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The Master's Hands



Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy was sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon, his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerised that they couldn't recall what else the great master played - only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called, and He'll always be there to love and guide you on to great things.

Liturgy of the Week - Nineteenth 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, 9TH AUGUST Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Stevie McEwan (RD) Phyllis Doherty (A) Ann McDonald (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 10TH AUGUST 19th 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, 11TH AUGUST Memorial of St Clare Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Elizabeth Macrae (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass For Elizabeth Sinclair at 10am	
TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST Memorial Mass for Stevie McEwan Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For Stevie McEwan (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST 19th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Mary Madden (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST Requiem Mass for Patricia Williams at 10am	<i>Patricia Williams</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	Vigil Mass for the Assumption at 7pm
FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST Solemnity of the Assumption Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am & 7pm Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Robert Sterling (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 9.30am	Holy Mass at 11am
SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST 19th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Pat McGlone (RD) Janina Czarska (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST CLARE ON MONDAY

A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Clare had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenceless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled. The 41 years of Clare's religious life are scenarios of sanctity: an indomitable resolve to lead the simple, literal gospel life as Francis taught her; courageous resistance to the ever-present pressure to dilute the ideal; a passion for poverty and humility; an ardent life of prayer; and a generous concern for her sisters.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley,
John McCluskey



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Stephen McEwan, Michael Macdonald, Joseph Dunn,
Patricia Williams

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Brian Collins 2006, William Magee 1988, Paddy McKinney 2014,
John Giebler 1991, Charlie Gilheaney 2007, Agnes Long 2006, Joe
Burns 2015, Mary Patricia Madden Campbell 2016, Greta Davidson
2018, Desmond McGarvey 1996, Maria Mathieson 1975, Elizabeth
McMenamin 1994, Margaret Quigg 2015, Brian Langridge 2009,
Thomas Connelly 2007, Margaret Harvey 2020, Jim McKenna 2013,
Tracy Northcote 2009, Frank McEvoy 1987, Valerie Bickers 2021,
Ronald Burns 2011, Brian Collins 2008, Daniel Mathieson 1949,
Robbie Reid 2011, Elizabeth Wilson 2000, Susan Garland 2011,
James O'Neill 1998, Ronald Burns 2011

▪ Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

▪ Emergency On-Call for Ayrshire Hospitals

Father Duncan will be on emergency on-call for the Hospitals from this Sunday until 17th August. Please keep all those in hospital at the present time in your prayers. *Prayer for the Sick: "Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants in hospital, for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen"*

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ Family Fun Day at St Bride's coming soon!

Our St Brides Friends and Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday, 23rd August, from 1pm-4pm. There will be BBQ, home baking, bouncy castle, creepy crawlies, surf simulator and much more. All welcome! We would be grateful for donation of raffle prizes, bottles and home baking.

▪ Memorial Mass for Stephen McEwan RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Stevie McEwan, who died on 24th July, aged 73 years. We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for him on Tuesday, 12th August at 10am at St Peter's. May he rest in peace and rise in glory

▪ Requiem Mass for Patricia Williams RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Patricia Williams, who died on 26th July, aged 77 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 14th August at 10am at St Peter's, followed by cremation at Clyde Coast Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ Farewell Evening for Father Gerry Magee

There will be a Farewell Evening for Father Gerry Magee at St Winin's in Kilwinning on Friday, 29th August at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please inform Mary Scott on 07809 139856. *Thank you!*

▪ Pilgrimage to St Ninian, Whithorn

We are running a Bus in conjunction with St Mary's Saltcoats to Whithorn on Sunday 31 August 2025. The bus will leave St Peter's at 10.30 am and should return around 7.00pm the same evening at a cost of £8 per person. If you would like a seat on the bus, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the Church. *Contact Number is essential!*

▪ Galloway Diocesan Choir - looking for recruits

The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 25 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact: David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

▪ St Bride's Monthly Draw

This is the last Draw for 24/25. The winner is Laura McLean number 27, still £32.50. This is due to start again on 1st Sunday on September 7th September, which means if you want to take part you need to get your £12 paid before the end of August. Thanks to *Kate Kelly*.

▪ Season of Creation Conference in September

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to their National Season of Creation Conference on Saturday 6th September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10am – 3pm. Come and join Archbishop Nolan and our special guest Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global *Laudato Si Movement*. Book a place on www.bcos.org.uk/scc25.

▪ Galloway Young Adults - from strength to strength

On Saturday over 20 Young Adults (S5-30) from across our Diocese met for their Summer BBQ. Everyone had a great evening and looks forward to our monthly evenings resuming on Sunday 14th September, as well as lots more socials to come as well. Are you in S5-30? Why not come and join us! Follow @rcdgyouth on social media, or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more information.

▪ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: *"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."*



JUST FOR A LAUGH

A very religious man went on a safari. When he was there, he found a huge lion. The man didn't have a gun and there was no way he could outrun the lion. So, he did the only thing he could do. He got on his knees and prayed "Dear God, I was always a good Catholic. Will you perform a miracle and give this lion some christian feelings". At that moment, the clouds parted and a beam of light came from above and touched the lion's heart. The lion raised his paws to the heavens and loudly prayed "Bless us, O Lord, and bless these gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty..."

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