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Longing for a Star to Guide Us



The catalyst that set the Magi's journey in motion was the mysterious star that appeared and somehow indicated that the promised King of the Jews, the King that many prophets had predicted would bring order and justice back to the world, had been born. What was this star? Why did it mean so much to the Magi? And what meaning does it have for us? Why would a star be able to alter these men's lives so significantly? Why would God have chosen to use a star speak to them of the Saviour? To answer those questions, we need to reflect a little bit on who these Magi were. St. Matthew doesn't tell us much about the Magi either, but he tells us enough. First of all, they were not Jews. This is perhaps the most important thing from St. Matthew's perspective, because it verifies that Jesus really is the promised Messiah. Second, St. Matthew tells us that the Magi came "from the east." Most likely, they were royal Chaldean scientists and scholars from the ancient city of Babylon. These wise men from the east yearned so passionately for the coming of the Lord that as soon as they knew he had come, they set off to worship him. Since the Magi's experience is a living parable, it has a lot to tell us about our own spiritual journey. Maybe most importantly, it tells us that God wants to communicate with us. He really wants us to find Jesus, to discover the reality of his love and his presence, and he makes star after star rise on our horizons in order to lead us closer to him. Our hearts too yearn for more meaningful contact with God, because they yearn for true, lasting happiness, and that can only be found in God — not in popularity, comfort, wealth, or achievements, but only in God. Let's take some time now to remember the stars that God has used to guide us in our Christian lives so far, to look for the star that he is giving us right now, and to ask him for the grace to always recognise and follow every star he sends us, just as the Magi did.



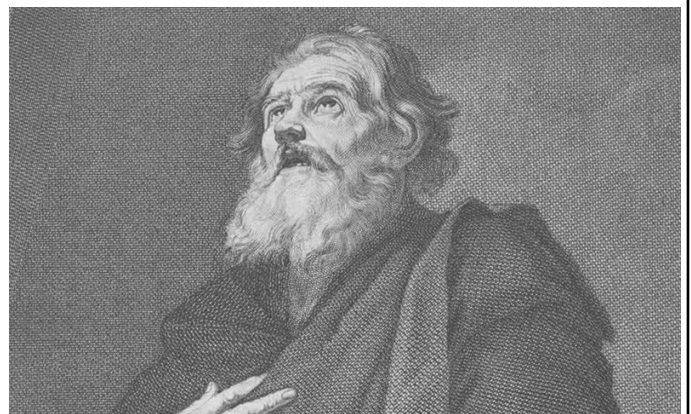
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Liturgy of the Week - First Week of Advent

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, 29TH NOVEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Janie McGonigle (A) Natalina, Arturo and Cosimo Farro (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER First Sunday of Advent (A) 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, 1ST DECEMBER Solemnity of St Andrew Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Alice Burns (RD)</i>		Holy Mass with St Anthony's Primary School at 10am	
TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 1st Week of Advent Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Lorraine Docherty, Mary Lough</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER Memorial of St Francis Xavier Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mia and Eva Alesci Andreaa and Joe Maureen McGarvey</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER Requiem Mass for Hugh Gilmour at 10am	<i>For Hugh Gilmour and his Family</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 1st Week of Advent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Elizabeth and Leo Walsh (A) Sylvia and Laurence McGarvey Bruce and Ross McGarvey</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER Second Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Calum, Ross and Emma Nicolson, Joanne and Neil.</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW ON MONDAY

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20). As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people. Andrew and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross. *Saint Andrew, Patron of Scotland, pray for us!*



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,
Father Johnny Kinstler.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Natalina Farro 2022, Gribben family, Janie McGonigle 2012, Mary Bridget Timmons, Jack Collins 1970, Margaret Hamilton 1992, Peter Hamilton 2023, Collette McKibben 2003, Matt Donnelly 2020, Alison Harkness 2020, John McNamara 1997, Elizabeth Theresa Walsh 1970, Jim Wallace 2014, Brian O'Hare 2009, Tom Reid 2006, Monica Tipping 2010, John Welsh 2009, Jim Delahunt 2014, Mary Finnigan 2020, Martin Lehane 2015, Mary Martin 1983, Isabella McGoogan 1998, Rebecca Rourke 2021, Gordon Alexander Smith 1997, John Hughes 2010, Margaret Anne Shanks 1994, Rose Smith 1999, Anne Thompson 1986, Robert Walker 2012, Susan Connor 2009, Thomas Connor 2006, Joyce Feeney 2012, Jean Graham, Alexander Merrick 2001, May Shanks 1990, Rose Smith 1999.

■ Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

■ You are invited to a Festive Afternoon

Christmas Festive Afternoon Sunday 7th December 2pm St Peter-in-Chains featuring Theresa Morrison and Paul Hume. Tickets £8 inc afternoon tea, available from Esther Coulter 07772433070

■ Requiem Mass for Hugh Gilmour

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Hugh Gilmour, who died on Friday, 7th November, aged 81 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 4th December at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ Refreshments after Mass - St Peter's

Please join us after the Sunday Mass for refreshments and home-baking, prepared by the Parish SSVP.

■ Parents' Meeting for First Confession - St Peter's

There will be a Meeting for parents for the children, preparing for their First Reconciliation on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm in St Peter's Centre. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

■ Dates for your Diaries - 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.

■ Fr Duncan celebrates his 40th Anniversary

On Sunday 7th December 2025, Fr Duncan will celebrate 40 years as a Priest. We would like to have a collection to mark this important anniversary. If you would like to make a contribution, envelopes are available at the back of the Church and in the Stall.

■ Inviting People Home for 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 get together on Wednesdays. We meet in the Church Hall at St Peter's from 1 till 3pm. Everyone is very welcome.

■ St Peter's Christmas Raffle

We are holding a Christmas raffle to help raise funds for our ongoing repairs to our Church with great prizes on offer. 1st Large Christmas Hamper 2nd Small Children's Hamper 3rd Bottle of Champagne 4th Tin of Sweets

5th Bottle of Wine. Raffle tickets go on sale this weekend with the draw being made after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday 21 December 2025. Any donations towards the Hampers would be gratefully received. If you are able to donate, please put them in the Box in the church porch.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Card with Times of Masses and Services

Please make sure you get your Christmas Cards at Mass today with all the times for the Masses and Services at St Bride's and St Peter's.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



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



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

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



JUST FOR A LAUGH



It was Christmas and the Magistrate in court was in a merry mood as he asked the defendant, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant. "That's no offence", said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?" "Before the shop opened."

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