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Ninetieth Anniversary of Catholic School in Ardrossan



The photograph above is of Saint Peter's Primary School in South Crescent Road, Ardrossan, taken shortly before it closed on 13 October 1995. Sixty years earlier, it opened as Ardrossan's first Catholic school on 26 August 1935 and was called Ardrossan Central School. It accommodated both primary and junior secondary pupils, the latter from towns between Largs and Kilwinning. The building was originally Ardrossan Academy which opened on 2 October 1882 and closed on 19 June 1933 when pupils and staff transferred to the present building in Sorbie Road. Before the Central School opened, young Ardrossan Catholics were educated at Saint Mary's School in Springvale Street, Saltcoats. The first headmaster of the 'new' school was Daniel Scullion and the teaching staff included Miss Baillie, Miss Canning, Miss Grant, Mrs Grant, Mr McAllister, Miss McCubbin, Mr McGrath, Mr Neill, Mr Prendergast and Mr Trayner. Mr Stephen Neill, an official of the Schools Association ran the football team. In 1935-1936, there were 270 primary pupils and 150 in the advanced division as the junior secondary department was then known. The local senior secondary school was Saint Michael's College in Irvine. In 1957, school uniform was introduced. It comprised a maroon blazer with the school badge, a maroon and turquoise striped tie and grey trousers or skirt. In 1960, the first ever school trip took place. All pupils and staff embarked on a special train at Ardrossan South Beach Station for Largs where they boarded the Maid of Skelmorlie for a cruise to Rothesay. The South Crescent Road building closed to pupils on 13 October 1995. Demolition started on 1 April 2004 and the site has lain derelict since then.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-First 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, 23RD AUGUST Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Bridie Maher (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 24TH AUGUST 21st 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, 25TH AUGUST 21st Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ellen Murphy (A) Kathleen Longridge (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST 21st Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For the Upton and Collins Families For the Forgotten Souls</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST Memorial of St Monica Rosary at 9.30am Mass at 10am	<i>Desmond McGarvey (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST Memorial of St Augustine Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patricia Williams (RD) Arthur Berlin (RD) Tony Fraser (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST Passion of St John the Baptist Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Erin Ward (T) Mary and Frank McEvoy (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST 22nd Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Stephen McTiernan (RD) James McGrattan</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST THIS FRIDAY

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honour, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life? It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centred on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley,
Joe Cahill.



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Helen Carruth

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004, Jim McManus 1997, John Quinn 2015,
Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Kathleen Langridge 2022, Annie
McCormick 1976, Giocondo Michelin 1959, Connor Collins 1978,
Harry Currie 2008, John O'Donnell 2009, Mick Smith 1998, Patricia
Sullivan 2006, Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987,
Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969, Irene Coby 2023,
Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005,
Nancy Erskine 2006, John Kelly 2004, Michael Pollock 2008, Canon
Eugene Dowd 2012, Sister Mary Peter 1999, James McGrattan
1982, John Stewart

■ 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.

■ Refreshments on First Sunday of the Month

Every first Sunday of the month, the Parish SVP will be organising refreshments after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Why don't you come along and join us and support this initiative? Next Get-together on Sunday 7th September after Mass!! We would love to see you!

■ Knit-And-Natter at St Peter's returns

The Knit and Natter will start back again on Wednesday 3rd September. We meet in the Church Hall at St Peter's from 1 till 3 pm.



■ 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 prompt 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

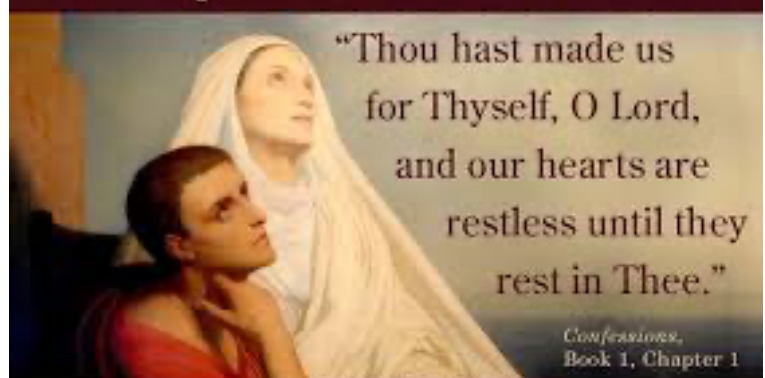
The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to their National Season of Creation Conference on Saturday 6th September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10am - 3pm. Come and join Archbishop Nolan and our special guest Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global *Laudato Si Movement*. Book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

VERY IMPORTANT

■ 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.

St. Augustine and St. Monica



JUST FOR A LAUGH

A bishop was astonished to hear little Mary say that a person must be very brave to go to church these days. "Why do you say that?" asked the bishop. "Well I heard my uncle tell my aunt last Sunday that there was a Canon reading the Gospel, that the choir murdered the opening hymn and that the organist drowned the choir".



Dear God, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen."



Why do we sometimes put a joke in the newsletter?
See Proverbs 17:22
"A cheerful heart is good medicine"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertery for 17th August: £533.83
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