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One Million Signs of Youthful Hope



Something spectacular happened in Rome last weekend, yet it failed to attract the widespread coverage it deserved from most secular media outlets. In a stunning witness of faith, a crowd of over one million young people gathered on at the campus of the University of Rome Tor Vergata, in advance of the closing Mass Pope Leo XIV celebrated there on Sunday morning for the Jubilee of Youth. And they didn't just assemble to wait passively for the concluding papal Mass. The massive crowd expended its youthful energies throughout an all-night prayer vigil, during which many participants sang together spontaneously while others silently worshipped Jesus in the Eucharist. So much for all the media reports claiming Christianity in general — and Catholicism in particular — is in a fatal decline globally. If one million young people showed up with this much fervour to attend almost anything else, the news media in Western countries would herald it as an unmistakable sign that something significant and unexpected is underway. According to an analysis by political scientist Ryan Burge, who specialises in examining religious trends, members of the Gen Z demographic — young people born between 1997 and 2012 — are attending church services at a higher rate than are members of the preceding baby boomer, Gen X and millennial generations. As witnessed by the Jubilee of Youth crowd, the love of Jesus — and the transcendent hope this love generates — remains alive and well among a vast multitude of young people across the entire world. Pope Leo reminded the crowd about where they can always find hope, no matter what their personal circumstances. "Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life," he advised. "Study, work and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us... Jesus is our hope. It is he, as St. John Paul II said, 'who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives.'" Leo also cited *Blessed Carlo Acutis* and *Pier Giorgio Frassati* — who will be canonised jointly next month as another feature of this year's Jubilee of Hope — as examples of heroic youthful Catholics who sought to improve the world through their witnesses of love, prayer and courage. "Pilgrims of Hope": That's a mission of profound service to the Church and to the world that Catholic youth will continue to provide going forward.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twentieth 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, 16TH AUGUST Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Pat McGlone (RD) Janina Czerska (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST 20th 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, 18TH AUGUST 20th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Alistair Ramsay (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 19TH AUGUST 20th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Pat Boyle (SI) Tony Boyle (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST Memorial of St Bernard Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Mary McEvoy (A) Frank and Maria McEvoy (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST Memorial of St Pius X Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Brian Collins (A) Margaret Fulton (L)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST Queenship of Mary Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am & 7pm Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Ian McGale (A) Patricia Williams (RD) Jean Ward (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST 21st Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Bridie Maher (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON FRIDAY

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.



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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Kate Gribben 1994, Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011, Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981, James Thomas Taylor 1998, Johnny Thompson 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, David Walsh 1980, Roberta Breslin 2011, Frank Campbell 2007, Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014, Stephanie Smith 1999, Elizabeth Taylor 1951, Marietta Da Prato 1997, Beatrice Ketchen 2019, Tommy McCann senior 1976, Desmond McGarvey 1986, Robert Watson 2004, Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004, Matthew McCabe 2002, Maria McEvoy 2002, Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling, Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981, Ellen Tourish 1971, Frances Burns 2017, Father William McBurnie 1953, Ian McGale 2024, John McLaughlin 2014, Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Felix Quigg 1994, Josie Walsh 2003, Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns, Bridie Maher 2015, Margaret McAuliffe 2023, Maureen Taylor 2019

▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

▪Saturday Variety Evening at St Peter's

Please reserve your diary for a Saturday Variety Evening at St Peter's, starring Mrs. Culfeathers and Friends, plus Raffle to raise funds for Church repairs. B.Y.O.D. and snacks. On Saturday, 13th September at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale, available from either Margaret, Kathleen or at the back of church, and in the stall.

▪ 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.

▪Pastoral Council - St Bride's

The next Meeting of the Pastoral Council of St Bride's will be on Tuesday, 19th August at 7pm in the Community Room. If you have any items for the agenda, please pass them on to Betty Orr. *Thank you!*

VERY IMPORTANT!

▪Pastoral Council - St Peter's

The next Meeting of the Pastoral Council of St Peter's will be on Thursday, 21st August at 7pm in the Presbytery. If you have any items for the agenda, please pass them on to any of the members of the Council. *Thank you!*

VERY IMPORTANT!

▪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 by 9.00pm 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.

▪ 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 @rcdg youth on social media, or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more information.

▪ Interesting Flights at Prestwick Airport

Michael Clarke had the opportunity to spot some interesting flights landing and taking off at Prestwick Airport. They are Samaritans Purse Aid Freighters, a Boeing B757, that use Prestwick Airport for crew rest and fuel. These flights, x2 large freighter aircraft, headed off to Tel Aviv via Crete with aid for Gaza. They are frequent visitors at times of need. *"Go Forth and do as I do"*.



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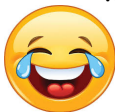
A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

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