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Pope Francis has returned to the House of the Father. This is one of those moments that reminds us: the Church isn't just an institution—it's a family. And when something this big happens in the family, we pray. Let's pray first for Pope Francis; that he may rest in the peace of Christ and for the repose of his soul. Then, let's ask God to help the Church grow from this moment forward. That we'd become more fully rooted in the JOY of the Gospel, close to the poor, bold in mercy, and alive in mission. And finally—this is HUGE—pray for the next pope. That the Holy Spirit would raise up the man we need right now. A leader with the heart of a father, the courage of a saint, and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Don't just watch this moment. Pray through it. We can pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be To The Father, and the Eternal Rest... for Pope Francis.

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless
And the treasury of compassion inexhaustible
Look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us
That in difficult moments we might not despair
nor become despondent
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to your holy will
which is love and mercy itself. Amen.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Second Week in Eastertide

| 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> |
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| SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm | <i>Jim Donnelly (RD) John Maher (A) Kirsty Maher (A)</i> | | Holy Mass at 4.30pm | |
| SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL 2nd Sunday of Easter 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, 28TH APRIL 2nd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am | <i>Joe McIvor (A) Michael Sweeney (RD) Margaret Ann Higgins (A) John Murphy (A)</i> | | | |
| TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL Feast of St Catherine of Siena Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JOSAPHINE BROWN AT 12.30PM | <i>Ian Allison (RD)</i> | Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am | Holy Mass at 10am | Memorial Mass for Pope Francis at 7pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 30TH APRIL 2nd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am | <i>William Savage (A)</i> | | | Holy Mass at 10am |
| THURSDAY, 1ST MAY 2nd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am | <i>Edmund Lang (A)</i> | | Eucharistic Service at 10am | |
| FRIDAY, 2ND MAY Memorial of St Athanasius Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe | <i>Wilma McCulloch (RD)</i> | Holy Mass at 10am | | Holy Mass at 10am |
| SATURDAY, 3RD MAY Third Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm | <i>Ian McCormick (A)</i> | | Holy Mass at 4.30pm | |

INSTRUMENTS OF GOD'S MERCY

"Imagine a world without mercy. Do you want to live in a society without mercy? I know I don't, and I don't want my children to grow up into a world without mercy and second chances. But that's where our culture is headed. Cancel culture. An individual says or does something that the pack considers unacceptable, and that person is judged, criticised, fired from their job, and incessantly harassed on social media. There's no due process. There is no redemption, no chance to apologise and change your ways, no forgiveness, no second chances, and absolutely no mercy. Mercy is essential if we are to learn to love each other again. The need for God's mercy is more urgent than" ever. It's time to open our hearts to the mercy God yearns to fill us with. Are you willing to become an instrument of God's mercy?

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



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Josaphine Brown, Pope Francis

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Joseph Clarke 2016, Joseph McIvor 2020, Patricia McVeigh 2013, Philomena O'Hare 2009, Angel Doyle 2006, Edward McNamara 1977, Cecilia McNulty 2008, Aldo Agostini 1974, John Brownlow 2012, Tommy Morgan 1992, Kathleen Walsh 1955, Benet Brodie 2021, Annie Mathieson Dorian 1974, Elizabeth Scott 2018, Roseann Ward 2017., Simon Charles Cawley 2004, Mary Crossan 1981, Iain Currie 2018, Elizabeth Hendry 1998, Mary McCaul 2014, Joe Arkison 2005, Sheila Folan 2010, Jean Nesbit 1999, Nettie Retzbach 2010, Sandra Rollie 2024, Janet Brown 2022, Ian Clarke 2005, Agnes Grogan 1954, Anne Howieson 2011, Sadie Leslie 2013, John Ross 2020

■ **Collection Envelopes now available**

The new Collection Envelopes for 2025 – 2026 for St Peter's and St Bride's are now available to collect.

■ **Meeting of Ayrshire Global Justice**

Ayrshire Global Justice Now have organised a public meeting on Thursday April 24th in the Volunteer Rooms Irvine at 7.30pm. The meeting is to discuss the recently announced cuts in the International Aid Budget and the implications for some of the poorest people. Our speakers at the meeting are Lewis Ryder Jones, advocacy advisor for Oxfam, Scotland and Anne Callaghan, Campaigns Officer for SCIAF. All are welcome. If you want to watch on Zoom, please email jamesandagj@btinternet.com.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ **Memorial Mass for Pope Francis**

There will be a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis for the Three Towns on Tuesday, 29th April at 7pm at St John's, Stevenston. Please spread the word so that as many as possible can attend.

■ **Funeral Service for Josaphine Brown - St Peter's**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Josaphine Brown, who died on 2nd April, 2025, aged 78 years. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 29th April at 12.30pm, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many she 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.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ **Pastoral Council Meeting - St Peter's**

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on hurray, 1st May at 7pm in the Presbytery. Please pass any items for the agenda to any of the Council Members.

■ **Congratulations to Canon Matt**

We will celebrate Canon Matt's 60th Anniversary 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.

■ **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!

■ **Donation for Church Repairs - St Peter's**

We are very grateful for a generous donation of £500 towards our Church repairs at St Peter's. May the Good Lord bless your generosity and support.

Pope Francis

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



“ I entrust you all to the intercession of Mary, and I ask you to pray for me. ”

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?" Her mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made." A couple of days later she asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from." The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mummy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

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