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To: *Jesus, Son of Mary and Joseph, The Carpenter*
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Dear Sir:



Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant. The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully. As part of our service, we make some general comments for your guidance, much as an auditor will include some general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation, and comes without any additional fee. It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale. One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory. We wish you every success in your new venture.

*Sincerely,
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"Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion "were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?" (Rerum Novarum, 21). With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."

[Pope Leo, Inauguration Mass in Rome]

Liturgy of the Week - Sixth 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, 24TH MAY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ann McDonald (A) Michael Gallagher (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 25TH MAY 6th 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, 26TH MAY Memorial of St Philip Neri Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Canon Matt McManus (SI) Joe and Lily Peppard (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 27TH MAY Requiem Mass for Eileen Manson	<i>For Eileen Manson and all her family</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY 6th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Anne Donahue (SI)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am Vigil Mass for Ascension at 7pm
THURSDAY, 29TH MAY Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 10m and 7pm	<i>Moir Mathieson (RD) Winnifred O'Neil nee McQuade (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Mass at St Anthony's Primary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 7pm	Mass with St John's Primary School at 11am
FRIDAY, 30TH MAY 6th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>For the Upton and Collins Families (SI) For the Deceased Members of the Little Family (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am for Michael James Gallagher	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 31ST MAY Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ian Howie (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

What does the Feast of Ascension celebrate?

Forty days after Jesus' Glorious Resurrection, Our Lord ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:6-11). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 665) says, "Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11. Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 661)"

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

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, Georgina
Akens 1961, Mary Lynn Beattie 1998, Bernard Little 1999, Sarah
Ramsay 2000, Desmond Langan 2005, Jim Little 1945, Andrew
McCarroll 1967, Hugh McEvoy 2016, William McNeil 2007, Robbie
Smallridge 2022, William Stewart 2006, Kenny Breen 2018, Gerald
Kelly 2014, Des Madine 1982, Brian Towie 2013, Cameron Walsh
1987 Joseph Bale 2011, Simon Brannan, Tilly Doherty, James Kyle
1992, Sadie Grant 2001, Ian Howie 2023, Anthony Lundie 2010,
Maria Manfredini 2018, Isabella McCarroll 1968, Anne-Marie
McLaughlin 2017

■ **Requiem Mass for Eileen Manson at St Peter's**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Eileen Manson, who died on 11th May, 2025, aged 67 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th May at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ **Funeral Service for Lorraine Margaret Findlay**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Margaret Findlay, who died on 26th April 2025, aged 51 years. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 27th May at 2.30pm, at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ **Parish 50/50 Club News**

Congratulations to our April/May winners who each receive £25 - April: Jean Smith/ Geraldine Butcher/ Anne Calvert/ Grant Mitchell - May: Patricia Paterson/ Luca Tolmie/ Seamus Reilly/ Christopher Boyle and also Bonus Prize of £100 for April: Christiane McNally. We also gave our Annual contribution of £1500 to the Parish maintenance fund. Many thanks to our total membership for their support over many years and to our faithful collectors for their support the Promoter every year.

■ **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!

■ **Message from Canon Matt**

On behalf of myself, Canon John Creanor, Canon Joe McMullan and Fr John Kinsler, can I thank Fr Duncan, the priests and the parishioners of St Peter's and the other local parishes, and our Bishop, Francis, and all who made the celebration Mass and social get-together of our Diamond Jubilee of priesthood on Friday 16th such a memorable occasion. On my own behalf can I thank everyone for their gifts, their prayers and especially for their kind words: "We did not choose Him, He chose us." Might He be calling you or someone in your family to be a priest? I know He might be. Are you up to meeting again for the 70th!

■ **St Bride's Pastoral Council - this week**

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th May at 7pm in the Community Room.

■ **Invitation to "Raising Hope" Conference**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Care of Creation Office and various other Christian organisations invite you to join us during Laudato Si Week 2025 for "Raising Hope", a special online event to celebrate the Jubilee Year and to reflect on a decade of Laudato Si and its legacy in light of the death of Pope Francis. We are delighted to welcome Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese, the Spokesperson for the Environment of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It will be a wonderful opportunity to listen and dialogue with Bishop John as we seek to read the signs of the times in the context of Laudato Si' and be Pilgrims of Hope. On Friday 30th May, at 7.00pm - 8.30pm We hope you will be able to join us for this inspirational gathering.

■ **Emergency On-Call for Ayrshire Hospitals**

Father Duncan will be on the emergency on-call for the Hospitals this week. Please keep all he sick and those in hospital at this time in your prayers.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ **Meeting for Parents for First Holy Communion**

The parents of our First Holy Communion children for this year will be meeting on Wednesday, 28th May at 2.30pm in St Peter's Primary School.

■ **Sacrament of Baptism**

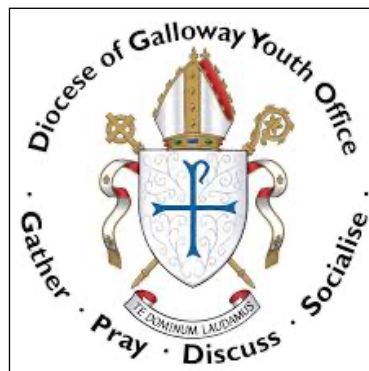
We welcome to the Family of the Church Rupert McAllister who will be baptised on Saturday 31st May at St Peter's.

■ **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



JUST FOR A LAUGH

Having just passed his driver's test, a teenage boy broaches the topic of use of the family car with his father. Sensing an opportunity influence the boy to become more responsible, the father gives the lad three things he must do to gain access to the car. He must (1) bring his school results up, (2) keep his room clean, and (3) get a haircut. A couple of months go by and the lad does a great job with items 1 and 2. Again, he raises the subject of use of the car with his father, who points out that he still hasn't had his hair cut. The son replies, "Dad, have you ever noticed that in any picture of Jesus and the disciples that they all have long hair?" Replies the father, "Son, have you ever noticed that they walked everywhere they went."

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 18th May: £480.30
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→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

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