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



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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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St. Bride's: By request.

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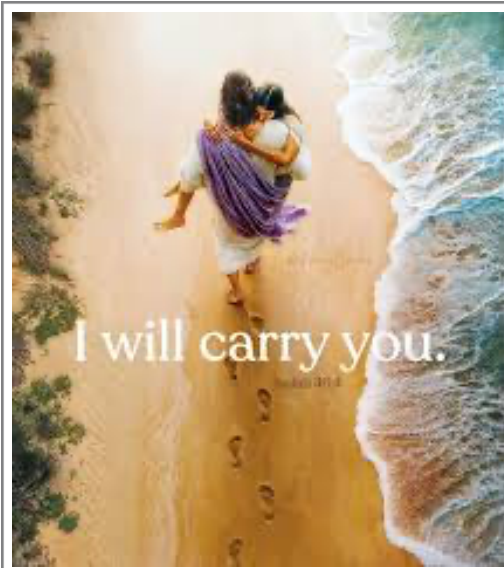
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Inspiration for "Footprints In The Sand"

Margaret's boyfriend Paul proposed. While happy, she was hesitant. She and her boyfriend seemed so different. They decided to take a little walk along the beach to discuss marriage and its importance. When they reached the far end of the beach and were about to begin their return journey, Margaret glanced down and noticed that their footprints had washed out to the sea. Turning to Paul she said, "Well, if our married life is to



be like this, we don't stand much of a chance." Paul replied, "When things are tough for me, you will help me - and when things are tough for you, I'll help you." They continued walking, until Margaret glanced down again and saw that only one set of footprints had washed out to sea. Again, Margaret suggested that their life together didn't appear to have much of a future. This time Paul responded by gently lifting her up in his arms and carrying her along the beach. Finally, he set her down and said, "Margaret, I want to impress upon you that when life is so bad that we can't seem to help each other, God will carry us." Then, pointing to the single set of footprints the two of them had just created, Paul added, "If you just looked at the set of tracks we just made, you couldn't tell that I carried you - but I did." Margaret found his words and the thoughts behind them very beautiful. That night she couldn't sleep, so she got up and wrote these words; One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed You most You would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." This beautiful piece, printed time and time again, has a love story all its own. She called the piece "Footprints" Today, "Footprints" is one of the most widely distributed inspirational pieces in existence. It can be found on plaques, cards and jewellery. Its power lies in its message - the message of the greatest love of all. And yes they did marry.



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and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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Liturgy of the Week - Tenth Week of the Year

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, 7TH JUNE Saturday Vigil of Pentecost Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Alison Dunn (A) Tom Atkins (A) John Maher Snr (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE Solemnity of Pentecost (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, 9TH JUNE Feast of St Columba Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patrick McGuire (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE Tenth Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Michael Gallagher (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE Memorial of St Barnabas Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Eileen Manson (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE Tenth Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Hugh, Tommy and Francis McEvoy</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 13TH JUNE Memorial of St Anthony Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>A Special Intention from the SPRED Group</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at St Anthony's Primary School at 9.30am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE The Most Holy Trinity (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Teresa McEvoy (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

The Gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased—and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades. Stephen McEwan



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Annie Reid, Michael Gallagher

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Patrick Clark 2002, Michael Collins 2009, Charles Coulter 2007, Stephen McIntosh 2015, Julia Paterson 2017, George West 1997, Millie Ferguson 2021, Rose McKenzie, Sheena Walker 2017, Martin Francis Brown 1998, Elizabeth Dailly, Hilda Reid, John Spencer 2002, Alice Ferrie 2010, John Maher 2002, Helen Taylor 1998, Tom Atkins 2010, Agnes Blake 2008, Elizabeth Higgins 2022, John Higgins 1973, Sheelagh Kelly 2010, Vincent McBride 2013, Bobby Findlay 2014, Molly Monaghan 2008, Felix Murphy 1997, Catherine Carroll née Rice, Rita Kelly 2014, Sarah Sweeney 1997, Bishop Maurice Taylor 2023

▪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!

▪Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome to the Family of the Church Forest Young Fraser, who will be baptised this Saturday. We wish all the family and the Godparents every blessing

▪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!*

▪Some Facts about Pentecost

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk – but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission – to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church – Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.



▪ Thank You From the Manson Family

Davy and the family of Eileen Manson [nee Mathieson], would like to thank all family and friends for attending Eileen's Funeral at Tuesday, 27th May, and all those who watched on the live-stream from around the world. Over £1,100 was raised from the collection, which will go to Crosshouse Hospital Renal Unit. *Thank You!*

▪ Monthly Draw - St Bride's

The winner of St Bride's monthly draw for May 2025 is Betty Orr. Congratulations! You've got to be in it, to win it!

VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO

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Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will visit Galloway Diocese from 24th – 27th June. He will meet with the faithful and clergy at events in each deanery. There will be two public gatherings during his visit and an open invitation is extended to everyone. On Wednesday 25th June at 7.00 pm, the Nuncio will celebrate Mass with the diocesan clergy in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. On Thursday 26th June at 7.00 pm, Sung Evening Prayer will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock with ecumenical and civic guests present. All are welcome. In addition to these gatherings, all members of Parish Pastoral Councils and Diocesan Pastoral Councils are invited to meet with the Nuncio before Evening Prayer on Thursday 26th June at 6.00 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

JUST FOR A LAUGH

A group of 40-year-old friends who were having a reunion discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Ardrossan View restaurant because the waitresses were very nice and friendly. 10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the Ardrossan View restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was good also. 10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the Ardrossan View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the sea. 10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the Ardrossan View restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and they even had an elevator. 10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the Ardrossan View restaurant because they had never been there before.

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 1st June: £883.08
Parish Building Fund: £299.81
Bankers Orders: May 2025 £3923.00

→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

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