



# ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

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



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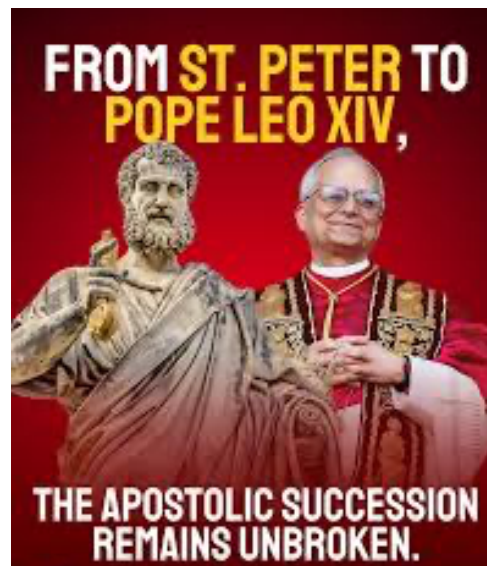
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## Pope Leo XIV Explains the Mission of Peter

As would be expected, during the homily at his inaugural mass (May 18th, 2025), Pope Leo XIV chose to preach on the mission of St. Peter and his successors, the popes. The message from the Holy Father gives us a glimpse into his mind and heart regarding how he understands what God is asking him to do as the Bishop of Rome. In his homily, he stated there are two dimensions to the mission of the pope:



love and unity. These two dimensions were given to Peter by Jesus himself. The Holy Father used the Gospel passage about the miraculous catch of fish during the first Easter season (John 21). In this moment, Peter leads the apostles in gathering together a large number of fish with their nets. Today, as back then, the Pope is to be a "fisher" of humanity, as was Christ. The pope says: "After the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace." Pope Leo XIV wants to unite the Church in a visible unity, which will be a light to the whole world. This is one dimension of the papacy: to unite. And the second dimension comes into play when we ask: How can Peter carry out this task? How does the Holy Father unite the world? Pope Leo gives us an answer in that Jesus asks Peter very clearly if he has love. He says that "When Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more', that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters." The Pope says that Peter, and all popes, are tasked with "loving more" and giving their lives for the flock.

"Never, ever settle for anything less than the spiritual and moral grandeur that the grace of God makes possible in your lives. Never settle for less than that. You will fail, as we all do; but that is no reason to lower the bar of expectation. Get up, dust yourself off, seek forgiveness and reconciliation, and try again. But never, ever settle for anything less than the spiritual and moral greatness that is available to you, and of which you are capable by God's grace. Don't ever settle for less than that." [George Weigel]



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and St. Bride's,  
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# Liturgy of the Week - Seventh 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>
<b>SATURDAY, 31ST MAY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>John Howie (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>SUNDAY, 1ST JUNE</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter (C)</b> <b>World Communications Day</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	<b>Mass at 12.15pm</b> <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
<b>MONDAY, 2ND JUNE</b> <b>7th Week of Eastertide</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Edie Hamilton (RD)</i>			
<b>TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE</b> <b>Memorial of St Charles</b> <b>Lwanga &amp; Companions</b> <b>Morning Prayer at 9.40am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Teresa Mroczek (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE</b> <b>7th Week of Eastertide</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Michael Sinnott (RD)</i> <i>The Family of Michael Sinnott</i>			Funeral Mass for Eddie Hamilton at 10am
<b>THURSDAY, 5TH JUNE</b> <b>Memorial of St Boniface</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Eileen Manson (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE</b> <b>7th Week of Eastertide</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b> <b>Benediction at 10.30am</b> <b>Afterwards Refreshments in</b> <b>St Peter's Cafe</b>	<i>Sean Mulgrew (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>Alison Dunn (A)</i> <i>Tom Atkins (A)</i> <i>John Maher Snr (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

## MEMORIAL OF ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS ON TUESDAY

One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the sexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands. On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful. For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades. Stephen McEwan



### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Kathleen Conway 1989, Bessie Grant (McCourt) 2002, Dora Grogan 2010, Canon Nicholas Murphy 1992, Bill Ralston 2024, Pat Walker 1999, James Lane 1995, William McMullan 1939, Tony O'Brien 2015, Peg Brown 1991, Michael Collins, Annie Daniels 2014, Fitzpatrick and Fitzsimmons families, Susan Giffney 1972, Mary Kelly 1985, Teresa McEvoy 2014, Greta McGreevy 2009, Janette Smyth 2007, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980, Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Jim Glass, Denis Long 2005, Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, Ted Procter 2012, James Boyle 2008, Gilbert Marshall 2007, Father Michael Masterson 1997, Rose McKenzie 1996, Neil O'Connell 1992, James Conaghan 1999, Mary Walsh 1954, May Boyle 2013, Father Ninian Currie OFM 2009, Alison Dunn 1994, Martha Johnston 2013, Margaret O'Neill 2009

### ■ Refreshments after Mass at St Peter's

The SVP have organised refreshments and snacks after Holy Mass this Sunday. Please come along and enjoy the hospitality.

### ■ 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!

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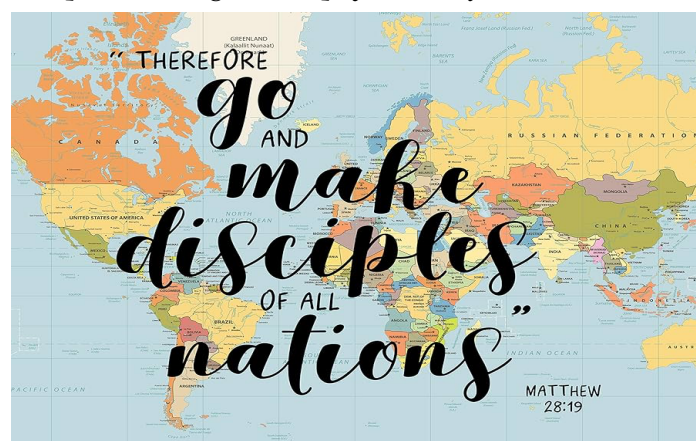
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### ■ "Go and make disciples of all nations"

As we come to the end of our Easter season, those final words of Christ should be the words that ring in our ears every day. They are a command that the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended to his heavenly Father, and they are a command he makes to us daily... So how, in the Church in Scotland, must we respond to that command? First of all, we do so in our own communities, our homes, our workplaces. The best way for someone to encounter Christ is through a person of faith. That means you. .. And we proclaim the Good News collectively, through our parishes, our dioceses, and as members of the Catholic Church spread throughout the world. Just look at how people engaged with us after the death of Pope Francis and at the election of Pope Leo. There was a depth of feeling that stretched beyond the Church and was more than mere curiosity. It was perhaps a good reminder that if we as a Church can capture people's imagination, we can also reach out to their souls with our message of Hope, the Hope that is rooted in the risen Christ... We must use all the means available to reach out to them. It is not good enough to wait for our brothers and sisters to come to us. We must do all we can to go to them. On the day of his election, Pope Leo said this from the balcony of St Peter's: *"Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love"*. On this Communications Sunday, let us renew our commitment to open our arms to others so that they may receive the welcome offered by the risen Christ. Let us go and make disciples of all nations.

*Bishop Frank Dougan, Bishop of Galloway*



### ■ Youth Evenings are a-comin' - watch this Space

We hope to start for September a Youth Evening once a month at St Peter's for young people between 12 and 16 years of age. The evening would be on the third Sunday of the month in term time, starting with a simple Mass at 5pm and finishing at 7pm with games and input and refreshments. The Meetings would take place at St Peter's. To make the Youth evening possible, we need some adult leaders, who are able to be present and support. This is a great opportunity to get something going for our young people in the Parishes. Can you help in any way? *Get in touch with Father Duncan!*

**VERY IMPORTANT**

### ■ St Peter's Primary invites Parishioners

The Primary School are performing the "Lion King" before the end of term and would like to invite Parishioners to come along for a preview of the Show, on Monday, 2nd June at 1.30pm in the School. They would love to welcome you.

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### ■ Next Sunday is Pentecost

On the Feast of Pentecost, we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, gathered around the Mother of the Lord (Acts of the Apostles chapter 2). The feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season. In 2025, Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 8



### JUST FOR A LAUGH...

- ☆ Knock, knock. Who's there? Atch. Atch who? Bless you!
- ☆ Knock, knock. Who's there? Ice cream. Ice cream who? Ice cream every time I see a scary film!
- ☆ Knock, knock. Who's there? Alpaca. Alpaca who? Alpaca the suitcase, you load up the car!

### → St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

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