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The Saints - Heroes of our Faith



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. The saints are the great heroes of our faith. The Church describes a saint as a person of "heroic virtue." This means that while many Christians might be willing to settle for lacklustre accomplishments as disciples, the saints engage their relationship with the Lord Jesus with vigorous creativity and absolute dedication. Most often, the work of the saints will go unnoticed and unseen. Saints are not celebrities, and those saints who capture the attention of the world view that renown as the imposition of a cross. Most saints will disappear into the mission of the Church. In heaven, we will know the profound impact thousands of hidden saints had on our lives, but here on earth, as I said, most of the saints move about and work among us, and do so for the most part unnoticed and unseen. The work of the saints is not completed with their deaths. The saints know better than most Christians that life here in this world is not merely an end in itself, but a means by which God prepares us for a greater and more important mission in heaven. No one who is in heaven is indolent. Heaven is not a place of indifference to this world but one of interaction and intercession. This means that the saints continue their mission as disciples of the Lord Jesus, supporting and sustaining the Church, acting to help and support all the baptised. The first Scripture for today's Mass of All Saints is an excerpt from the New Testament Book of Revelation. The Book of Revelation is one of the most mysterious, complex, and misunderstood books of the Bible. It is a theological commentary on events from the past, present, and future, and it communicates important spiritual insights through fantastic images and symbols. The common impression is that the Book of Revelation is about the end of the world, and as such people are often terrified by its content. But, properly understood, the Book of Revelation is not simply frightening, but reassuring, as it foresees the victory of God in Christ over all the dark powers, worldly and otherworldly that oppose him.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Thirty-First 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, 1ST NOVEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ann McDonald (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER Solemnity of All Saints (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, 3RD NOVEMBER Requiem Mass - Elizabeth Macrae at 10am	<i>For Elizabeth Macrae and her Family</i>			Holy Mass at 7pm
TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER All Souls Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parishes.</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am with P6 Pupils from St Anthony's PS	
WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 31st Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Duncan Lyon (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 31st Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Archie Blades (RD) Margaret Barratt (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am with P5 Pupils from St Anthony's PS	
FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 31st Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Mary and James Timmons (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER Solemnity of All Saints (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Hugh Conway (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

ALL SOULS THIS TUESDAY

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death. "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" [2 Maccabees 12:46]. *May they rest in peace.*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Sean Connell,
Margaret Hanna,
Monica Taylor, John
McKenna, Father Jim
Sweeney.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Elizabeth Macrae,
Archie Blades

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Baby Lily Heron 2016, Thomas Kilbane 1983, Hugh McKay 1982, Eileen Taylor 2005, May Cusick 2009, Teresa Kelly 1978, Isobel Morrison 2019, Sarah Sammons 1970, Elizabeth Anne Tait 2004, Mary Timmons 2011, John Tracy 2024, Sanny Ballantyne 1991, John Higgins 2020, Rose McCann 2017, Eilidh McCarroll 2022, Ian McNamara 1979, Ralph Piacentini 2022, Gerry Watt 2024, Paddy Crozier, Paul Foran 2022, Anna Lizanec 2008, Margaret Martin 1962, Father James McCarroll 1952, Catherine McMullan 1963, Father Paul O'Brien 1999, Robert Reid 2006, John Tracy 2024, John Whyte 1975, James McCabe, Jean Murray 2006, Julie Holland Newmann, Michael Reilly 1946, Steven Walker 1999, Mary McDonald 2004, Lena McGhee 2000, John McGinness 2014, Liam Newall 2004, Sandra White 2010, Helene Adams 2016, Monica Fagan 1986, Jim McLaren 2005

▪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.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Reminder to Drivers using the Church Car Park

Drivers, please do not park across the lowered areas at hall, which restricts access for wheelchair users and other less able people. Many thanks.

▪H.C.P.T. Lourdes Group 376

The group is providing the tea after morning mass on Sunday 9th November. We will be selling a variety of Christmas items. Make an early start to your Christmas shopping and help send someone to Lourdes. *Date for your diary: Christmas Festive Afternoon Sunday 7th December.*

▪November Lists now available

Blank November Lists are now available at the back of the church and at the stall for Mass to be said for our deceased family members and friends.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Annual Cemetery Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery

The annual Cemetery Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery this year will take place on Sunday, 16 November 2025 at 2:00 pm in Ardrossan Cemetery.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Mass for the COP Climate Summit

Join the Care of Creation Office, SCIAF, Justice & Peace Scotland and SCES to pray for the success of COP30 at Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Nolan, on Monday 10th November 2025 in St Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow at 1:00 pm followed by refreshments in the Eyre Hall and a presentation from SCIAF's Ben Wilson

▪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.

▪Save the Dates at St Bride's

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.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Sunday Teas - THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass, teas, coffee and light refreshments will be served by the SSVP. Your support is most welcome. Thanks!

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Big "Thank You" for supporting Quiz Night

A Big Thanks to everyone who supported our Fund Raiser evening last Saturday, we raised a massive £1225 for repairs to our Church; to all who donated prizes, money, and to George and Ciaran our performers, who gave their time freely, thank you. The evening was a big success and enjoyed by all.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪Spiritual Works of Mercy

In the month of the Holy Souls in November, we celebrate Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery.

By praying for the dead, we are accomplishing what is known as one of the spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy usually steal the show. But they are paired with the lesser-known spiritual works of mercy. These are: Admonish the sinner, Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Comfort the sorrowful, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive all injuries and Pray for the living and the dead. In the culture of today, where faith is often pushed aside to the private sphere, it is much easier to do one of the corporal works of mercy such as feeding the hungry. It is much harder, for example, to admonish a sinner or teach someone about the faith in the public setting. Yet perhaps this does more good for a person's soul. We can give them bread (corporal work) or the Bread of Life (spiritual work). A recovery of the spiritual works of mercy may be a good thing for the Church as a whole. Take time this week to look over the list and find creative ways to make them a routine part of your life, and if you can join us for our annual Cemetery Mass at the Cemetery on Sunday, 16th November at 2pm.



JUST FOR A LAUGH



On their way to getting married, a young couple is involved in a fatal car accident. They find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates, waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter shows up, they ask him. St. Peter says, 'I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked that. Let me go and find out,' and he leaves. The couple sit and wait, and wait. Two months pass and the couple is still waiting. As they wait, they discuss that if they were allowed to get married in Heaven, what was the eternal aspect of it all. 'What if it doesn't work?' they wondered. 'Are we stuck together forever?' After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled. 'Yes,' he informs the couple, 'you can get married in Heaven.' 'Great!' says the couple, 'But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Can we also get a divorce in Heaven?' St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slams his clipboard onto the ground. 'What's wrong?' ask the frightened couple. 'OH, COME ON!' St. Peter shouts, 'It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?'

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 26th October: £617.64

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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 26th October: £114



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