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"Meeting people where they are - leading them to where God calls them to be!"



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A Child's Definition of LOVE

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen," Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate," Nikka - age 6

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny - age 8

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore," Cindy - age 8

"Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren, age 4

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Jessica - age 8



"We must not let hope abandon us.... Optimism disappoints, but hope does not. Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable. To speak of hope to those who are desperate, it is essential to share their desperation. Prayer leads us forward in hope." - Pope Francis

Liturgy for the Week - Seventh 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, 22ND FEBRUARY 7th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Thomas Jack (RD) Theresa Weideger (RD) Eileen Coppola (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 7th Sunday of the Year Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parishes of St Peter's and St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for Catherine McAleavy (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 7th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Reception of Alistair Ramsay at 6pm	<i>Mr and Mrs Charlie Farrell (A) Mary Wilson (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY Requiem Mass for Alistair Ramsay at 10am	<i>For the Repose of the Soul of Alistair Ramsay and for the intentions of his family.</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 7th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Hugh Brown (RD) Catherine Finnegan (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Louie Grier at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 7th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sheila Boyle (SI) John Collins (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 7th Week of the Year Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am St Peter's Cafe afterwards	<i>William Sheehan (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Simpson at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 1ST MARCH 8th Sunday of the Year [C] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Betty Craig (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A REALLY MEMORABLE LENT?

People of every age yearn for God. This desire for God is written deep within the human heart. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we all have a longing to draw near to God and be in communion with him. We might not recognise this yearning for what it truly is, however. Instead we might seek to satisfy our longings with material things, relationships, careers—all of which were never designed to truly fulfil us. All the while, God quietly waits for us in the depths of our souls. He uses our longings to lead us to himself. Lent is the perfect time to stop and reflect on the state of our souls, to examine the way we live our lives. What habits need to change? How can we live more intentionally? How can we grow in our faith? What would transformation look like? A vibrant spiritual life is a great gift, but we don't just stumble into it. Transformation happens when we look honestly at our desires and habits and seek real change with intentionality. As you seek the One who is seeking you, allow yourself to be inspired by new dreams and transformed by timeless spiritual disciplines. *[Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March]*

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.*

Those who have died recently

*Father Justinian McGread CP,
Father Douglas McMillan,
Dennis Deighan [cousin of Father Gerry]*

Those who have died at this time of year

*Mary McCluskey 1980, Bessie Murphy 2008 Margaret Mary
Adamson 2005, Brendan Dorrian 2001 John Bell 2008, Brian
Griffin 1980, Jimmy Carson 2019, Father James Coyle 1975, Betty
Lowe 2008, Maureen McIlhatton 1993, Annie Montgomery 2012,
Canon Michael O'Connor 1966, James Smith 1986, Jim Wilson
2011 Agnes Delahunt 1944, Elizabeth Delahunt 1976, William
John Dorian 1935, John Moore 2000 Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty
Burns 2006, Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014,
Margaret Friel 2021 Ambrose Armstrong 1976, Billy Magee 2002,
Joe and Nan McConnell, Canon John Walls 2010 Simon Brannan,
Mennotti Carrino, Odina Carrino, Gerry Swan 2020 Paul Gerard
Brown 1986, Father Charles Barclay 2001, Bernard Cassidy 1994,
Margaret Dolan 1959, Frances Hackett 1997,
James McFarlane 1976*

■ Latest News from St Bride's

The Pastoral Council met last week at St Bride's and discussed the following: Vote of thanks for the collection for the Church organ, Liz Moran will redesign and co-ordinate the Rotas for Parish Ministries; preparation for Bishop Francis' Pastoral Visit on Sunday 2nd March; suggested date for the Parish Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 13th December at the West Kilbride Golf Club; update on our new Parish Website from Joe McAleavy; Lorraine Mulholland will be coordinating a prayer booklet for the Parish for Lent and the Holy Week. The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th May at 7pm in the Community Room.

■ World Day of Prayer in West Kilbride

St Peter's presents a Quiz, Live Music and Raffle Night. 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.

■ 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. Everyone is very welcome!

■ "Thank you" from Josie McPherson

Josie McPherson would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support over the last 5 years. Also, for cards, flowers and good wishes on her retirement.

■ Pastoral Visit from Bishop Francis

We welcome our Bishop for a Pastoral Visit to St Bride's and St Peter's on Sat/Sun, 1st/ 2nd March.

■ 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 Reception into Church is on Monday, 24th February at 6pm. 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!

■ 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. Reserve your place here <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/1579271> - Panel event: 11.15am - Bute Hall, preceded by Holy Mass: 9.30am on Saturday, 1 March 2025.

■ 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!

■ Parish Quiz + Fun Night on 1st March

The tickets for the Parish Fun Night is a sell out, so there are no tickets left! A big "thank you" for all the

generosity in handing in raffle prizes. (Thanks to Margaret Munn)

■ A "Big Thank You" for Donation at St Peter's

St Peter's received a donation of £4000 towards the recent storm damage. Sincere thanks for your generosity and support. It is very much appreciated!

■ Update on our Parish 50/50 Club

There are 30 members still to renew their subscription for 2025. If they could hand them to either the Promoter or the Parish Office as soon as possible, we would be most grateful. We are hoping to do the monthly draw by the end of February providing all memberships have been renewed.

A SENSE OF THE DIVINE

"Make this experiment whether you believe in God or not. At your first opportunity, stop in a Catholic Church for a visit. You need not believe, as we Catholics do, that Our Lord is really and truly present in the tabernacle. But just sit there for an hour, and within that hour you will experience a surpassing peace the like of which you never before enjoyed in your life. You will ask yourself as a sensationalist once asked me when we made an all-night vigil of adoration in the Basilica of Sacre Coeur in Paris: "What is it that is in that church?" Without voice or argument or thundering demands, you will have an awareness of something before which your spirit trembles—a sense of the Divine." - Fulton Sheen

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The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

Each person is **SACRED**,
made in God's image, equal in dignity.

Each person is **SOCIAL**,
called to participate in family and community.

All people have **RIGHTS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**.
The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

We care for people who are **POOR** and vulnerable,
before all else.

Workers have rights. **WORK** has dignity.
We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call.
We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We care for **CREATION**.
We live in interdependence with all God has made.

Just for a Laugh

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. And two, you're the Parish Priest!"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 16th February: £562.22
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Offertory for 16th February: £94.10
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