



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

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Who I Am In God



I am an overcomer—because You have overcome.
I am victorious—because of Your resurrection victory.
I am Your child—because You have adopted me.
I am free from sin—because Your blood has redeemed me.
I am forgiven—because You have washed me clean.
I am healed—because of Your wounds.
I am justified—through faith in You.
I am revived—through the water of Your Word.
I am wonderfully made—because Your works are wonderful.
I am Your workmanship—designed with a purpose and destiny.
I am at peace—because I look to You, not my circumstances.
I am contented—because my satisfaction is in You.
I am a new creation—because You make all things new.
I am FREE—because Your truth sets me FREE!

Saint Michael
the Archangel,
defend us
in the hour of battle.
Be our safeguard
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince
of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
thrust down into hell Satan
and all wicked spirits
who wander
through the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Sixth 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, 27TH SEPTEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Alan Mousely (RD) Hugh Donahue (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 26th 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, 29TH SEPTEMBER Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Thanksgiving to Our Lady and St Joseph (T) Maureen Robinson (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER Memorial of St Jerome Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Iain Target (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER Memorial of St Therese Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am at 10a	<i>Dusty Millar (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Maureen Robinson at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER The Holy Guardian Angels Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Canon Matt McManus (B) Philomena McKee (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 26th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Intentions of On Ta Loi (SI)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Philomena McKee at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 27th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Hanna (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS ON THURSDAY

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death. The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."



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



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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

John Brodie 2001, Angela Brown 2008, Peggy McKay 1992, Robert Leo Walsh 1968, Mary Barr, Maretta Main 2023, Fiona McKellar 2015, Finbarr Moynihan 2015, Dominic Burke 1988, Dorothea Campbell 2011, Mary Clarke 1984, Iain Tarbet 2016, Bert Body 1985, Bridget Carroll 2016, John Connor 1983, Charles Coulter 1992, Kathleen Mulhearn 2009, Sadie O'Reilly 2019, Isabella (Tibby) Avey 2019, Canon Lawrence Fischer 1980, Patrick Giffney 1971, Kathleen McIlroy 1973, Isabella Milligan 2022, Peter Morgan 2010, Lily Murphy 1990, Duncan Rhodes 2012, Hannah Burns 2002, Joseph Griffin 2001, Francis Ketchen 2013, Catherine Helen McMullan 2000, John Paterson 2005, Teresa Walker 1987, Bill Andrew 2017, Adeline Hughes née McCann 2022, Gerry McGinn 2008, Robert Paterson 2004.

■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 from Margaret Brawley

Margaret would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass Bouquets, flowers and good wishes for Peter during his present ongoing illness. It is much appreciated by Peter and the family. Regards

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Fund Raiser for Repairs to the Church

Fun & Quiz Night, Live Music, Raffle, Saturday 25th October 2025 in St Peter's Parish Centre starts 7pm tickets at £5. BYOB and snacks. Tickets on sale now from Margaret Munn or at the Parish House, also looking for donations for the raffle and quiz prizes.

■ Refreshments from St Matthew's this Sunday

This Sunday 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.

■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.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council

The first Meeting of the new Deanery Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday, 30th September at 7pm at St Peter's Centre. All the Parishes in our Deanery will send representatives to the Deanery Council.



■ From Human Hope to Divine Hope

Pope Leo, a long-time missionary in an impoverished country, knows well the life of the poor. He can also testify to their holiness. The poor may not have the security of power and possessions, but they can be blessed otherwise. The Holy Father says they have a

"lasting hope": "The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognising that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope." (Pope Leo XIV, June 13th, 2025) We who are rich may have a problem. Our riches are fleeting. We have so many false realities and securities around us that we can begin to hope in them and not in God. This means ultimately that our hopes may be in vain, unless we intentionally place them in God alone.



Mother Teresa changed the world, one poor person at a time. She inspired thousands to look out for the "poor Lazarus" at their own doors. When asked about her work, her deep secret was found in Christ Jesus. This phrase is often seen written on the chapel walls of her Missionaries of Charity sisters. "You did it to me." (Matthew 25:40). Jesus tells us that, at the final judgement, those who loved him by loving their neighbours will be given an eternal reward.



JUST FOR A LAUGH



At 98 years old, the Archbishop was dying. The nuns and fathers gathered around his bed, trying to make his last journey comfortable. They brought some warm milk to drink, but he refused. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of whisky gifted to her last Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the milk. Returning to the Archbishop's bed, she held the glass to his lips. And so he drank a little, then a little more, and before they knew it, he had drunk the whole glass. "Your ", intoned a Monsignor, "please give us some wisdom before you die." Rising up from the bed, a most pious look on his face, he said "Don't sell that cow!"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 21st September: £558.61

Building Fund for 21st September: £332.42

Retired Priest Fund: £100

→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 21st September: £145

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