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Parish Bulletin: Eighth Sunday of the Year [C] ■ 2nd March 2025

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A warm Welcome to Bishop Francis



Bishop Frank was born on 8th December 1972 and baptised in St Aidan's, Wishaw. After attending St Aidan's Primary, St Mary's College, Blairs and St Aidan's High School, Wishaw, he studied at the Scots College in Rome and at Glasgow University. He is a graduate in Law (LLB) and holds a Licentiate in Canon Law. He received priestly ordination on 27th June 2001 and was incardinated in the Diocese of Motherwell. Bishop Frank served as assistant priest at Our Lady and St Anne's, Hamilton and as parish priest St Mark's, Rutherglen, St Anthony's, Rutherglen, St Anthony's and St Mark's and Our Lady of Lourdes. He was Vice-rector of the Scots College, Rome from 2006 to 2012, assistant Judicial Vicar, Scottish Inter-diocesan Tribunal and Judicial vicar for the Diocese of Motherwell from 2017. On 22nd December 2023, Pope Francis nominated Bishop Frank Dougan as the new Bishop of Galloway. He was ordained Bishop on Saturday 9th March 2024 at St-Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan, and was received into his Cathedral Church of St Margaret in Ayr the following day. His episcopal motto is: *"Quench not the wavering flame"*.

"I am asking you to pray one simple prayer more than you have before: the Glory Be. It is a simple prayer and one we often rattle through. But its beauty is that it is a prayer of pure praise. It asks for nothing. Instead, with the Glory Be we declare our faith in the Trinity and praise God. And within that atmosphere of praise, we can then recognise the many graces God has given us and respond with a prayer of thanksgiving just as Our Lady does in her own prayer: "My soul glorifies the Lord, My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". [Bishop Francis]



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy for the Week - Eighth 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, 1ST MARCH 8th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Betty Craig (RD) Margaret Simpson (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 2ND MARCH 8th Sunday of the Year Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 3RD MARCH 8th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Martin Ross (RD) Rena McCready (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Eileen Coppola at 10am	
TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH 8th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Carolyn McGinn (RD) Marion and Jim Borland (A) Martin Reilly (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am For Peter McBride	Funeral Mass for Jim Dillon at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH Ash Wednesday Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am and 7pm	<i>Alistair Ramsay (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am with the Distribution of Ashes	Holy Mass at 11am and 7pm with the Distribution of Ashes
THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH Requiem Mass for Phillip Pellegrini at 10am	For the Repose of the Soul of Phillip Pellegrini and for the intentions of his family.		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH Friday After Ash Wednesday Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am St Peter's Cafe afterwards	<i>Day of Prayer for Those who have suffered abuse Catherine Cassidy (SI)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH 1st Sunday of Lent [C] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Frank Freel (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR HAPPINESS

I want you to cast your mind back for a moment to the time in your life when you were happiest. That time when you were really thriving, when you were firing on all cylinders, where you had this fire in your belly—where things were happening, you were in the zone, you had momentum—and you were just filled with this great happiness, this great joy, this great human thriving. I want you to think about the moment in your life when you were happiest. And then, I want you to ask this question: Do you believe—are you open to the idea—that God wants you to be happier than you've ever been before in your life? That's faith. That's hope. That's love. And in order to do that, we have to believe that the future can be bigger than the past; to look at our own self, to look at our own life, and to think, Yeah, God has something amazing planned for me. Jesus said in John's Gospel, chapter 10:10: "I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the fullest." He created us for the abundant life. He created us to live life to the fullest. He created us to thrive, he created us for this incredible joy, and he created us for happiness. That's why you yearn for it so much. You're hungry for happiness because God created you for happiness—in this life and in the next.

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, Claire Devine, Caroline Reynolds. Raymond Porter.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Father Justinian McGread CP.,
Father Douglas McMillan,
Dennis Deighan [cousin of Father Gerry],
Phillip Pellegrini.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Sister Moira Donnelly (Sacred Heart Order) 2021, Maria Gillen 2001, Rita McDermid 2018 Marion Borland 2021, Sister Teresita of Jesus (Valenti) Samuel Collins 2024, Matthew Johnson 2012, Catherine McCutcheon 2002, Michael Reilly 1995 James Convery 2008, Bishop Joseph McGee 1983, Father Charles McLaughlin
Irene Breen 2019, Hugh McGraa 2002, Isabella McLaughlan 2001 Joe Colvin 1908, Olga Mastradomenico 2009 Cosimo Farro 1993, Francis Flynn 1990, Hugh McCluskey 1992, Catherine Robertson 2012, Mary To 2014

■ Latest News from the Ardrossan Churches Group

There will be the Holy Week Meditations 2025, all taking place at the Ardrossan Parish Church at 11am: Monday, 14th April - led by Rev. Nathan, Tuesday, 15th April - led by Rev Marion, Wednesday, 16th April - led by Father Duncan, Thursday, 17th April - led by Andrew Bruce or Rev Nigel, Friday, 18th April - led by Rev Jim. The minster at the Three Town Tabernacle on Princes Street, Rev James Dever will be invited for the next Meeting on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow Street. Easter praise on Canon Hill at 8am on Easter Sunday morning, 20th April, followed by breakfast at the Church of the Nazarene. Pentecost Songs of Praise on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June at 2pm at the Dasher Memorial led by Rev Nigel and Stuart.

■ World Day of Prayer in West Kilbride

The World Day of Prayer at West Kilbride will take place on Friday, 7th March at 2pm in the West Kilbride Parish Church. The Theme for this year is: "I made you wonderful" [Psalm 139]. Father Duncan will give the reflection. Please put the date already in your diaries.

■ Requiem Mass for Phillip Pellegrini at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Phillip Pellegrini, who died on 19th February, 2025, aged 66 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 6th March at 10am, followed by interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. Many he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ Rite of Election at the St Margaret's 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!

■ Ash Wednesday on 5th March

Masses at 10am and also at 7pm with the distribution of Ashes at St Peter's, and 10am at St Bride's. Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. Why do we have their foreheads marked with a cross? Because in the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of a cross, this symbolises that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a Cross. They are made by burning palm fronds which have been saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday, they are then blessed by a priest. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14.

■ Stations of the Cross at St Peter's & St Bride's

On the Tuesdays of Lent, before Mass at 9.30am, we will have the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was

officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. This year we will be using the texts from SCIAF, written by Canon Michael Hutson, from the Isle of Benbecula.

■ Donation to St Peter's for the storm damage

Sincere thanks for a donation of £100 and £50 towards the recent storm damage at St Peter's. Thank you for your support and generosity.

■ West Kilbride Village Larder Collection

The SSVP will have a collection box at the back of the Church from Sunday 2nd March until the 30th March. Favourite items are: Tins of Meat, Jars of Coffee (small), Tea Bags. Other items welcome. *Thank you!*



WHO IS LOVE?

At the heart of our faith is a simple yet powerful truth: God's Eucharistic love is meant to be shared. This Lent, we are invited to embrace that love more deeply by committing to "walk with someone"—someone we know and accompany them in their journey toward Christ in the Eucharist. In other words: To love as Christ loves...



See with His eyes — Who in your life is longing for deeper connection, healing, or hope?



Pray with His heart — Ask God to open doors that they may discover him in their own lives



Walk with His presence — Extend an invitation to Mass, Adoration, Confession or a simple conversation about faith.

In this Lenten season, we remember the greatest love of all—the love of Christ, poured out for us in the Eucharist. His presence in the Blessed Sacrament is the ultimate sign that we are never alone. This Lent, will you be His love for someone else?

Just for a Laugh...

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game at Celtic Park had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

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