40am<br>Holy Mass at 10am                     | Holy Mass at 10am   |   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY</b><br>5th Week of the Year<br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Bobby &amp; Karen Gough (SI), Margaret Simpson (RD), Bishop John Cunningham (A)</i>  |   |   | Holy Mass at 10am   |
| <b>THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY</b><br><b>Requiem Mass for Carolyn McGinn at 10am</b>  |   |   |   |
| <b>FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY</b><br>Feast of Ss Cyril and Methodius<br><b>Rosary 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Pat Maxwell (A), Tony Fraser (A), Jean and Liam White</i><br><b>Benediction at 10.30am</b><br><i>St Peter's Cafe afterwards</i> | Holy Mass at 10am   |   | Holy Mass at 10am   |
| <b>SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY</b><br>5th Sunday of the Year [C]<br><b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b><br><i>Offered for Dennis Atkins (A), Kathleen Tracy (MM), Marie &amp; Edmund Lang (SI)</i>  |   | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm  |   |

## World Day of the Sick on Tuesday - Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

In his Message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis grapples with the profound questions that confront those who are suffering and those who care for them. "How can we be strong when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us?" In these situations," the Pope says, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realise that we need God's help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit."

### Please remember in your prayers this week

*Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley, Rosemary Smith, Jim McEwan, Grant Mitchell, Wynter McNabb, Tony Smith, Cathie Currie.*

### Those who have died recently

*Carolyn McGinn, Alistair Ramsay, Father Justinian McGread CP.*

### Those who have died at this time of year

*Barbara Scott 2010, Willie Forsyth 2012, Iain Clarke 2012, John McKay senior 1957, Patricia Murphy 1988, Joseph Retzbach 1940, John Ryan 2001, John McKay, Debra Crawford 2024, Ian Michael Falsey 2004, Agnes Marshall 2012, Marie Louise Paterson 2022, Michael McManus (Canon Matt's brother) 2021, Father Leo Muldoon, Peter Monaghan 2023, Susanna Brodie 1963, Gordon McKeachan 2022, James McDermid 2005, Joseph Lynn 1997, Marie Coyle sister of Father Joe Boland 2017, Ellen McCarroll 1980, Peggy McKeachan 2018.*

### ■Requiem Mass for Carolyn McGinn at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Carolyn McGinn, who died on 22nd January 2025, aged 55 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 13th February at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!

### ■Quiz Night, Live Music and Raffle at St Peter's

St Peter's presents a Quiz, Live Music and Raffle Night and much more to raise funds to repair our Church, on Saturday, 1st March at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets only £5.

### ■Retirement of Josie McPherson

After five years of dedicated work and support at St Peter's as our Parish Secretary, Josie has decided that the time has come to retire. Josie has been a huge help to us at St Peter's and we are very grateful for her years of hard work and generosity. We wish her every blessing and joy in her retirement - it is well-earned!

### ■Legacy Donation from Ennis McHugh

We are very grateful for a donation from the estate of Ennis McHugh to St Peter's of £2000. St Peter in Chains was very important to both Ennis and Isabella. They had a very strong faith and went to Mass whenever they could. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

### ■Emergency On-Call for the Hospitals

Father Duncan will be attending Emergency Calls at the Ayrshire Hospitals this week. Please keep all those in hospital in your thoughts and prayers

### ■Bible Group at St Peter's

Our next Meeting will be on Thursday, 13th February at 7pm in St Peter's Presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to come along!

### ■Dates for your Diary at St Peter's and at St Bride's

Please keep these important dates in mind for your diary: Pastoral Visit of Bishop Francis to St Peter's and St Bride's on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March. Sacrament of Confirmation at St Peter's on Sunday, 16th March at 10.30am with Bishop Francis. Celebration of First Holy Communion at St Peter's on Sunday, 1st June at 10.30am.

### ■St Bride's Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Meeting of our Pastoral Council at St Bride's will be on Wednesday, 12th February at 7pm in the Community Room. See you there! This is an open meeting to which all Parishioners are invited to attend.

### ■50/50 Cub Winner at St Bride's

Congratulations to Kenneth Mulholland, who is our February Winner with Number 53. Congratulations and many thanks to all our Club Members.

### BIG INCREASE IN MASS ATTENDANCE RECORDED IN BRITAIN

The numbers of Catholics attending Mass in England and Wales has shot up by roughly 50,000 in 2023. The latest figures from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales reveal that, while 503,308 attended Mass in 2022, 554,913 did so in 2023. A similar trend has been found in Scotland. Data shows that 95,029 people attended Sunday Mass in Scotland in 2023, compared to 89,420 the previous year. Like England, Mass attendance in Scotland has not returned to pre-Covid levels: 127,003 Scots attended Sunday Mass in 2019. Nevertheless, 647,600 people attended Sunday Mass in Britain in 2023, compared to 592,428 in 2022.



**"The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers."**

### Just for a Laugh

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why, what does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, I think someone has stolen our tent!"

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