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Is Your Hut Burning?



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground — it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

Hallowed Be Thy Name ✝ Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread



Liturgy of the Week - Seventeenth 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, 26TH JULY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Anna Gallagher (RD) Marie Lang (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 27TH JULY 17th 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, 28TH JULY 17th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sandra Convery (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 29TH JULY Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Thomas Burns (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY 17th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Kathleen McCallum (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass for Jim O'Hare at 10am
THURSDAY, 31ST JULY Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>With Thanks to the Sacred Heart, Our Blessed Lady and St Jude for prayers answered</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST Memorial of St Alphonsus Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Helen Irvine (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST 18th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>For all those suffering in Gaza</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI ON FRIDAY

All of the Lord's gifts to mankind are aimed at catching souls and binding them to his love, says St. Alphonsus Liguori. All of God's creation derives from his love for mankind, "so that all creation might serve man, and man, in turn, might love God out of gratitude for so many gifts." St. Alphonsus stresses that the greatest gift he gave fallen humanity was his only Son, to make reparation for us and call us back to a sinless life. Reflecting on the infinite generosity of God for his children, the bishop and doctor of the Church concludes: "He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for all of us: how could he fail to give us along with his Son all good things?"

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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Stephen McEwan

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Mary Carrick 2021, Sandra Convery 2024, Beryl Meehan 2024, Mary Munro 2023, Elizabeth Byers 2009, Tommy Burns 1982, Eileen Mathieson 2003, John McQuaid 2004, Jordan Walsh 1998, Des Blanch 2017, Annie Cavani 2012, Alice Gibbons 1997, Desmond McGarvey, Ian Monan 2023, Caroline Dunlop 2013, William Johnston 1999, Michael Marshall 2011, David Shaw 2019, Annie Cavani 2012, Joseph Giblin 2016, George Pettigrew 1988, Maureen McCubbin 2008, George Tonner 1931, Phyllis Doherty 2017, Geraldine Leadbeater 2016, Noleen McFadyen née Delahunt 2012, Cathie McLaren 2007

▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

▪Summer Fete at St John's

St John's, Stevenston will be holding their annual Summer Fete on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 12.30pm. Please see the posters on the notice boards for further details.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Pray for the Suffering People of Gaza

The Reality of Life in Palestine for our Christian Brothers and Sisters After the missile attack on the Holy Family Church in Gaza by the IDF (Israeli Defence Force), and the attack by illegal Israeli settlers on the Christian village of Taybeh in the West Bank resulting in the death of an American citizen who was visiting his family in the village, many of you have been asking me how the Christians are bearing up in the Holy Land - the simple answer is that life is very tough. The horrors that are taking place in Gaza are well documented, a partial view of the killing that is taking place is visible on our screens every day, but the full picture of what is being done to innocent Palestinian men, women and children is not being shown because of the brutality of the pictures and UK law which limits what can actually be shown. Add to this the fact that Israel does not permit journalists to enter Gaza, and thus report what is truly happening, means all we will ever have is a partial view of the reality. Israel has vowed to continue this action until all the Israeli hostages being held by the Hamas terrorists are released. In the meantime the latest death toll of Palestinian civilians is approaching 60,000. Bethlehem and its surrounding villages, where most of my friends live, has not been spared from these IDF raids but they have been fewer in number. However, the situation for the people is not good. Bethlehem, the place of our Lord's birth, is dependent on Pilgrims and tourists for its economic wellbeing. Sadly both are absent. This week I spoke with a dear friend who lives there and these are her words: "Bethlehem is very quiet, everything is closed and our movement is very restricted because the City is surrounded by Israeli check points, they deny access to Bethlehem. There are no pilgrims at all, all the hotels are closed with no sign that they will open any time soon. The rate of unemployment is very high and so the people suffer as they have no income. Many of us are exhausted. Organisations try to help where they can, but the situation is so sad and we do not know if we will ever lead a peaceful life again. Please thank everyone for keeping us in their thoughts and prayers". Since his election as our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has frequently appealed for peace. During his General Audience on Wednesday June 18th the Holy Father said: Dear brothers and sisters, The Church is broken-hearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war, especially Ukraine, Iran, Israel and Gaza. We must never get used to war! Indeed, the temptation to have recourse to powerful and sophisticated weapons needs to be rejected. Today, when "every kind of weapon produced by modern science is used in war, the savagery of war threatens to lead the combatants to barbarities far surpassing those of former ages" (Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, 79). For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility

the frequent warning of Pope Francis: War is always a defeat! And that of Pope Pius XII: "Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war." You have also been asking me if there is anything you can do. Yes, please continue to pray for peace, and pray that justice will be done and be seen to be done. Write to your MP and MSP and ask them what they are doing, ask them to put more pressure on the UK government to work harder for peace. A number of you have also been asking if I am still able to channel funds to the Holy Land to help our Christian brothers and sisters - yes I can. The UK based charity Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) is still active in Palestine and Israel and so is the Bethlehem Welfare Committee run by Christians in Bethlehem and its surrounding villages. Both of these organisations are working constantly to relieve the difficulties faced by our brothers and sisters still living in the Holy Land. We may all feel powerless when we look at the situation in the Holy Land, but we must never underestimate the power of our prayer. Please pray for peace, for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the conflict once and for all. All Palestinians and Israelis have a right to live peaceful lives, please God that will become a reality very soon. Thank you.

[Father David Borland, St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr].



JUST FOR A LAUGH

Hamish and Ken decide to go ice fishing. They head out, find a nice spot, cut a hole in the ice, and stick in their poles. Suddenly, a loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" Hamish and Ken look around, look at each other, and look up, and they don't see anyone. "I suppose we'd better move then," says Hamish. They get up and find another spot on the ice, cut a hole, and stick in their poles with great hopes of fresh fish. Once again, the voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up. Again, they don't see anyone. "We best find another spot," says Ken. So, they gather up their equipment, choose another promising spot on the ice, cut a hole, and stick in their poles. Once again, the loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up, again seeing no one. Hamish calls out, "God in Heaven, is that you?" The voice responds, "NO! THIS IS THE SKATING RINK MANAGER! THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"

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