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Masses and Tears - A Parent's Prayer

Out of compassion for parishioners who have seen loved ones lose their faith, Father Jay Buhman has started a devotion project under the patronage of Saint Monica called "Masses & Tears." He said that throughout his priesthood, he has encountered parishioners who are concerned about loved ones who have left the faith. He has come to understand their anguish in a very sincere way. "I think the pain and the hurt and the frustration and the sadness comes from a different place for different people," he reflected. "Some parents worry about the



salvation of their child. I think some really worry that it could be their fault somehow; something they did or didn't do." Then there are those who have found so much joy and peace in their relationship with Christ, it pains them to see somebody they love reject Him. To each, Father Buhman had only the same general advice to offer: be a good example of the Faith, and keep praying. Dissatisfied with his own words, he found himself dwelling on their pain and sadness... and he began to think more about Saint Monica. Saint Monica tearfully prayed for her son Augustine to become a Christian for 17 years without a glimmer of hope. Not only did God reward Saint Monica with the experience of seeing her son unite himself with Christ before she died, Saint Augustine eventually became one of the greatest Catholic theologians of all times, and a Doctor of the Church. "There have been just so many people who come to me asking, 'What more can I do? What should I do?' They are just looking for something," he said. Father Buhman has since written a prayer that answers that need.

O Almighty God, full of goodness and compassion, you mercifully accepted the prayers and tears of Saint Monica and poured an abundance of your grace upon her son, drawing him to yourself in the midst of Divine Providence. Through her intercession, I come before you now, humbly seeking the same abundant grace for my (son/daughter). In your untiring love, restore (him/her) to Christ and Your Church, through whom you give every grace and blessing. Loving Father, I beg for myself also the grace never to part from you by my sins. Trusting in the providential care you have for all your children, I ask you to continue to draw me more securely into your Fatherly embrace. I make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed Monica, you who occupy a privileged place in Heaven, by the power of your proven intercession obtain for my (son/daughter) the grace of an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ in this life and glory with Him forever in the life to come. Amen



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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Second 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, 30TH AUGUST Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Stephen McTiernan (RD) James McGrattan (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST 22nd 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, 1ST SEPTEMBER 22nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Beverley Macrae For Favours received from Blessed Carlo Acutis</i>			
TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 22nd Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Anna Higgins (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER REQUIEM MASS FOR DANIEL DORRIAN at 10am	<i>For Daniel Dorrian and his Family</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 22nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Helen Carruth (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Service for Arthur Breslin at 10am
FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER Memorial of St Teresa of Calcutta Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Ennis Delahunt (A) For the Deceased Members of the Taylor and McCann Families (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Kathleen Cairns (A) Margaret Pacewicz (A) Robert Steele (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA ON FRIDAY

Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonised by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016. Saint Teresa of Calcutta's beatification, just over six years after her death, was part of an expedited process put into effect by Pope John Paul II. Like so many others around the world, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer, and for the poor a model for all to emulate.



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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Helen Carruth, Sarah Meighan, Daniel Dorrian

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Jim Duffy 2013, Sandra Rocks 2019, James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008, John Dundas 2014, Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Bert Kelly 2017, Grant Middlemiss 2005, Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985, Helen Mulhearn, Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989, Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006, Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015, Enis Delahunt 1996, Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, Matt Lunardi 2022, Margaret Nicol 2007, Margaret Brodie 1964, Mary McGlynn 2010, Frank Morrison 2004, Jimmy Mulhearn 1992

▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

VERY IMPORTANT

▪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 SSVP 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

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.

▪Requiem Mass for Daniel Dorrian at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Daniel Dorrian who died on 15th August 2025, aged 64 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 3rd September at 10am, followed by interment at Clyde Coast Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪Pastoral Council Meeting - St Peter's

The next Meeting of St Peter's Pastoral Council will be on Thursday 4th October at 7pm in the Presbytery. Please pass on any Agenda items to one of the Council Members. *Thanks!*

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Pilgrimage of Hope Walk - coming soon!

The parishes of North Ayrshire (St Mary's Deanery) will be joined by people from across the Diocese for our event marking 2025 as a Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". On Sunday 14th Sept - the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross - we will walk from St John's Church Stevenston to St Peter's Ardrossan on a 'Pilgrims of Hope' walk and then have a picnic for individuals, groups & families on the grass directly in front of St Peter's (near the HMS Dasher memorial). Those unable to walk the whole distance can choose to walk from St Mary's Saltcoats, or even just meet the 'Pilgrims' at St Peter's. After the picnic we will gather in St Peter's Church for a short service and celebration. Should the weather prove too poor to picnic outside we will 'picnic' in St Peter's Hall instead. Please keep the date and start making your plans for the day. Timings are 2:30pm at St John's, 3:15pm at St Mary's with the closing liturgy starting at 5pm in St Peter's Church. All very welcome, please bring your own picnic and come equipped for the weather on the day.

▪Why pray the Morning Prayer on Tuesdays?

First, it unites us to Jesus Christ. If you want to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, and you already frequent the sacraments, your next step should be to begin praying the Liturgy of the Hours. *Second*, the Liturgy of the Hours allows you to pray with the Church. We join not only people from every tribe and tongue, every people and nation, but the entire

communion of saints in heaven. *Third*, the Liturgy of the Hours is the highest form of prayer after the Mass. Why? Because the Liturgy of the Hours is not just private prayer, but the unified, sacred prayer of the whole Church, uniting all the faithful, from all vocations, in all countries, into one single prayer to the Father. *Fourth*, the Liturgy of the Hours is thoroughly biblical. The more you pray the Hours, the more the Bible saturates your mind and heart. All of this will make your prayer more biblical. *Fifth*, the Liturgy of the Hours will mature and deepen the rest of your spiritual life. You will notice your times of personal prayer outside the Liturgy of the Hours becoming more elevated and intense. The Liturgy of the Hours incorporates each major dimension of Christian prayer—worship, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession—and by praying the Hours, you become more proficient in each one. *Sixth*, the Liturgy of the Hours allows you to "pray without ceasing." How can we pray continually, especially when our days are jam-packed with duties and commitments? At every moment, someone somewhere is offering these prayers to God. So, while we might not be able to "pray without ceasing" as individuals, we can do so together as a Church. *Seventh*, and finally, the Liturgy of the Hours makes God the centre of your day. Prayer becomes the new hinge of your day, reorienting your mind so that you give highest priority to the things of God.

POWER of PRAYER



JUST FOR A LAUGH



A couple from Aberdeen decided to go to sunny Ardrossan for a long weekend to thaw out during one particularly icy cold winter. They both had jobs, and had difficulty coordinating their travel schedules. It was decided the husband would travel to Ardrossan on a Thursday, and his wife would follow him the next day. Upon arriving as planned, the husband checked into the hotel. There he decided to open his laptop and send his wife an e-mail back in Aberdeen. However, he accidentally left off one letter in her address and sent the e-mail without noticing his error. In the mean time: In Inverness, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister of many years in the local church who had been "called home to glory" following a heart attack. The widow checked her e-mail, expecting messages from family and friends. Upon reading the first message, she fainted and fell to the floor. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My loving Wife
From: Your Departed Husband
Subject: I've arrived!

I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then.
Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.
P.S. Sure is hot down here.

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