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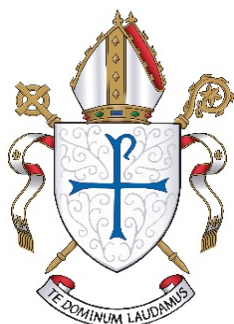
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Just a Glass of Milk

Once, there was a poor boy who made a living by selling various objects from door to door. This was the way he earned money to pay for his school. One day, as he was walking from house to house as usual, he felt very hungry and weak. He felt that he couldn't walk even a few steps. He decided to ask for food at a house. He knocked on the door and was stunned to see a beautiful young girl open the door. With much hesitation, he asked the girl for a glass of water. The young girl understood his condition and offered him a huge glass of milk. With an astonished look, the boy drank the milk



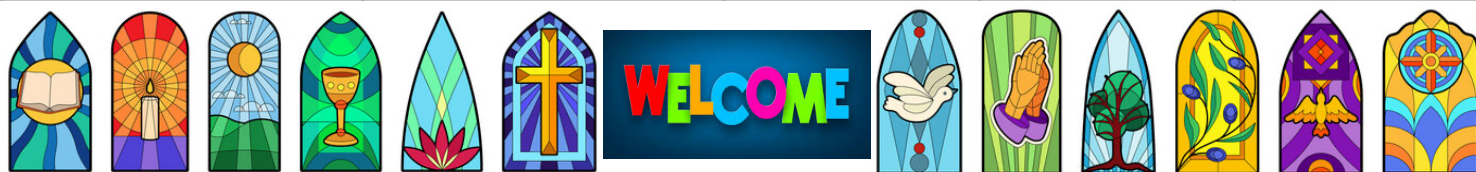
Dr. Howard Kelly

very slowly. "How much do I owe you for this milk?" he asked her. The girl replied, "I do not want any money for this." The boy thanked the girl from the bottom of his heart and left the place. Years passed by. The young girl grew up. In her youth, unfortunately, she fell ill and was diagnosed with the rarest kind of nervous disorder. Many experienced doctors were baffled at her condition, and she was admitted in the city hospital with the most advanced facilities. Dr. Howard Kelly, a renowned neuro-specialist was called in by the hospital to examine her. Even with his extraordinary expertise, Dr. Kelly found the girl's illness very hard to cure. However, with perseverance and hard work that lasted months, he was finally able to get the disease under control. With careful medication and monitoring, the girl was completely cured in the end. Everyone praised the doctor, but the girl was quite worried about how much the hospital bill would come to. Her family had just a little money kept away in the bank, which was by no means enough to pay for such a long treatment in that reputed hospital. The girl was given the hospital bill finally. With trembling hands, she opened it. She was stunned to see that the bill had been crossed out and cancelled, and there was a note underneath signed by Dr. Kelly. "Bill paid years ago with a glass of milk!"

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. Too often we participate in the globalisation of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity. Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly." [Pope Francis]

Liturgy for the Week - Sixth Week of the Year [Year I]

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS	ST BRIDE'S <i>Fr Duncan McVicar Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 6th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Dennis Atkins (A) Kathleen Tracy (MM) Marie & Edmund Lang (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 6th Sunday of the Year Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>Offered for our Parishes of St Bride and St Peter in Chains</i>	Holy Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for Catherine McAleavy (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 6th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mr & Mrs Farrell (A) Fr. Leo Muldoon (A) Jack McGowan (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY 6th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Daryl-Malcolm Taylor (RD) Michael & Patricia Leonard (A) Alistair Ramsay (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am Prayers of Reception for Louie Grier at 6pm	
WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 6th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Offered for Bobby & Karen Gough (SI), Margaret Simpson (RD), Bishop John Cunningham (A)</i>		Funeral Mass for Louie Grier at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 6th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Margaret McClumph (RD) Fr. Michael Lynch Jean & Liam White</i>		Holy Mass at 10am Prayers of Reception for Margaret Simpson at 6pm	
FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 6th Week of the Year Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am St Peter's Cafe afterwards	<i>David Farrell (SI) Tony O'Brian (SI) Annie Teaz (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Simpson at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 7th Sunday of the Year [C] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Thomas Jack (RD) Theresa Weideger (RD) Eileen Coppola (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



Start Looking for Someone

In his classic work the Divine Comedy, Dante wrote: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in time of great moral crises maintain their neutrality." What is the moral crisis of our time? Look around you. The world is constantly grappling with crisis and war. People are weary from the dysfunction of their own lives. The chaos is crying out for order. The complexity is crying out for simplicity. At every level in society, from the beggar on the street to the leaders of nations, we are all looking for something to solve the crisis of our lives and of our times. It is time to stop looking for something and start looking to someone—Jesus of Nazareth. [Matthew Kelly]

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, Angela Doherty,
Louise Milligan.*

Those who have died recently

*Alistair Ramsay, Father Justinian McGread CP,
Father Douglas McMillan*

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.*

▪ **Amazing Result at the Bingo Night at St Peter's**
 Andrena Hughes would like to thank everyone who attended the Bingo Night. An outstanding total of £1572.65 was raised ! Andrena wants to thank all of those who attended, who bought bingo books and raffle tickets, all the many people who donated prizes, to those who donated the cakes and home baking for the tea and special thanks to those who help on the night to make it such an amazing success. The money will go to The Parish Lourdes Group and to Youth for Lourdes. *"Thanks again, I am truly grateful for everyone's support."*

▪ **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.

▪ **Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's**
 Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

▪ **Knit and Knatter at St Peter's**
 Come and join us on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Alistair Ramsay at St Peter's**
 Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Alistair Ramsay, who died on 24th January 2025, aged 78 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 25th February at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Rite of Election at the Cathedral**
 The Rite of Election will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Sunday 9th March at 3pm for all those who wish to be received into full communion with the Church, through Baptism or Confirmation. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested, please speak asap to Father Duncan. Thanks!

▪ **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.

▪ **Cardinal Winning Lecture**
 To mark the 25th anniversary of the merger of St Andrew's College and University of Glasgow, a panel of key speakers will discuss the future of Catholic Teacher Education: Profs James Conroy and Margery McMahon (University of Glasgow), Bishop John Keenan, Barbara Coupar (SCES), Graeme Young (CHAPS) and Christopher Smith (CHAS). Reserve your place here <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/1579271>
 Panel event: 11.15am - Bute Hall, preceded by Holy Mass: 9.30am in the Memorial Chapel.

▪ **Sincere Thanks for Donations**
 St Bride's received a donation of £100 towards the Church organ. St Peter's received a donation of £50 towards the Church repairs for storm damage.

REDISCOVER THE WONDER

Some Catholics today complain about the Mass in a constant litany: "Mass is boring." "The music is too old-fashioned." "I couldn't understand what the priest was trying to say." "The sound system is no good." "It went for too long." "I cannot relate to the priest." "The people at Mass are not my age." Maybe, just maybe, we are missing the point. It seems we have lost our sense of wonder. This is true in almost every area of our lives, but particularly when it comes to matters of faith and spirituality. We have lost the quintessential quality of childhood—wonder. If we believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, then the power unleashed within us by the consumption of the Eucharist is immeasurable. We don't go to Mass to socialise. We don't go to be entertained. We go to give ourselves to God, and in return to receive God. Open your heart, open your mind, and open your soul to the miracles God wants to work in and through you. Mass is not about whom you sit next to. It's not about which priest says Mass. It is not about what you wear or who is there. Mass is not about the music. It's not even about the preaching. It is about gathering as a community to give thanks to God for all the blessings he fills our lives with. Next Sunday, prepare yourself, be conscious of the marvel, the wonder, the mystery, and receive spiritually. Rediscover the wonder.

5 Spiritual Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1303



Just for a Laugh

A man walks into a bar, and it's empty - it's just him and the bartender. He sits down and orders a drink. He hears someone whisper, "Pssst...I like your tie." The man looks around but doesn't see anyone. "Pssst...that colour looks really nice on you." He asks the bartender, "Excuse me, but...are you speaking to me?" The bartender rolls his eyes and says, "No, sorry about that. It's the peanuts... they're complimentary."

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