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Two New Young Saints to pray for us!



CARLO ACUTIS

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

This Sunday, 7th September this year, Pope Leo will canonise two new saints, Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. They are two young men, who chose Jesus above all else and made the world around them a much better place. **Blessed Carlo Acutis** died at fifteen years of age. He had a hunger for God that was utterly full of energy and commitment: he prayed the Rosary every day; he made his first Holy Communion a year early and then attended Mass every day for the rest of his life; he cared for the homeless each night; and he even developed websites to spread his love of the Eucharist and Mary. "To be always united to Jesus is my programme of life," he declared. "Find God, and you will find the meaning of your life." Right before he died, he said, "To have a long life doesn't mean that this is a good thing [because] one can live a very long time and live badly." He humbly confessed, "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God." He called the Rosary, which he prayed daily, the "shortest ladder to climb to heaven" and the "most powerful weapon," after the Eucharist, "to fight the devil." His mother said in an interview, "To live close to someone like Carlo means not to remain neutral in your faith." His most famous saying was, "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies." The second saint, that Pope Leo is canonising, is **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. He led a very ordinary life to all intents and purposes. However, his love for God and his radical love for his neighbour became one united reality in his life. We could sum up his earthly life in the words of Pope John Paul II: He was immersed in the mystery of God and, at the same time, totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbour. Pier Giorgio is an example for us because he lived everyday holiness instead of just reading about it. He would literally take off his shoes and give them to the poor. He would walk home barefoot; he would give his coat away to the needy; he would give away any money he had in his pocket. Both these young new saints challenge us to take our faith more seriously and to put aside any kind of mediocrity in our spiritual journey. These two saints move us to want to be better - we just have to set out to climb the mountain. And then let God's grace and love do the rest. It is time to choose. *Saint Carlo and Saint Pier Giorgio pray for us!*



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Third 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, 6TH SEPTEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Kathleen Cairns (A) Margaret Pacewicz (A) Robert Steele (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 23rd 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, 8TH SEPTEMBER Nativity of Our Lady Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>James Boyle (A) Helen Carruth (RD) Nicola Paterson (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Arthur Breslin (RD) John Hughes (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	5pm Prayers of Reception John McGlynn	
WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am at 10a	<i>Neil Boyle (RD) William & Elizabeth Loudon (A)</i>		Funeral Mass for John McGlynn at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER Dedication of the Cathedral Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ray Conal (RD) Irene Campbell (RD) Joseph Mallon (A)</i>			
FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER Most Holy Name of Mary Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Anne Kennedy (A) Alex Templeton (A) Dusty Millar (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 24th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Jim Conlan (A) Ronnie Cairns (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

THE NATIVITY OF MARY ON MONDAY

Scripture does not give an account of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world.



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, Avril de Mink

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Rona McNamara 2005, Marie White née McManus 1997, Ellen Vance 2012, Jim Boyle 2022, Catherine Campbell 2003, James Duffin 1960, Margaret Logan 2013, William Loudon 1977, Joan McKnight 1976, Margaret Walsh 2015, Helen Burns 2022, Harry Kaye 2000, Susannah Kemp 1948, James Moore 1998, Florence Slavin 1998, Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Lorriane McManus 2024, Lillian Bonnar 2022, Cathie Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mary Otto 2008, Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKechan 1998, Bridget McLaughlin 1997, Sister Annette Cross and Passion 2016, John Burns 1997, Alberto Carrino 2009, Dolores Fairhurst 2014, Thomas Fernes 2011, James Hughes 2010, James Love 1996, Anne McCabe 1995.

▪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 this Sunday - come along!

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 this Sunday after 10.30am 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.

▪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.

▪Bible Group - St Peter's

The next Meeting of our Bible Group at St Peter's is on Tuesday, 9th September at 7pm in the Presbytery. *All are very welcome and we would love to see you there!*

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.

▪ Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome to the Family of the Church *Michael Lawler Connelly*, who will be baptised on Saturday, 13th September at 11.30am. Congratulations to his parents and the Godparents.

▪ Special Collection for Sick & Retired Priests

Next Week, there will be a special collection for the sick and retired priests in our Diocese. We remember them all with great love and affection. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. *Please give as generously as you can!*

▪Try this Prayer for the Coming Week▪

Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.
Help me to become
the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will
and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.
Open my heart to the areas of my life
that need to change
in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy
you have imagined for my life.
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.
Show me how to best get involved
in the life of my parish.
Make our community hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.
Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty
and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be
for the people of our times.
Amen.

Faith. Hope and Love.
But the greatest of these is Love



JUST FOR A LAUGH



A four year old's description of creation - "In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that. Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet. Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either. Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel. After a while, all of the first people died, except Methuselah, who lived to be, like, a million years old."

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 31st August: £613.09
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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 31st August: £138.40

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