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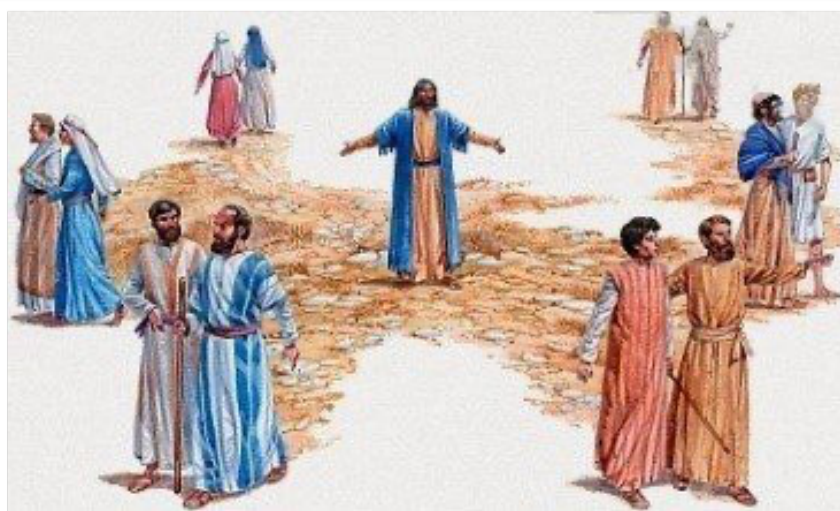
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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fourteenth Week of the Year

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, 5TH JULY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Michael James Gallagher (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 6TH JULY 14th 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, 7TH JULY 14th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Joan McLellan (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 8TH JULY 14th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Marie Lang (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Charles Clarke (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 10TH JULY 14th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For Peace and Justice in today's war-torn countries</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 11TH JULY Feast of St Benedict Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>For a "new springtime" of faith in our country</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 12TH JULY 15th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Annmarie Dickie (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	Wedding Service at 12 Noon

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN ON WEDNESDAY

Standing high on a pedestal in a side chapel of a Brussels church is one of Scotland's treasures, a statue of Our Lady and Child which was saved from destruction in Aberdeen during the Reformation. For sixty-five years, it was hidden until it was shipped to safety in the Low Countries. Despite her intention to keep the statue in the Royal Palace, the Infanta of Spain, the Archduchess Isabella, was persuaded to place it in the newly built Augustinian church in Brussels. The statue remained in this church until 1796, when it was again removed for protection into private hands, this time to escape the ravages of the French Revolution. An Englishman, John Morris, safely restored it to the Augustinians in 1805 and it remained in their care as an object of devotion until 1814 when it was removed to the neighbouring Church of Our Lady of Finisterre. It is still venerated there as Our Lady of Good Success.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades. Stephen McEwan, Jim McEwan



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Anne Marie Matthews, Joanna Grzegolkowska

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Sadie Carrino 2019, Richard Graham 2012, George Cameron 1980, Ryan Fleming 2002, Raymond McLaren 2014, Teresa Usher 2006, Joseph Armstrong 1998, Clare Cameron 1985, Mary Chapman 2009, Anthony Da Prato 2016, Eugene McMahon 2021, Father Harry Farrell 1998, Martha Murphy 2001, Donald William Newall 1998, Andrew McVeigh 2000, Alexander Quigg 1999, Catherine Teggart 1998, John H Giebler 1991, Mr and Mrs Francis Breslin 1976, Jeannie Brown 1995, Father Donal Burke, Julie Kelley-Holland 2005, Margaret McAteer 1992, Alice McMahon 1981

■ Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

■ Sacrament of Baptism at St Peter's

We welcome to the Family of the Church *Eva Dorran* and *Grace Bencivenga*, 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!*

■ Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

On 7th July, eleven of our Parishioners will go on pilgrimage to Lourdes. We wish them a safe journey and days of grace and blessing for themselves and their families. *Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us!*

■ On the UK Vote to Permit Abortion Up to Birth

"With sorrowful indignation, I condemn the vote by the UK House of Commons to permit abortion up to the moment of birth—a decision so barbaric, so devoid of conscience, that it defies the very notion of civilisation. This is not legislation—it is legalised slaughter. It is the cold, calculated permission to tear innocent children from their mothers' wombs at the threshold of life. What kind of nation, what kind of people, look upon a fully formed child and call her disposable? What kind of parliament declares open season on the most vulnerable and calls it "choice"? Let us be absolutely clear: this is murder. Euphemisms cannot cleanse this evil. The vote in Westminster is a grave offence against Almighty God, a moral descent into depravity, and a sign of a society that has lost its soul. Saint John Paul II warned us: "The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil." (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 58) And the prophet Isaiah cries out again in our day: "Woe to you that call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness for light and light for darkness ... that justify the wicked for gifts, and take away the justice of the just from him." (*Isaiah* 5:20, 23) To the faithful in the UK: you must resist this with every spiritual and moral force at your disposal. To be silent now is to be complicit. To the priests and bishops: you must preach, you must act, you must protect the little ones! No excuse, no delay. The measure of a nation is not its wealth, but its mercy. And a nation that slaughters its unborn on the altar of convenience has chosen death. May God have mercy on the United Kingdom. May the Blood of these innocents cry out to Heaven—and may the faithful never cease to defend them, until this darkness is cast down".

(Statement by Bishop Joseph E. Strickland)

■ Sincere Thank You for Donation - St Bride's

The Trustees of the Archbishop Eyre's Trust have approved a grant of £1000 for St Bride's Parish

VERY IMPORTANT

■ What are we doing to build the Church?

Pope Leo, in a recent video message, assured young people that they can be beacons of hope. That is a message all of us can take to heart. The Holy Spirit desires to enkindle love and faith and hope in countless souls, but he wants the collaboration of those of us who are already blessed in so many ways. Signs are growing of a new interest in religion. After years of pandemics and wars and social media nastiness, many people, including the young, are searching for something more humane, more fulfilling — and finding that religion has something to offer, after all. A religious revival of sorts could be on the horizon. Now is the time for us to pitch in.



JUST FOR A LAUGH

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious pass keeper bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?" "No," she whispered back, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 29th June: £554.40

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