

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

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Grandma's Hands



Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench.. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands. When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK. Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking,' she said in a clear voice. 'I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK,' I explained to her. 'Have you ever looked at your hands,' she asked. 'I mean really looked at your hands?' I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making. Grandma smiled and related this story: 'Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled shrivelled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life... 'They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor.. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war. 'They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding ring they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse. 'They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbours, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. "These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of God.' I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.



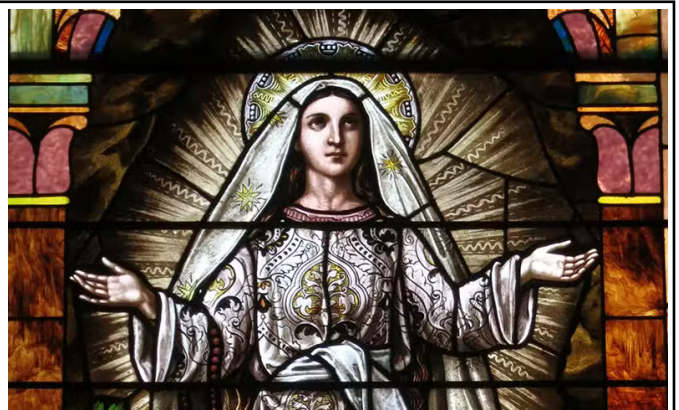
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Seventh Week of the Year

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, 4TH OCTOBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Margaret Hanna (SI)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 27th 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, 6TH OCTOBER 27th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Mark Tarbet (RD)			Holy Mass at 10am
TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER Our Lady of the Rosary Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Phia Allison (RD)	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER Requiem Mass for Joseph Cahill at 10am	<i>For Joseph Cahill</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER St John Henry Newman Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Maureen Robinson (RD)		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 27th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	Karen Gough	Holy Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 28th Sunday of the Year (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Paul Devine (A)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ON TUESDAY

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Our Fathers” remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.



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



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Joe Cahill, Mark Tarbet, Aileen McGuinness

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Seamus Boyle 2021, Hugh O'Hare 2004, June Piacentini 2021, Charlie Scullion 2010, Kirsty Bell 2012, Elizabeth McKay 2005, Terence O'Neill 2002, Karen Marie Boulcott 2007, Greta Brennan 2017, William Cambridge 1990, John Goan 2012, James Martin 1997, Russ Otto 2012, Eunice Ward 2001, Ann Breen 2017, Alie Khan 1970, Peter Martean 1969, Catherine McHugh 1977, Catherine Nicol 1993, Joe Brady senior 1963, Vincenzo Carrino 1980, James Dalton 2023, Alex Jamieson 2006, Bill Henderson, Mary Colvin 2000, Jane Coulter 1998, Dan Donnelly 1941, Paul Devine 2024, Chrissie Ferguson 2006

■ 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 Grant Award - St Bride's

St Bride's have received a grant of £400 from the RC Clergy of the Western district Quota Fund towards parish funds. It is greatly appreciated.

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 the Parish SVP this Sunday

This Sunday 5th October, the SSVP will be serving tea and coffee etc in the Parish Centre after the 10:30 am Mass. Please come along and show your support.

■ 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.

■ Thanks for Donation - St Peter's

Thank you for your kind donation of £100 for the parish of St Peter's. it is very much appreciated.

■ 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 this 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

■ Pope Leo urges us to pray a daily Rosary for Peace

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace. Catholics across the globe will unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community," he said. Pope Leo lamented the "ruins wrought by murderous hatred" and he invited Christians to share with others "the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity." *We pray the Rosary before Mass - everyone very welcome!*



■ Blessing of Rosaries this Tuesday

This Tuesday, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will bless rosaries. Please place any rosary to be blessed on the altar before Mass. *Thanks!*

■ Requiem Mass for Joseph Cahill - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Cahill, who died on 14th September, aged 90 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 8th October at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

■ Pope Leo to name Newman Doctor of the Church

Pope Leo XIV has announced that he will declare St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church on 1 November, during celebrations for the Jubilee of the World of Education. *St John Henry Newman pray for us!*

■ Please pray for Aileen McGuinness - St Bride's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Aileen McGuinness, who died recently in a Care Home in Dunoon. She was a former Parishioner at St Bride's.



JUST FOR A LAUGH



Ken and Jamie decide to go ice fishing. They head out, find a nice spot, cut a hole in the ice, and stick in their poles. Suddenly, a loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" Ken and Jamie look around, look at each other, and look up, and they don't see anyone. "I suppose we'd better move then," says Jamie. They get up and find another spot on the ice, cut a hole, and stick in their poles with great hopes of fresh trout. Once again, the voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up. Again, they don't see anyone. "We best find another spot," says Ken. So, they gather up their equipment, choose another promising spot on the ice, cut a hole, and stick in their poles. Once again, the loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up, again seeing no one. Jamie calls out, "God in Heaven, is that you?" The voice responds, "NO! THIS IS THE SKATING RINK MANAGER! THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 28th September: £460.32

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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 28th September: £133

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