

ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

"Meeting people where they are - leading them to where God calls them to be!"



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Choices



I CHOOSE to TRUST in God
and leave it in His hands

I CHOOSE to LOVE my neighbour
and treat them with respect

I CHOOSE to RESPOND like Jesus
when anger starts to rise

I CHOOSE to FORGIVE others
because Christ first forgave me

I CHOOSE to Live in God's peace
when I give Him my concerns

I CHOOSE to BE LED by God's Spirit
and walk in His power each day

I CHOOSE to BECOME more like Jesus
and walk in His victory

I CHOOSE to OFFER praise to God
when my soul is overwhelmed

I CHOOSE to SET my mind on Christ,
not on worldly distractions

I CHOOSE to BE OBEDIENT to God
even when I don't understand

BECAUSE...

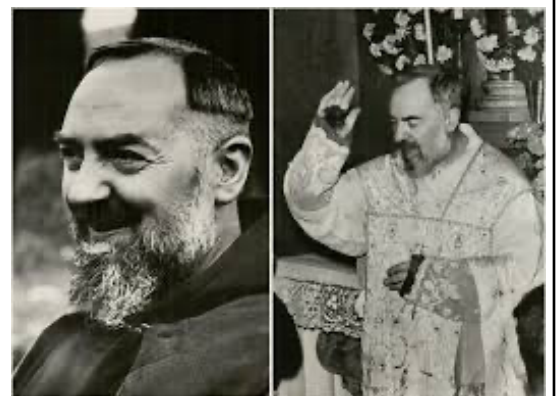
I CHOOSE to LIVE a surrendered life
to the one who does understand.

Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Fifth 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, 20TH SEPTEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Marie Cairns (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 25th 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, 22ND SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Raymond Loughray (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER Memorial of St Padre Pio Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Frank and Josie Coulter (Golden Wedding Anniversary)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Dusty Millar at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am at 10a	<i>Lindsay Brown (A) Rab Lynas (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sister Mary of St Joseph (50th Anniversary) Colin James Boyle (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER Memorial of Ss Cosmas & Damian Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Mary Frances McCann (SI) David Farrell (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 26th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Alan Mousely (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF PADRE PIO ON TUESDAY

Referring to that day's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30) at Padre Pio's canonisation Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The Gospel image of 'yoke' evokes the many trials that the humble Capuchin of San Giovanni Rotondo endured. Today we contemplate in him how sweet is the 'yoke' of Christ and indeed how light the burdens are whenever someone carries these with faithful love. The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord."



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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Avril de Mink, Patsy Power, Joe Cahill.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Catherine McLaughlin 1998, Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005, James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017, Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Francie Stalker 2020, Helen Steele 2012, James Tomelty 2011, Margaret Donnelly 1997, George Logue 2011, William McNamara 2001, Patrick Breen 2015, Lindsay Brown 2021, Alice Docherty 2017, Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002, Colin James Boyle 2017, Jamie Clarke 2015, Margaret Gallacher 2016, Bert Gilmour 2017, Tom McGhee 2011, Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975, Bernard Boyce 2012, Cornelius Burke 1988, Thomas Lundie 2021, Malcolm MacDonald 1999, John Mackay 2002, Thomas McGrattan 1917, Daniel Murray 1981, Brian Ghosh 2002, Maureen Johnson 2003, Brownlie Smyth 2014.

■Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

■Thanks for all the Support

Kathleen Quinn would like to thank all who came along and supported the Concert in the Parish Centre on Saturday 13 September 2025. A fabulous £820 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.



■ Refreshments from St Matthew's next Sunday

Next Sunday (28 September 2025) the pupils of St Matthew's Academy will be providing teas, coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass. Please come along and support our young people.

■Knit-And-Natter at St Peter's

The Knit and Natter has restarted on Wednesdays. We meet in the Church Hall at St Peter's from 1 till 3 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

VERY IMPORTANT

■Collection for the Village Larder - St Bride's

The SSVP at St Bride's will be collecting for the Village Larder throughout September. They are happy to receive any groceries at this time.

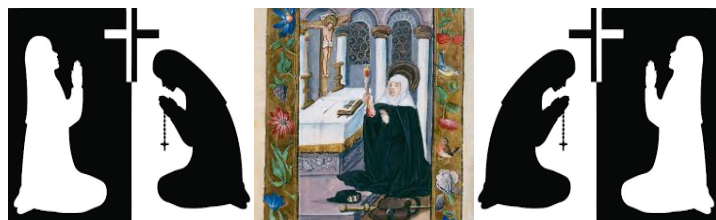
■ Conflict in the Holy Land

What do we need to know and what can we do? Public Meeting in St Mary's Hall Saltcoats KA21 5BW on Sunday 5th October at 3pm. Guest Speakers - Phillippa Whitford, a breast cancer surgeon who has worked in Gaza and the West Bank and Anne Marie Clements, Justice and Peace Scotland, who visited the Holy Land earlier this year with a delegation of European Bishops.



Old Nun's Prayer

Lord, you know better than I know myself
that I am growing older and one day will be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must
say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all;
but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details,
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains,
they are increasing and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace enough
to enjoy the tales of others' pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally
I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet;
I do not want to be a saint,
some of them are so hard to live with,
but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talent in unexpected people,
and give me O Lord the grace to tell them so. Amen.
Anonymous - 17th century.



JUST FOR A LAUGH



During an ecumenical meeting at St Peter's, a Parishioner rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!" The Methodists prayed in a corner. The Baptists wondered where they could find water. The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings. The Lutherans posted a notice on the door announcing the fire was evil. The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the cost of the damage. The Jews posted symbols on the door in hopes the fire would pass. The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!" The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!" The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out. The Christian Scientists denied that there was a fire. The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson to form a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report. ... A lady from Ardrossan grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 14th September: £525.09
Building Fund for 14th September: £394.71

→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 14th September: £170.50

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