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Jesus in the Home of Martha and Mary



This painting is unique in that it was painted by two artists. In the 17th century, the two most famous painters in the Belgian city of Antwerp were Peter Paul Rubens and Jan Brueghel. They were also close friends and frequently painted together, producing over twenty paintings in all. Brueghel was a prolific landscape and still-life painter. Rubens was a prolific portrait artist who was successful at capturing human emotion. By uniting their distinctive styles and strengths, their joint paintings are beautiful and full of depth. Christ is in the center in white and red, while Mary sits below him in a golden tunic over a blue dress. Martha is standing aside, wearing the simple clothes of a kitchen maid. She holds her apron and puts one foot forward in motion, not stopping her work, only demanding help from Mary. Mary is reposed with her feet at rest, one upon another. She is not doing anything other than being with Jesus. Her bible in hand on her lap is closed. With the arrival of Jesus, Mary need not read about Jesus, when she has Jesus. Martha's garments symbolise a plain and nondescript soul. Mary, in the expensive blue and gold garments, symbolises a soul richly blessed by divine gifts. Jesus is in the middle, pleading with Martha to choose the better part as did Mary. When she does, she too will have a soul that shines with divine glory. Brueghel places in the foreground a mysterious group of domesticated animals. These are contrasted with the free and wild animals in the background. Next to Mary, there is a monkey. It sits on the ground, shackled to a ball and chain. The pile of fruit at its feet seems to have been forgotten for something better. The monkey is looking off in the distance, almost wistfully thinking about what it truly wants: freedom. Mary is paralleled to the monkey. As she sits on the ground before Jesus, she is no longer interested in the bowl of fruit that is near her. She's raised her gaze from the book and the fruit to Christ, the man who set her free. Because of Christ, Mary's "shackles" have been broken. The foreground animals are rounded out by a pile of birds that have been harvested for consumption. These fallen birds are contrasted with the birds in the background, flying free. In the background, the almost dreamlike setting shows us a herd of deer. Next to the head of Christ is a regal-looking stag. This beautiful deer with impressive antlers is evocative of the Christ-image from the Song of Songs (2:8-9). In the Song of Songs, the soul of the beloved is seeking Christ, who is symbolised in the second chapter as a young stag, "leaping upon the mountains". Jesus has a way of coming and going mysteriously, just like the young stag. To find the young stag, one must climb high into the mountains. To find Christ, one must climb Mount Calvary. Martha is letting the household chores pull her away from Jesus. But even from inside the kitchen, large windows open up to the landscape panorama, the distant stag being visible. Jesus, as the stag, is there waiting, "gazing in at the windows". Even amid the pots and pans, Martha can find Christ. In the kitchen, a servant seems to be preparing a peacock. The large plumage is visible and even seems to be blocking the window, that is to say, blocking the view of Christ. Here the fanciful dish that was a European peacock, symbolised those worldly distractions of wealth, opulence, and vanity. Rubens and Brueghel leave us with two questions: Will Martha lift her gaze from the pots and pans to see Christ at the window? And the young stag in the mystical distance that is looking at us, will we follow him?



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Liturgy of the Week - Sixteenth 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, 19TH JULY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Brian Narducci (25h Anniversary</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 20TH JULY 16th Sunday of the Year (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, 21ST JULY 16th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Irene Smith (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 22ND JULY Feast of St Mary Magdalene Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am Reception for Kathleen McCallum at 5.30pm	<i>Helen Irvine (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service 10.00 am	
WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY Requiem Mass for Kathleen McCallum at 10am	<i>For Kathleen McCallum and her Family</i>			Holy Mass 10.00 am
THURSDAY, 24TH JULY 16th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>		Funeral Mass Anna Gallagher 10.00 am	
FRIDAY, 25TH JULY Feast of St James Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>John Hutson (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass 10.00 am
SATURDAY, 26TH JULY 17th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Anna Gallagher (RD) Marie Lang (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ON TUESDAY



Why does the Church celebrate St. Mary Magdalene? The Church celebrates St. Mary Magdalene because of her example of virtue and loyalty to Christ. She was a devoted disciple and close friend of Jesus during the time of His ministry, and one of the few who remained with Him during His agony on the Cross. Finally, she was one of the three women who went to anoint His body in the tomb on Easter morning, becoming the first person to announce the Resurrection to others, when she went and told the Apostles that He had risen. St Mary Magdalene, pray for us and make us missionaries of the Resurrection like you!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Kathleen McCallum, Brian Friel

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Betty Cutland 2014, Charlie Gribben 2002, Julia Grogan 1971,
Agnes McCourt 2000, Elizabeth Nicholson 2003, Jack Quirk 2022,
Irene Smith 2015, Sister Mary Campion CP 2016, Bobby McLaren
2007, Mary McPolin 1987, Joseph Mulgrew 2002, Jim Murphy 2010,
Canon Denis Quinlan 2015, Elsie Brodie 2019, Jean Clark 2022,
Margaret Donnelly 1953, Rebecca Murray 2004, Esther Ferry 2010,
Moira Cook 2012, Angus MacRae 2013, Jim McDermott 2023, Julia
Petrie 2009, Alex Quigg 1997, Annie Quigg 1972, Isabella Aldridge
2010, Eddie Cunningham 1992, Anne Higgins 2020, May Steele
2014, Elizabeth Fitzsimmons 1999, Angus McMaster 2019,
Elizabeth Murray 2005, Annie Walsh 1969

■Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

VERY IMPORTANT

■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!*

■Make your Heart a "Bethany" for Jesus

Christ's journey took him to many different places in the Holy Land. He was always on the move. He rested little, prayed much, and loved much. He was the true Pilgrim, always aware that his homeland was elsewhere. He was a man who in his own words had "nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). However, there was one place where our Lord could occasionally get a reprieve from his tiresome journeys and rest for a few days: Bethany. Located two miles east of Jerusalem, the frequent Jewish festivals and the draw of the Temple itself often brought Our Lord to Jerusalem. Given Bethany's close proximity to Jerusalem, it is safe to imagine Jesus having spent much time there. The house in Bethany could have been a part of Jesus's early childhood. Archaeology has unearthed many ossuaries around Bethany with Galilean names, indicating that Bethany may have been a safe haven for Galilean pilgrims to Jerusalem. It is very possible that Bethany could have been a place where the Holy Family came to rest each year during Passover. And this would explain the special relationship that Jesus had with the three siblings in Bethany: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Perhaps Our Lord knew them from childhood. He obviously had a special love for them, not just because they invited him to stay in their home, but because their faith and simplicity were very welcoming to Christ. In short, Bethany was a place where Jesus could enjoy rest, repose, and friendship. To think of our heart and soul as another Bethany for Jesus is to take a step forward in the spiritual life. A Christian does not merely try to "get things" from Jesus, but also wants to serve him, to aid him, and to share in his mission. When we strive to do this in our spiritual life, when giving to God is more important than receiving from God, we will have tapped into something deeper than your average Christian.

■Requiem Mass for Kathleen McCallum

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen McCallum who died on 3rd July 2025, aged 55 years. Her Reception into St Peter's Church will be on Tuesday, 22nd July at 5.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 24th July at 10am, followed by interment at West Kilbride. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

No To Nuclear Weapons - Christian Peace Vigil

Saturday 2nd August, 10.30am to 12 noon, HM Naval Base Clyde, South Gate. In the week of the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and

Nagasaki join Justice & Peace Scotland president Archbishop William Nolan; the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt. Rev. Rosemary Frew; Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Most Rev Mark Strange; and members of the Iona Community for an ecumenical service of prayer, reflection and hymns. All are welcome as we raise our voices for a world without nuclear weapons on the site where these affronts to humanity are housed.

■ The Church draws her life from the Eucharist

It is in the Eucharist in which we meet, the entire mystery of our redemption. Ask the Lord Jesus to transform our hearts and our minds so that we may live and love like Him. He loves us. He gives Himself to us. He does not love us just with words. He loves us with His Body and His Blood. He loves us with a love that holds nothing back. He loves with a love that will never let us go. He loves us with a love to be shared generously with others. *Remember: We have Benediction very Friday at St Peter's after Mass - check the Bulletin.*

5 Finger Prayer



JUST FOR A LAUGH

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."

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