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Everyone has, in his heart, a personal idea about God. Our Christian life depends decisively on the image of God we have. We long for a shepherd. It is a very well known image of God and alive since the earliest days of Christianity. We find it frequently in the catacombs. But also today, we all know these images of the Good Shepherd amidst his flock or with the lamb on his shoulders. Where does this hidden longing come from, this fondness between us and the Good Shepherd? I believe it is because his face promises us love and surrender, protection and security. Because we often feel alone, abandoned, isolated and because we often feel like lost sheep, the weight of our weaknesses, our sufferings, and our limitations cause us grief and cause us pain. We want to be with Jesus, our shepherd, who watches over us, leads us and looks for us. He knows each one of us by name. He calls us, and if necessary, risks his life by defending us from the enemy. All the saints began to climb the heights of sanctity when they felt they were the object of the eternal and infinite love of God. When we believe and feel we are loved by God, then the response to love is awakened in us. While we are convinced that there is someone who loves us, our love is secure. No matter what happens, the profound conviction must never abandon us: The Good Shepherd loves me.

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). It affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fourth 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>
SATURDAY, 10TH MAY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>For the Conclave of Cardinals in Rome</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 11TH MAY 4th Sunday of Easter (C) 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, 12TH MAY 4th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For all the Sick and those presently in hospital</i>			
TUESDAY, 13TH MAY Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Helen McGee (A) Philomena Doherty (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am		
WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY Feast of St Matthias Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>For Stevie McEwan (S)</i>			
THURSDAY, 15TH MAY 4th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For Karen Darkness (RD)</i>			
FRIDAY, 16TH MAY 4th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Jim Donnelly (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		
SATURDAY, 17TH MAY Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>For Peace and Justice throughout the world.</i>			

1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED ON 20th MAY 2025

"The Nicene Creed was the Christian community's way of saying, "If you want to tell the Christian story correctly, you must follow this template." After much debate—some of it quite rancorous—the Fathers of Nicaea decided to condemn the Christology of Arius and to adopt, in consequence, a strongly anti-Arian statement. The familiar lines of the Nicene Creed, descriptive of the Son of God—"born of the Father before all ages," "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God"—are all explicit refutations of the Arian view that the Logos incarnate in Jesus was less than the Creator God. The Nicene Creed wishes to preserve the scriptural testimony concerning the uniqueness of Jesus' sonship, using the most refined intellectual tools available at the time." [Bishop Robert Barron]

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades, Mary McKinney. Jim McEwan, Patricia Mansworth and Stephen McEwan



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Lorraine Margaret Findlay, Karen Harkness

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Thomas Algeo 2013, Robert Ferguson 2005, Nicholas McIntee 2004, Francis Moran 1999, Theresa Smith 1997, Matthew Black 2015, Andy Farrell 2024, Stan Wilson 2017, Rose Ann Bannon 2023, William James Connelly 2012, Les Dorrian 2009, Mary McFarlane 2004, Anthony Bale 2017, Charles Campbell 2008, Patricia Joanna Pengilly 2017, Ann Cameron 2003, Mary Teresa Dolan 1999, Danny McMurdy 2017, Bill O'Neill 2009, Lexie Wright 2010



■ Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto

On the 25th May 2025, the Legion of Mary in Kilwinning are running a bus to the Day of Thanksgiving at Carfin Grotto. The bus will leave from Dalry Road Kilwinning opposite Bennetts Taxis at 12 noon. The cost is £10 per person. If you want to book a seat on the bus please call 07733 338514.

■ 1700 Years Later: - The Council of Nicaea

By a lake outside of Iznik, a small town in Turkey, stands Gregory III Laham, Patriarch Emeritus of Antioch and All the East, of Alexandria and Jerusalem. The former spiritual leader of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church recites the creed in Greek. The Council of Nicaea took place here exactly 1700 years ago. It was also the birthplace of the Nicene Creed. "We recite the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed every Sunday, but we don't realise how much there was to fight about, how much there was to struggle over among the various theologians. There was also a fight against heresies that did not recognise Jesus Christ as true God and true man." The Council of Nicaea in 325 was groundbreaking, as it affirmed the full divinity of Jesus Christ.

■ May Day at the Shrine of Our Lady

VERY IMPORTANT

Every year, there is a May Celebration with Rosary, Mass and a May Crowning in honour of our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Lennoxton. There is a list at the back where you can put your name down for the coach. The coach will leave at 1.30pm and return at the latest for 7pm. Refreshments will be available at the Shrine. The Shrine is one of the designated churches in Scotland for the Indulgence granted for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

■ 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. **If you would like to donate to the gift for Canon Matt's Diamond Jubilee, please use the Special Appeal Donation envelopes at the back of the Church.**

■ Mass for Priestly Vocations

VERY IMPORTANT

All the Parishes in the North Ayrshire Deanery are invited to come together to pray for priestly vocations, on Tuesday, 13th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Irvine [KA12 8RE]. All are very welcome!

■ Christian Aid Week next Week

Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 11th May. Envelopes for cash donations are available at St Bride's Church. You can also donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk

■ 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!

■ May is the Month of Mary

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today. The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

Mary



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