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Easter Blessings and Greeting



"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope". So, the Holy Father reminded us when he invited us to be Pilgrims of Hope in the Holy Year. Once again in Holy Week, we have been privileged to make the journey of faith from hearing the horrible cry of Jesus on the cross "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" to listening to the message of the angel at the empty tomb "He is not here, but has risen". We know this. But do we make it known? Our faith in the Risen Lord is not a treasure to be held close and nurtured in private. It is Good News that must be celebrated and proclaimed out loud. In the Church's liturgy, our Alleluia has been silenced for the 6 weeks of Lent. This is so we can sing and shout it out even more in Easter. But it is a word not to be reserved to our churches. Many of those who need to hear it most are unlikely to be inside our churches. So we need to take it to them, to our families and our communities. As I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter, I encourage you all to be Pilgrims of Hope who are not afraid to share the message of the risen Christ with your neighbour. Let your Alleluia ring in the ears of others.

Bishop of Galloway

"On the desk in my office I have a Post-it Note that reads simply, "Something wonderful is about to happen!" I believe something wonderful is about to happen. I believe it for my life, I believe it for your life, and I believe it for the life of the Church. I pray that you and I will make ourselves radically available to God so that he can use us to make it happen. You see, God doesn't necessarily use the most talented people, he doesn't necessarily use the people in positions of power and authority, and he doesn't necessarily use those who are the best educated. What type of person does God always use in powerful ways? Who has God always used throughout history to do his work in the world? The people who make themselves available to him. God uses those who make themselves available. How available are you to God?" [Matthew Kelly]



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy for the Week - The Octave of Easter

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS <i>RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention</i>	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, 19TH APRIL Easter Vigil Mass at 8.30pm			Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL Easter Sunday Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 21ST APRIL Easter Octave Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Duncan Lyon (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 22ND APRIL Easter Octave Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Michael & Philomena Doherty (A) John O'Rourke (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 23RD APRIL Easter Octave Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am RECEPTION OF JIM DONNELLY at 6pm	<i>Mary Delahunt (A) Upton & Collins Family</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL REQUIEM MASS FOR JIM DONNELLY at 10am	<i>Offered for Jim Donnelly and his Family</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 25TH APRIL REQUIEM MASS FOR MICHAEL SWEENEY At 10am	<i>Offered for Michael Sweeney and his Family</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am with St John's Primary School
SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL Second Sunday of Easter [Divine Mercy] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Jim Donnelly (RD) John Maher (A) Kirsty Maher (A)</i>			

*Grateful
thankful
blessed*

THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER FROM POPE FRANCIS

"The tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Mary McKinney, Jim McEwan.



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Jim Donnelly, Michael Sweeney,
Margaret Shearer, Josaphine Brown.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Margaret Kelly 2011, Agnes McCann 1970, Wendy McGowan 2019, Mary McKay 1980, Rosina Millar 1999, Annie Paton 2009, Ellen Smith 2009, Charles Spencer 1969, Francis Docherty 2015, Philomena Doherty 2001, Iris Gribben 2019, Richard Hunter 2010, Duncan Lyon 2013, Charles John McMillan 2015, Ida Narducci 2008, Adam Whiston 1968, Father Peter Dolan 2013, Margaret Gear 1994, Bridget McLellan 1995, John O'Rourke 1993, James Welsh 1997, Sarah Coulter 1972, Gerard Dorrain 2008, Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969, John Murphy, Thomas Nellany 2001, Mary Robertson 1988, Rose Twigg 2014, Charlotte Bell 2009, David Cook 2018, John Maher 2010, Agnes McCann 1970, Joseph Stevens 1993, Rose Twigg 2014, Rosa Carrino 2021, Mary Delahunt 1987, Patrick Doherty 2005, Hugh Donald 2013, Mark Hughes 2012, Kathleen McEvoy 2016, Canon Alex McGarry 2013, Father John Murphy 1978, Lilian Pattinson 2005, Jack Ferguson, Frank Robertson 1989

■ Collection Envelopes now available

The new Collection Envelopes for 2025 – 2026 for St Peter's and St Bride's are now available to collect at the Stall or at the back of Church.

■ Meeting of Ayrshire Global Justice

Ayrshire Global Justice Now are organising a Public Meeting about the UK government's cut to the overseas aid budget, which will affect support to the poorest people on the planet. The meeting will be held in the Volunteer Rooms, Irvine on Thursday April 24th at 7.30. Speakers from SCIAF and OXFAM will attend.

■ On-Call at Ayrshire Hospitals

Father Duncan is available for emergency call-out at Ayr and Crosshouse Hospitals from Friday, 18th April until Sunday, 20th April. Please keep everyone in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers.

■ Requiem Mass for Jim Donnelly at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Donnelly, who died on 28th March, 2025, aged 91 years. His Reception into Church will be on Wednesday, 23rd April at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 24th April at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ Requiem Mass for Margaret Shearer at St Bride's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Shearer, who died on 6th April, 2025, aged 80 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 22nd April at 12 noon at St Bride's. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ Requiem Mass for Michael Sweeney at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Michael Sweeney, who died on 1st April, 2025, aged 85 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 25th April at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ Parish Pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine

A few Parishioners have been asking about a day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt for the month of May. The Shrine is one of the designated churches in Scotland for the Indulgence granted by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of hope 2025. The suggested Sunday would be on 18th May 2025. We would leave St Peter's at 1.30 to arrive for Rosary, Mass and refreshments. Let me know if you would come along and we could book a coach for St Peter's and St Bride's.

■ Bible Group at St Peter's

The next Meeting of the Bible Group at St Peter's is on Thursday, 24th April at 7pm in the Presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in. We normally finish around 8pm.

■ Congratulations to Canon Matt

Congratulations and thanksgiving on 3rd April for Canon Matt, who will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary of priesthood. He was ordained in the Good Shepherd Cathedral, Ayr on 3 April 1965. WE will celebrate him on Friday evening, 16th May 2025 at 7pm at St Peter's, with refreshments and snacks afterwards. Please put the date already in your diary.

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■ 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!

Dear Heavenly Father

We rejoice this Easter with thankful hearts, for Jesus Christ is Risen today! Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to become one of us, to suffer and die on the cross, and to rise from the dead, giving us new life and renewed hope.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may the beauty of Spring be a reminder of this gift. Let us take time to reflect on the unending depth of Your love, filling our hearts with a joy that just cannot be contained. Help us to share this precious gift with our families, friends, and all those who have yet to learn of the good news.

Dear Father, we ask that the brilliant light of Your risen joy and love fills our hearts, now and forever. Amen.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

- 1 John 4:9

Alleluia! We wish you a Blessed Easter!



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