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Pope Leo XIV Choses a Name for the Age



In his Address of the Holy Father to the College of Cardinals (May 10, 2025), the Holy Father shared why he chose the name Leo. He first highlighted a few of the key themes from Pope Francis, such as the primacy of Christ in evangelization, the missionary conversion of the whole Christian community, the growth in synodality, and reaching out to the marginalised. But he then specified a central reason for choosing the name Leo. It was because of the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, written by Pope Leo XIII. He said: "I thought to take the name Leo XIV for a few reasons. But principally, Pope Leo XIII, in his historical encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, addressed the social questions of his time during the Industrial Revolution. Today, the Church offers her patrimony of social doctrine to respond to another industrial revolution: the growth of artificial intelligence, which presents new challenges for the defence of human dignity, of justice, and work." Just as the industrial revolution raised new questions about the nature of work, so too does the advent of artificial intelligence. Pope Leo XIV wants the Church to be ready to help guide the world through the coming years. Let us be open to learning from him, and above all, praying for him!

"Brothers and Sisters, I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left... I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment... So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary." [Pope Leo]



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fifth 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, 17TH MAY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	John McNamara (A)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 18TH MAY 5th Sunday of Easter (C) Holy Mass at 10.30am	For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's	Mass at 12.15pm For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 19TH MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Lene Shyam (RD)		Funeral Mass at 10am John Slavn	
TUESDAY, 20TH MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Virginia Opara (RD) William Sheehan Snr (A)	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	Marette Cassiles (RD)			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 22ND MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Daniel Gilmour (A)		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 23RD MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	Patricia Monaghan (S)			Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 24TH MAY Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Ann McDonald (A)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED ON 20th MAY 2025

"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. Therefore, G.K. Chesterton was right when he observed that the doctrine of the Trinity is simply the conceptually precise manner of saying that God is love, that there is, in the divine reality, a play of lover (the Father), beloved (the Son), and shared love (the Holy Spirit)." [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, Eileen Manson.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Father John Fitzsimmons 2008, Natalie Anne Hultz 2018, Susan Little 2007, William Sheehan senior 1983, Kathleen Watt 2012, William Calvert 1992, Frances Hackett 1997, Dennis Kelly 2019, Harry Andrew 2003, Tommy Coulter 2010, Daniel Cullinane 1971, Ennis McHugh 2024, Mary McKay 1980, Robert McKay 1942, Gwendoline McMullan 2016, Mary Quinn 1978, Ian Waterson 2016, George Wilson 2006, Deborah McFarlane Armstrong 2015, Hugh Cairns 2015, Patricia Butcher 2009, Brian Cairns 2004, James Freer 2018, Nora Ramsay 2007, Ronnie Stewart 1971, Annie Watt 2021, Angus Donnelly 2003, Janet Gee 2010, William McCafferty 1920, Susan McKinlay 2012, Catherine Newell 2024, Isabel Pamela Swanson, Mary Brown 2013, James Cairnie 1953, Mary Kelly 2002, Robert Reid 2023, Sadie Welsh 2009, Meta McCulloch, Ann McDonald 2023, John McKibben 2012, , Patrick O'Hare 1973, Margaret McAuley 1953, Joe Peppard 1993, Christine Stevens 1996, Bobby Flood 2018, Joseph Higgins 2006, Robert and Margaret Monan 1977, Lily Peppard 2004.

■ Second Collection this Weekend

The second collection this weekend will be taken up for the Church Student Fund. Many thanks as always for your generosity.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ 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. Anniversary of 20th May 2025.

■ HCPT Lourdes Group 376

Bottles of Lourdes water are available at the stall please feel free to take one home.

■ Monthly Draw at St Bride's

The winner of the St Bride's Monthly Draw was no. 24 Gordon McCallum.

■ Pilgrimage Day to the Schoenstatt Shrine

Our Coach will leave St Peter's at 1.30pm on Sunday for the Pilgrimage Day to the Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt.

■ Wedding at St Peter's

We are delighted to announce the Wedding of Paul Pellegrini and Catherine McLean on Wednesday, 21st May at 3pm. We wish them both a "love for a lifetime".

■ 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!

■ Finance Committee - St Peter's

Our new constituted Parish Finance Committee at St Peter's will meet on Thursday 22nd May at 7pm on the Presbytery.

■ Bible Study Group - St Peter's

The next Meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Tuesday, 20th May at 7pm in the Presbytery. Everyone is invited to come along!

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Letting God Wipe Away Our Tears

In the reading from the Book of Revelation this weekend, we read that God "will wipe every tear from their eyes." (Rev 21:4) These beautiful words of God regarding the tears and sorrows of this life hold within them a hidden invitation from God. God can only wipe away our tears if we are facing him, if we turn to him, and if we allow him to come close. God will never force us into anything. Our tears belong to us, but God wants

to take them away if we are willing. How can we allow God to wipe away our tears? *Prayer*: Opening our hearts to God and sharing our sorrows with him allows him access to bring his comfort. *Scripture*: Immersing ourselves in the Bible allows God's Word to speak to us in the today of our lives. *Gratitude*: Focusing on the blessings in our lives can allow for us to see God's grace from a more heavenly and eternal perspective. *Forgiveness*: Embracing forgiveness and mercy for ourselves and others will release the burdens that weigh on our hearts. *Service*: Serving others in need can help us find healing and purpose and forget about ourselves and our problems. *Nature*: Spending time in God's creation will allow us to see the grandeur and awesomeness of God. If you have had a rough week and experienced the tears of life, try taking a first step toward God, giving him permission to come to you by his grace, allowing him to "wipe every tear from our eyes".



JUST FOR A LAUGH...

The Parish Priest and a parishioner are standing by the side of the road holding up a sign that reads, 'The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!' They hold up the sign to cars passing by. "Leave us alone, you people are crazy!" yells the first driver as he speeds by. From around the curve they hear screeching tires and a big splash. "Do you think," says the Priest to the Parishioner, "we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

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Offertory for 11th May: £117.45

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