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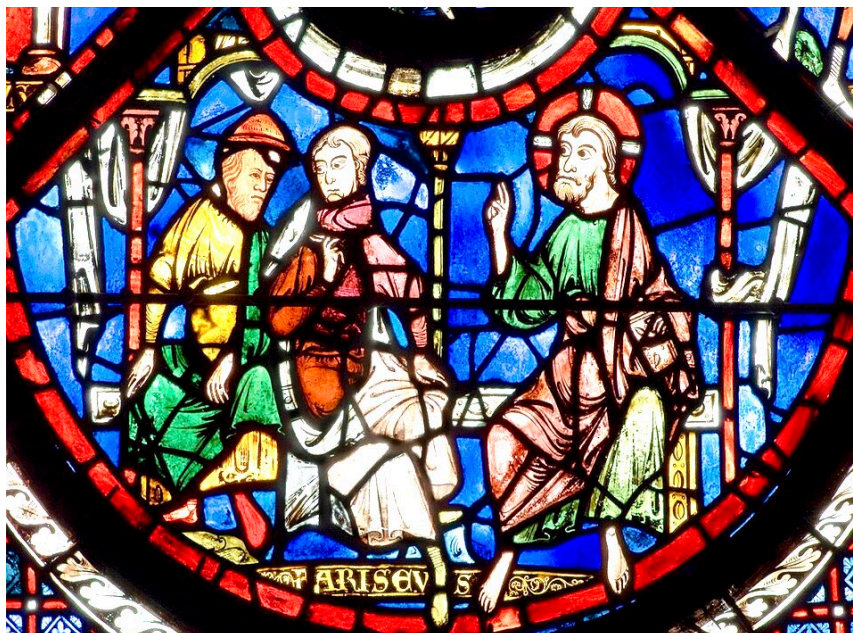
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### The Good Samaritan Window - Chartres Cathedral



The stained glass in Our Lady of Chartres Cathedral is ancient! The windows we will talk about today are over 800 years old! They were made in the year 1210. Some of the windows have deep theological insight and meaning. Particularly, the windows that tell the story of the Good Samaritan. What the Cathedral artisans understood was that the story of Adam and Eve is also the story of the Good Samaritan. And thus, Adam and Eve are interwoven with the story of the Good Samaritan. By contrasting the two stories we discover new and rich theological meaning. Thus, the cathedral builders revealed the deeper meaning behind the Good Samaritan story. The links between the two stories are as follows: "Going down from Jerusalem" symbolises Adam and Eve's falling into sin. "Getting robbed" symbolises Adam and Eve's loss of friendship with God. "Being left half-dead" symbolises Adam and Eve's spiritual death. "The Good Samaritan arriving" symbolises Adam and Eve's need for a Saviour. This is Jesus, "the foreigner", who will strike down the Serpent. "The pouring of oil and wine into the wounds" symbolises the sacramental life. For sacred oil is used at baptism, anointing, confirmation, and holy orders. The wine is Eucharist. "The coins paid to the innkeeper" symbolises our need for Jesus to pay our spiritual debts. "The going away of the Good Samaritan" symbolises the Ascension of Jesus, who goes away until his second coming. The Cathedral of Chartres stands as a witness to the fact that while the Good Samaritan story invites us to love our neighbour and God loves, the parable has more layers of meaning that must be understood and lived out in our Christian life.



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and St. Bride's,  
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# Liturgy of the Week - Fifteenth 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>
<b>SATURDAY, 12TH JULY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>Ann Marie Dickie (SI) Anna Gallagher Snr. (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>SUNDAY, 13TH JULY</b> <b>15th Sunday of the Year (C)</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	<b>Mass at 12.15pm</b> <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
<b>MONDAY, 14TH JULY</b> <b>Requiem Mass for Annemarie Matthews at 10am</b>	<i>For Annemarie Matthews and her Family.</i>			
<b>TUESDAY, 15TH JULY</b> <b>Memorial of St Bonaventure</b> <b>Morning Prayer at 9.40am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Sadie Templeton (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY</b> <b>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Helen Irvine (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Mary McEwan at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
<b>THURSDAY, 17TH JULY</b> <b>15th Week of the Year</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>For the Upton and Collins Families (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>FRIDAY, 18TH JULY</b> <b>Memorial of St Anthony</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b> <b>Benediction at 10.30am</b> <b>Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe</b>	<i>For Good and Holy Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>SATURDAY, 19TH JULY</b> <b>16th Sunday of the Year (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>For Peace throughout the world.</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

## MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ON WEDNESDAY

Why do we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel? While Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron saint of the Carmelite Order, the basis for the universal Church honouring Mary under this title dates to her appearance to an English Carmelite St. Simon Stock in the 13th century. She gave him the Brown Scapular, a garment worn by religious over the neck and shoulders as an apron, to be worn by Carmelites "as a sign of her protection." It is a Marian devotional practice which, over the centuries, has spread to Catholics around the world.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades, Stephen McEwan, Jim McEwan,  
John McKenna, Peter Brawley



## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Anne Marie Matthews, Joanna Grzegolkowska,  
Michael McFarlane, Andrew Treacy,  
Kathleen McCallum, Brian Friel

## THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Agnes Anne Conaghan 2002, Annie O'Kane 2001, Stella Reid  
2009, Margaret Wyllie 2015, Jessie Hazelton 2007, James  
Jenkins 2005, Ellen Nielson 2011, Sadie Templeton 2022,  
Canon Eugene Matthews 2010, Sally Walsh 1957, Patrick  
Carry 1976, Eileen McCann 2013, Jackie McMurdo 2016, Brian  
McNulty 2018, Andrew Murphy 1979, Maria Dorrian 2024,  
Gavin Finnegan 2007, Robert MacRae 1986, Susan McDonald  
2018, Annie McGrath 2002, Monsignor John Barry 2003,  
Peggy Clark 2011, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray 1993,  
Geoffrey Kelly 1906, Catherine McIntosh 2021, John McJay  
1993, Brian Narducci 2000



### ▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

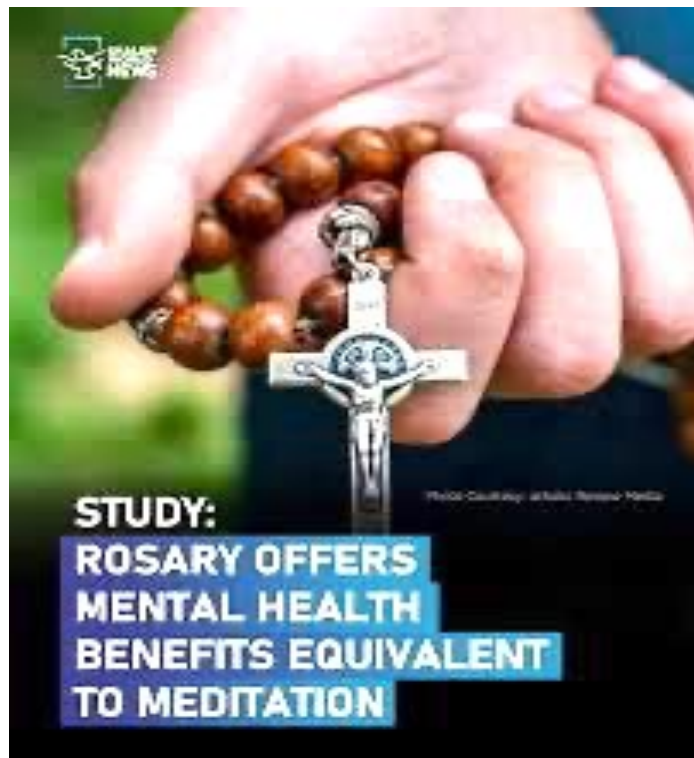
Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

### ▪Requiem for Anne Marie Matthews - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Marie Matthews, who died on 24th June, 2025, aged 56 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 14th July at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Many she rest in peace and rise in glory!

### ▪New Study Reveals the Rosary brings Mental Health Benefits

A new groundbreaking international study suggests that the ancient Catholic prayer practice of praying the Rosary may offer mental health benefits. The study found that participants who prayed the Rosary reported higher levels of well-being, increased empathy, and significantly lower levels of religious struggle or spiritual anxiety. Researchers also found that 62.2% of participants held graduate or master's degrees, challenging an assumption they say some may hold that traditional Catholic devotions appeal mainly to the less educated. Participants consistently reported that the practice provided "spiritual peace, calm, and confidence" (26.3%), helped with "coping with problems" (10.2%), and offered "protection against evil" (8.6%). The research also showed that praying the Rosary correlated positively with reduced depression and increased optimism about the future. From a purely cultural phenomenological point of view, mindfulness is in, glamorous, fashionable and interesting, while the rosary is out, outdated, boring and uninteresting. Yet their data suggests this perception is more about cultural fashion than empirical reality. As societies grapple with mental-health epidemics, spiritual emptiness, and the limitations of purely pharmaceutical approaches to psychological well-being, the research suggests benefits from a more inclusive view of contemplative practices. We need a theology that listens to lived experience. Devotions like the rosary are not outdated—they're lived expressions of faith that shape how people endure suffering and find meaning.



### ▪Congratulations to our St Peter's Winners for June and July

All our winners will receive £25. For June: *James Holmes, Esther Coulter, Marade Griffin, Peter J. Walsh*. For July: *James Dolan, Patricia Dixon, Josephine Coulter, Michael McIvor*. Reminder: When members move house, please remember to inform the Promoter of the new address as winning cheques are sent by post. Thanks to all members for their continuing support of the Parish 50/50 Club [Promoter: *Mrs Myriame Sammons, Contact 01294 469006*].

**VERY IMPORTANT**

### ▪Young Adults (S5-30) BBQ

Regular or first timer? You're invited to join Young Adults from across the Diocese as we gather for our Summer Social – a BBQ in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 2nd August. The BBQ will follow the regular Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm in the Church Garden. There's no charge to take part, but please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching @rcdgyouth on social media so we know that you're coming.



### JUST FOR A LAUGH

Jesus said, "Who do people say that I am?"

And his disciples answered and said, "Some say you are John the Baptist returned from the dead; others say Elijah, or one of the prophets. And Jesus answered and said, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Logos, existing in the Father as His rationality and then, by an act of His will, being generated, in consideration of the various functions by which God is related to his creation, but only on the fact that Scripture speaks of a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Spirit, each member of the Trinity being coequal with every other member, and each acting inseparably with and interpenetrating every other member, with only an economic subordination within God, but causing no division which would make the substance no longer simple." And Jesus answered and said, "What?"

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