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Letting Faith Embrace Our Whole Life

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Pope Leo XIV recently touched upon the fact that we need to make sure our religious faith transforms all of our life. For example, how we behave on Sunday morning should not be different than how we behave during the rest of the week. We can't be Christians on Sunday and pagans the rest of the week. Some religious folks may feel very safe and secure because of their religious devotion. But Pope Leo says we should take care. Just because we have religious habits, traditions, or practices, we can't get comfortable. He says: "While we may sometimes be judgmental towards those distant from the faith, Jesus calls into question "the security of believers." He tells us that it is not enough to profess the faith with words, to eat and drink with him by celebrating the Eucharist or to have a good knowledge of Christian doctrine. Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did. There are times when this involves making difficult and unpopular decisions, resisting our selfish inclinations, placing ourselves at the service of others, and persevering in doing what is right when the logic of evil seems to prevail, and so on. Once we cross that threshold, however, we will discover that life flourishes anew. From that moment on, we will enter into the immense heart of God and the joy of the eternal banquet that he has prepared for us." (Pope Leo XIV August 24th, 2025) This week, what difficult decision may I need to make to begin to live a better Christian life?



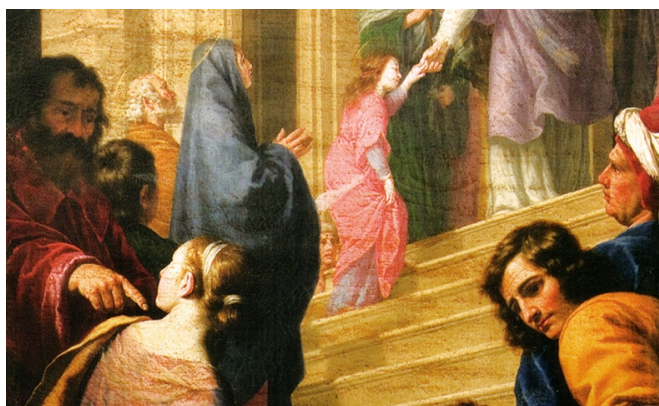
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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Thirty-Third Week of the Year

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, 15TH NOVEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Mark Target (RD) Mary Timmons (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 33rd 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, 17TH NOVEMBER Memorial of St Elizabeth Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Collin and Upton Families Marion Walker (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Jean Burns at 10am	Mass for the Deceased at 7pm
TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 33rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Lily Dunlop (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 33rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Alice McGrattan (A) Stephen Munn (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 33rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mary Lough</i>		Holy Mass at 10am Prayers of Reception for Margaret Brennan at 6pm	
FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER Presentation of the Virgin Mary Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Archie Blades (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Brennan at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER Christ the King (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Anne Gibson (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ON FRIDAY

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. This Feast Day stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Hugh Gilmour,
Nuala Friel,
Deacon Bob Simpson

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Peter McCann 2019, Robert McGee 1996, Margaret Ogilvie 2016, Francis Brady 1943, George Hilferty 2013, Hugh Madine 1997, Letitia Smith 2001, Setti Cavani 1997, Thomas Clarke 2024, Catherine Keogh 2016, Margaret Lee 1984, Linda Jackson 2009, Alice McGrattan 2013, Stephen Munn 2011, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Alice Tomelty 2000, Susan Hamilton 2009, Father Frank Kiernan 1989, Joseph Smith 2002, Robert Stevenson 1962, Joseph McKeraghan 2020, Matthew Ssenyondo, father of Father Charles 2015, Andrew Steven 1998

■ Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

■ We welcome the Comboni Sisters next Weekend

The Comboni Sisters will be with us for Mass next weekend to sell their annual calendars to fundraise for the Missions.

■ CHANA Christmas Appeal

Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire is again teaming up with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire. Last year 168 gifts were provided, including gifts for boys & girls of all ages as well as particularly vulnerable or isolated adults who otherwise might not have received a present at Christmas.

If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4CC & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at <https://www.nightbeforechristmas.co.uk>

■ 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.

■ Inviting People Home for Advent and Christmas

This coming Advent - begins on Sunday 30th November - as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember the witness of shepherds who shared the good news. Let us also share the good news of Christ's love and mercy this Advent season by inviting friends and family to Church. We remember the words of St. Peter who tells us "to always be ready to give witness to the reason for our hope" (1Pet 3:15). Sharing our love for Jesus Christ and spreading the Good News is a necessary part of our faith. Invite those who may not be practicing their faith or may have never encountered Christ to join us for this Holy Season. We lovingly invite all those who have fallen away, to come home, to find healing, answers and support. Our faith is a gift, let's share it with others.

■ 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.

■ Annual Cemetery Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery

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

■ 200 Club in our Parishes in support of the Youth

Are you passionate about supporting youth and young adult's ministry in Galloway? The Youth Office runs events across the Diocese to help young people grow in faith and friendship to come to know and love God through likeminded groups. To help them continue to run and grow these events, as well as supporting participation for disadvantaged persons, they're launching a new 200 Club. For £5 a month you can help support their work and win cash prizes. For details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club

VERY IMPORTANT

DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY

■ Catholic Education Sunday this Weekend

This weekend is Catholic Education Sunday and we will take up a special collection at the Vigil and Sunday Masses. As always, many thanks for your generosity in advance. We welcome from our Schools for St Peter's: Susanne Dunne from St Peter's Primary and Stephen Colligan from St Matthew's Academy. For St Bride's: Anthony Gardiner. Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole.

■ Date for your Diary - St Peter's

Keep this date for your diary: Christmas Festive Afternoon Sunday 7th December.

DATES
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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



Monday, 15th December at 7pm
St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan

DATES
FOR YOUR
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Tuesday, 16th December 2pm
St Mary's, Saltcoats

DATES
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Thursday, 18th December at 7pm
St John's, Stevenston



JUST FOR A LAUGH



A teacher was testing the children in School to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered, "NO!" She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD FIRST."

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