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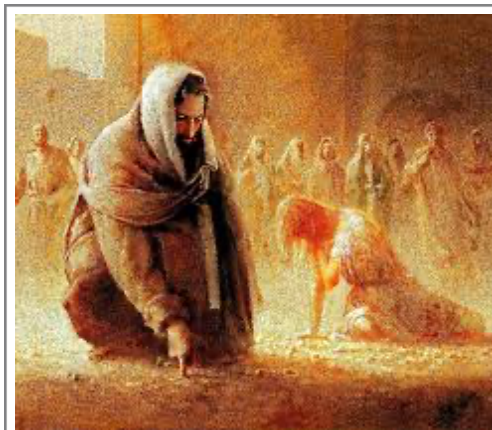
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The Everlasting Gift of Hope

We do not know the full story of the woman caught in adultery. Given the secondary status of women, it is very possible that she is not morally guilty of wrongdoing. Instead, in many ways, she is the tragic victim of the broken society around her. We just can't judge her situation and what exactly happened to her.



On top of this, the man who should be equally guilty is nowhere to be found, and so something isn't right. Regardless of her cooperation and willingness to engage in the sin against the sixth commandment, the woman has been hurt, abandoned, mistreated, and is suffering. Her public shaming certainly cut her right to the soul. It was in the loving and merciful eyes of Jesus that she was raised up, that she saw a man look at her for the first time with real love. And there, she saw herself as Jesus saw her. She saw herself reflected in his eyes, and thus received the theological gift of hope! This gift of a new life that Jesus gave her allowed her to begin to see herself differently. In the spiritual life, we can say that hope is the theological virtue by which we begin to see ourselves and our lives through the eyes of God. One way to understand hope is to recognise that it transforms and heals our past so that we can look toward the future with joy. We often may say that a person might have "baggage from the past". If you have baggage from the past, it means that something bad that happened yesterday is negatively conditioning your today and tomorrow. You see the future through the lens of the past hurts. When we, like the adulterous woman, stand before Christ and are healed, we are then freed from the past and able to look to the future now through a different lens: that of God! *This week of Lent, pray for the gift of hope. It is a gift God wishes to give. It will allow you to begin again and to be ready to walk with Jesus next Sunday as we begin Holy Week.*



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and St. Bride's,
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"The most dominant emotion in our modern society is fear. We are afraid of losing the things we have worked hard to buy, afraid of rejection and failure, afraid of certain types of people, afraid of criticism, of suffering and heartache, of change, afraid to tell people how we really feel. Fear stops more people from doing something incredible with their lives than lack of ability, contacts, resources, or any other single variable. Fear paralyses the human spirit. Courage is not the absence of fear but the acquired ability to move beyond fear. Each day we must pass through the jungles of doubt and cross the valley of fear, for it is only then that we can live in the high places, on the peaks of courage". [Matthew Kelly]

Liturgy for the Week - Fifth Week of Lent [Year I]

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, 5TH APRIL Fifth Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Harry Sammons (A) Jacky Brown (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 6TH APRIL Fifth Sunday of Lent 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>	Hoy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 7TH APRIL 5th Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>David Wilson (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass for John Magowan at 10am
TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL 5th Week of Lent Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Margaret Friel (A) Ruth Dunne (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 9TH APRIL REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN MacDONALD at 10am	<i>Offered for John Macdonald and his Family</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL 5th Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Emilia Sallie (A) Fr Martin Chambers (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL 5th Week of Lent Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am St Peter's Cafe afterwards	<i>Margaret Gribben Betty Craig Paul Devine (6-month's mind)</i>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for James Gray at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL Palm Sunday of the Passion of there Lord [C] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Rosemary Smith (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

LENT MOTIVATION FROM POPE FRANCIS 2025

Pope Francis said that he is experiencing Lent as a period of healing, both physically and spiritually, as he continues to recover from bilateral pneumonia. The 88-year-old Pontiff has started what is expected to be two months of convalescence, having been discharged from Rome's Gemelli hospital a week ago following a 38-day stay there. "Let us live this Lent as a time of healing, all the more as it is the Jubilee," Francis said in the Angelus address. "I too am experiencing it this way, in my soul and in my body." He expressed gratitude to those who, inspired by the image of the Saviour, serve as instruments of healing for others—through their words, expertise, compassion, and prayers. "Frailty and illness are experiences we all share," the pope reflected. "But even more so, we are brothers and sisters in the salvation that Christ has given us." (*Pope Francis*)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Mary McKinney, Margaret Shearer,
Kevin Donahoe



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
John Macdonald, Williamina McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
John William Hendry, Michael Sweeney.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
Daniel Thomas Gilmour 2013, Frank Grogan, Michael
McNamara 2008, Father Tom McCann 2009, Mary Tinney
2004, Father Jim Boyd SCJ 2002, Patricia Brady 2019,
Andrew Coldwell 1994, Father John Collins 2002, Donald
Cullinane 2009, Frank Kelly 1994, Michael Mulligan 1982,
Billy Smith 2009, David McLaren 2006, Winnie McMillan
2021, Jim Roxburgh 2014, Father Gabriel Kigozi 2011, Helen
Theresa Magee 2000, George Monaghan 2004,
Phyllis Poole 2015.

■ **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.

■ **Sunday Teas at St Peter’s THIS Sunday**

Tea and Coffee will be served by the SSVP this Sunday after Mass at St Peter’s. Come and join us.

■ **A Word of Thanks from ACN**

We received a big thank you following the Aid to the Church in Need Appeal. From St Bride’s and St Peter’s a grand total of £1251 was raised to help our persecuted brothers and sisters across the world. *Thank you!*

■ **Requiem Mass for John Macdonald at St Peter’s**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Macdonald who died on 16th March, 2025, aged 67 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 9th April at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ **A Big “Thank you” for Prayers Answered**

After successful surgery and treatment the family of Claire Devine wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks, the prayers offered on her behalf. Thank God.

■ **Graveside Service for John William Hendry**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John William Hendry. There will be a Graveside Service for him on Thursday, 10th April at 1pm at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ **Memorial Mass for Father Martin Chambers**

There will be a Memorial Mass for Father Martin Chambers on Thursday, 10th April at 7pm in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan’s Church, Cessnock Road, Troon KA10 6NJ. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ **Chrism Mass Bus during Holy Week**

The time of the Chrism Mass at St Margaret’s Cathedral has changed to 7:00 pm. The bus will now leave St Peter’s at 5:45 pm. Please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church. *Thanks!*

■ **Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the greatest week of our faith. Holy Week honours the week that changed the world. From Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, there were many events that are vital to our faith, including the Institution of the Eucharist, the Passion of Jesus, and His Resurrection from the dead. Holy Week, particularly Christ’s Passion and Death, is a great reminder of God’s Love for humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 604) says: “By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: “In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.” God “shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” *A Leaflet is available today with the times of the Holy Week Celebrations at St Bride’s and St Peter’s. Please take an extra copy along for friends, family and neighbours.*

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS



This is a story from Cardinal Jaime Sin of the Philippines. There was this woman who claimed to have visions of the Virgin Mary and she claims that she even talks to the Virgin. Cardinal Sin (his real name) didn’t pay much attention to her and usually pretends not to hear her. But one day she persistently kept on calling him on the phone, and after five unsuccessful calls, she went to his residence and asked for an audience. Cardinal Sin thought that he’d better put an end to this foolishness and told her, “When you see the Virgin Mary again tonight, tell her to ask her son Jesus what my gravest sin was.” And so the woman left, that finally Cardinal Sin believes her. And Cardinal Sin was sure that now she’d stop telling him about her visions. But the next day she came back and asked to see the Cardinal again. The Cardinal asked her, “Well, did you talk to the Virgin Mary last night?” And she said, “Yes, but...” “But what?” Cardinal Sin asked. “Did the Lady ask Jesus about my sin?” “Yes, she did ask Him.” was the reply. “What did Jesus tell her then?” The woman reluctantly answered, “She said Jesus said that He had forgotten.” *I don’t recall how the story ended, but I guess that is where the story should end.*



NEXT WEEK - PALM SUNDAY

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. “Have you ever done anything of particular merit?” St. Peter asked. “Well,” the man said, “once I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked over his bike, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. ‘Now leave her alone!’ I yelled.” St. Peter was impressed: “When did this happen?” “Just a couple of minutes ago.”

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