

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

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These 11 Nuns Chose Love Over Fear

Eleven nuns were shot by the Germans in a pine forest early in the morning of Aug. 1, 1943. Many religious were killed by the Nazis. What was so special about these nuns? Their story. The Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth had a house in Nowogródek between the wars. They prayed and also taught the local girls various skills and subjects. There were tensions, as it was a mixed area where ethnicity followed religion — Poles mostly Catholic, Belarusians mostly Orthodox —



but the sisters were accepted. Then came the occupiers. In mid-July 1943, the Germans arrested 120 men, probably for forced labor. The women of the town came to the nuns, begging them for prayers that their men be returned to them. The sisters agreed, praying for God to release the men and, if necessary, to take them instead. They did not have to wait long for their prayer to be answered. On Saturday, July 31, 1943, the Germans came to the convent in the afternoon and took 11 nuns to the local Gestapo headquarters for interrogation. One sister, who was away, returned later that day to an empty convent. She was hidden and spent the rest of her life living at the local church. The nuns were questioned by the Germans the whole night. Toward morning, they were bundled into a truck and taken outside the town to a coniferous forest where a large grave had already been dug. The sisters were then shot, each falling into the grave atop the others. They would remain buried there until the Germans were driven out. In 1945, their remains were exhumed and brought by sleigh for burial outside the white

church (fara) in Nowogródek, the church they served. Later, they were again exhumed and buried inside the church, where they remain today. Pope St. John Paul II beatified the sisters in 2000.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-ninth 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, 18TH OCTOBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Mary McAtee (A)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 29th 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, 20TH OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Neil Dogged (RD) Phia Allison (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Joe Cahill (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER Memorial St John Paul II Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patricia Patrick (RD) Peter McCourt (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Elizabeth McKinnon	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kathleen Dean (A) Monica Anne Taylor (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Patrick Cawley (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 30th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Elizabeth Macrae (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN PAUL II THIS WEDNESDAY

Before John Paul II's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, hundreds of thousands of people had waited patiently for a brief moment to pray before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented. Presiding at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—then dean of the College of Cardinals and later Pope Benedict XVI—concluded his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing urbi et orbi ('to the city and to the world'). "We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades, Jim
McEwan, Peter Brawley,
Sean Connell, Margaret
Hanna, Monica Taylor,
John McKenna

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY Elizabeth Macrae

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Margaret McHugh 2002, Michael McManus 1961,
Michael Monaghan 1936, Ugo Pellegrini 2024, John
Dorian 2009, Alice Hansler 2022, Cameron McCallum
2010, David McHugh 1967, Patrick McQuade 1998,
Stephen Patrick Austin 2017, Lawrence Brennan 1981,
Andrew Conaghan 2002, Michael Doherty 2005,
Margaret Monaghan 1969, Hugh O'Boyle 2000, John
Higgins 2001, Hugh McGoogan 2009, Mary Jane McKay
1952, Patrick McNamee 1918, Patrick O'Hare 2001,
Tom Adamson 2006, John and Isabella Connor, Mary
Ferguson 2015, Cecily Grant 1980, Christine McAtee
1988, Annie McConnachie 2016, Dougald McMurchie,
Ellis Nesbit, Monica Ann Taylor née Reilly 2015, Jim
Hainey 2019, Celia Hilferty 2001, Peggy McKay 1992,
Kathleen Robinson 2012, Terence Burns 1997, Henry
Fitzsimmons 1959, Helen Grober 2008, Morvia Logue
2014

You are always loved
and never forgotten.

May your soul

Rest in Peace!



▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

▪Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Macrae - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Macrae, who died on 8th October, aged 95 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 3rd November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ Fund Raiser for Repairs to the Church VERY IMPORTANT

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.

▪ Congratulations 50/50 club winners - St Peter's

August 2025. Bonus prize – No 77 Maria Boyle wins £100. 4 prizes of £25 each: No 101 Frances Gemmell, No 114 Andrea Dunn, No 65 Mr T Forde, No 173 Orla Steele. September 2025 4 prizes of £25 each: No 83 G Coulter, No 142 J McVey, No 236 R Hastings, No 102 M Lee. We appreciate the continued support of all our members; some have been members since the Club started in 1993. We have had several changes over the years but your support, as always, encourages us to keep going. Thank you one and all. We do have vacancies if you wish to join. Please contact the Promoter, Myriame Sammons on 01294 469006 or the Parish Office.

▪ 30th Anniversary for St Peter's Primary VERY IMPORTANT

St Peter's Primary School celebrates their 30th Anniversary on Thursday, 23rd October. To mark this special day, you are early invited to join the School for a Celebration Mass at St Peter's Church, on Monday, 27th October at 10am. Everyone is very welcome and many blessings on St Peter's Staff, Support Staff and pupils and their families.

▪ Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome to the Family of the Church Aoife Ann Griffin, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and the Godparents.

▪ Galloway Youth Evenings at St Peter's VERY IMPORTANT

This is just a quick reminder about the upcoming launch of the Youth Evenings in North Ayrshire on Sunday 26th October in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. The evening will begin with Mass at 5.00pm before continuing in the hall from 5.30pm. Margaret McGrath and I are working our way around North Ayrshire schools this week and the week after the October break to promote the evenings, but already we're seeing a real keenness and energy with a number of young people having registered from St Peter's primary (ahead of us visiting). We've had a great response from parishioners in the three towns with five volunteering to lead the evenings which is a great start, and once they're established we'll hopefully attract a few more.

▪ Invitation to praying the Rosary in October

In this October month of the Rosary, I would like to invite you to join us in praying this powerful devotion. The Rosary is one of the Church's most beloved prayers—rooted in Scripture and built upon timeless Catholic prayers such as the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail

Mary, and the Glory Be. Using the beads to keep count, we meditate on the "mysteries," reflecting on key moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. It is a prayer that draws us deeper into the heart of the Gospel.

▪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.

▪Generous Donation for Church Repairs - St Peter

Many thanks for the very kind donations of £150 and £50 towards the repairs to the Church roof.

▪Generous Donation for Church Repairs - St Bride

Many thanks for the generous donation of £1,350 towards the repairs required in the Church. It is very much appreciated.

▪Save the Dates at St Bride's VERY IMPORTANT

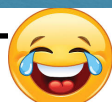
Please save the date for St Bride's Annual Christmas Dinner and Entertainment on Saturday, 13th December. More information to follow. Also Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday, 17th December at 7pm.

"Many holy men and women of monumental virtue considered Mary's humility to be a sure path to intimacy with God. They have surrendered themselves completely to Mary's protection and guidance, begging her to lead them ever closer to her Son."

MATTHEW KELLY

Rediscover the Rosary

THE MODERN POWER OF AN ANCIENT PRAYER



JUST FOR A LAUGH



Twin seven year old boys were always getting into trouble. Their parents knew if any mischief was reported in town, the twins were probably involved. Their mother heard that the Parish Priest had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The priest agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent one boy in the morning, with the other boy to see the priest in the afternoon. The priest, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the priest repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The priest raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!" The boy screamed, ran directly home and hid in his closet. When his twin brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" His brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

thank you

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Offertory for 12th October: £496.147
Building Fund for 12th October: £282.62

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Offertory for 12th October: £187

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