



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

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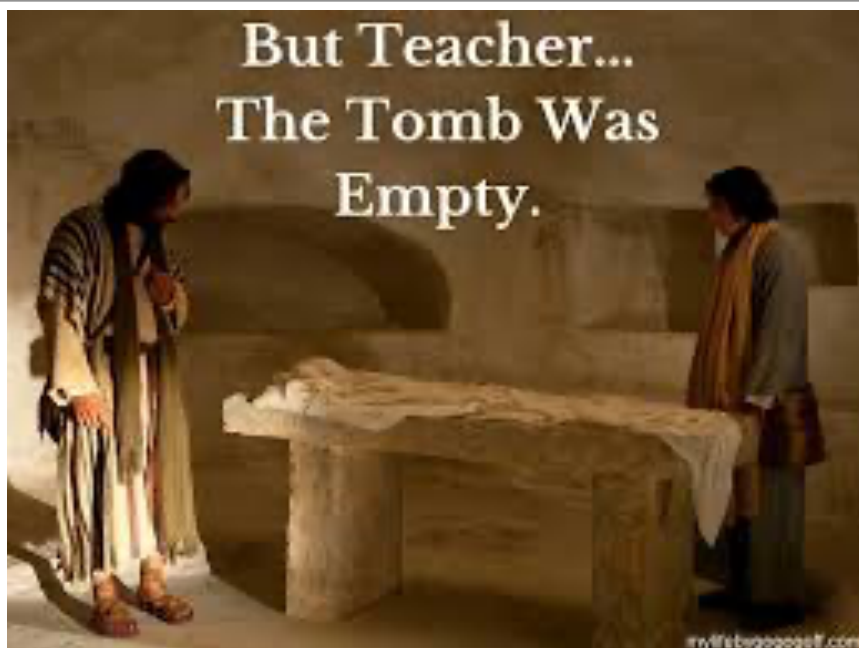
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In a class one day, the teacher asked all eight children to hide within an empty plastic egg a small object that represented new life at Easter. Not wanting to embarrass eight-year-old Stephen, whose was slower than his classmates, the teacher suggested that the children all place their unlabelled eggs on her desk. Since she feared that Stephen might not have caught on, she decided that she should open them. The first had a tiny flower. "What a lovely sign of new life!" "I brought that one!" the donor exclaimed. Next came a rock. "That must be Stephen's," the teacher thought, since rocks do not symbolise new life. But Billy shouted that his rock had moss on it, and moss was new life. The teacher agreed. A butterfly flew from the third container, and another child bragged that her choice was best of all. The fourth container was empty. "That has to be Stephen's," thought the teacher, quickly reaching for the fifth. "Please, don't skip mine!" Stephen interjected. "But it's empty." "That's right," said Stephen. "The tomb was empty, and that is new life for everyone." Later that summer, Stephen's condition grew worse, and he died. On his coffin at the funeral, mourners found eight Easter egg containers. They were ALL EMPTY. *With his resurrection, Jesus gave all of us new life in God's family, as His children and heirs to the kingdom of heaven. We should always try to live up to our inheritance.*



CROWNING OUR LADY
On the first Sunday of May, we will crown the statue of our Blessed Lady. Our Lady journeys with the Church that lives from the Resurrection and waits for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Third 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, 3RD MAY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ian McCormick (A) Thomas Harper</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 4TH MAY 3rd Sunday of Easter 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, 5TH MAY 3rd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patrick Sims (RD) Dreams Keogh (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 6TH MAY 3rd Week of Eastertide Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patricia Monaghan (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY 3rd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Tony O'Brien (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 8TH MAY 3rd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jim Donnelly (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 9TH MAY 3rd Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>John Norman and Mary McCann (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am with St John's Primary School
SATURDAY, 10TH MAY Fourth Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm				

1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED ON 20th MAY 2025

"For the first several decades of my life, the Church commenced the Creed at Mass with "we believe," but about ten years ago, it switched back to a rendering of the standard Latin version: "I believe." I say that the ambiguity is eloquent, for there is value in both forms. On the one hand, "we believe" effectively emphasises the communal and corporate dimension of the Church's faith. Perhaps my conviction regarding an article of the Creed is wavering, but yours is strong, and mine is firm with respect to another article, and yours is weak. The "we believe" allows us to find mutual support in our faith. However, the "we believe" also allows us to escape, at least to some degree, personal responsibility. Do I truly believe this? What is at stake in agreeing to this ancient statement is not a triviality or even a matter of purely epistemic interest. Rather, the issues raised by the Creed have to do with where a person stands most fundamentally. And therefore, in another sense, it is altogether appropriate that the one who recites the Creed commence by saying unequivocally, "I believe." [Bishop Robert Barron]

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Mary McKinney, Jim McEwan, Stephen McEwan



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Lorraine Margaret Findlay

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Pat Breen senior 2018, Bobby Macnamara 1961, Kirsty Maher 2022, Steve McKinnon 2004, Greta Sudlow 2014, James Timmons 1982, Charlie Townsley 2014, Mary Barclay 2009, Kathleen Findlay 1996, William Hilferty 1943, Harry Hissey 1976, Robert Hunter 1956, John, Irene and Patrick McKelvey, Phil Coby 2022, James McEvoy 1964, Helen McGee, Patrick McGuire, Robbie McKeachan 2014, Patricia McPadden 2004, Robert Stewart 2002, Jean Agostini 1978, Josephine Brady 1953, Josephine Cunningham 2000, Margaret Long 1999, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Margaret Stevens 2007, Williamina (Wilshie) Boyle 2014, Annie Hilferty 1959, Simon Smyth 2001, Esther Tumilty 2020, Mary Kelly 2013, John McCracken 1949, Thomas McDermott 2017, Joe Moran 2008, Patricia Woodcock née Leonard 2021, Elizabeth Hendry 1987, Frank Nils Matthews 2003, Ian McCormick 2019, Josephine Mulligan 2008, Angela Murray 1991

■ Refreshments after Mass

Refreshments at St Peter's after Mass today led by the SSVP. Also Refreshments after Mass at St Bride's.

■ 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 rejected the heresy of Arianism and affirmed the full divinity of Jesus Christ.

■ 50/50 Club at St Peter's

Congratulations to all winners who each receive £25:-
JAN.: Ann Henry: Clara Hyslop: Rena Fitzpatrick: John Walsh. FEB : Alison Erskine: Agnes Millar: Patsy Shields: William Timpany. MAR: Alison Erskine: Julie Henry: Patricia Paterson: John Kennedy WELL DONE
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VERY IMPORTANT

■ May Day at the Shrine of Our Lady

Every year, there is a May Celebration with Rosary, Mass and a May Crowning in honour of our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday, 18th May. 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. Put your name on today!

■ 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.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Mass for Priestly Vocations

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!

■ 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!

■ Kind Donations for St Bride's

St Bride's received a cheque for £100 and also for £50. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Called to Care, Not to Kill

The Bishops of Scotland are calling the Catholic community to a Day of Prayer today, Sunday 4th May: to pray for our parliamentarians to cast their vote to care and not to kill; and to pray for Catholics across Scotland to reach out to their MSPs and MPs to urge them to work to improve palliative care and reject assisted suicide. Assisted suicide, allows the state to provide the means of killing our brothers and sisters. Not only is this wrong in itself but it takes us down a dangerous spiral that inevitably harms the most vulnerable members of our society, by which we mean the elderly, the disabled and those who struggle with mental health; all those, in fact, who cannot stand up for themselves. One of the tests of good law is that it ensures our weakest citizens can feel safe. This law does the opposite and frightens the most vulnerable all around us. We invite you to join us in praying for the defeat of assisted suicide, the safety of the vulnerable and the dignity of life. *The full Pastoral Letter is available today after Mass. Please collect your copy. Thanks!*

■ Special Mass for the Conclave

In preparation for the Conclave to elect the new Pope, which will begin on 7th May, Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, on Tuesday 6 May at 7 pm. All are welcome.

JUST FOR A LAUGH...



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

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