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The Cleansing of the Temple



Today, we will look at a painting of the Gospel scene where Jesus cleanses the Temple. The artist is El Greco, a late Renaissance painter. The cleansing of the Temple became a popular theme in art during the time of El Greco. This is because the Protestant Reformation was going on. Both sides, Catholic and Protestant, wanted reform. In the end, what was needed was renewal, not reform. The Catholic Church had a beautiful period of counter-reformation, filled with many great saints. When El Greco paints this scene, he takes Jesus' cleansing of the Temple outside of first century Jerusalem, and places Jesus inside what could be a Renaissance basilica or cathedral. What Greco was saying in his painting is that the renewal and cleansing of the Church happens all the time. But Greco goes deeper. He reflects on Jesus in this moment. In the painting, Jesus has his right arm lifted, holding a scourge. Jesus is looking towards his right, where there is a great commotion. People who are struggling with empty baskets. We don't see anything in these baskets, and so El Greco symbolises the emptiness of their earthly pursuits. The viewer is left wondering where the sheep, doves, and oxen are. One does not see any of the animals. There's a symbolism here. El Greco is saying that it's not so much about the animals or the material goods, but it's the person, the spiritual heart of each one, for each one, that needs to find cleansing. Next to Jesus, on his left, are his disciples. The apostle Saint Peter is in the foreground, staring intently at Jesus. Jesus is giving his disciples a hand gesture that speaks of peace and calm. There is no need to worry. Even though Jesus is apparently filled with zeal and righteous anger, everything is under control. El Greco paints Jesus almost as if he is floating, his feet not really touching the ground. The storms may be all around Jesus, but in the end, he is the King of Peace. All is well. Saint Peter is figured prominently because he is the pope, and as the head of the Church, he's the first one who should be a Servant of God. He needs to be listening to Jesus, and needs to be a model of evangelical poverty. The renewal of the Church will begin with him. El Greco has divided his canvas neatly into two halves. On the left are those who try to take from God, those who wish to have everything easy and to profit from religion. On the right, his faithful disciples. This begs the question, which side of the canvas am I on?



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Thirty-Second 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, 8TH NOVEMBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Hugh Conway (A)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER Dedication of the Lateran (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, 10TH NOVEMBER Memorial of St Leo the Great Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Reception for Archie Blades at 6pm	<i>Theresa Loudon (A) Anne Ward (A) Mary Hutson (A)</i>		Holy Mass in St Anthony's Primary School at 10am	
TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER REQUIEM MASS FOR ARCHIE BLADES At 10am	<i>For Archie Blades and his Family</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER Memorial of St Josaphat Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kathleen Fraser (A) Mary and James McCabe (A) Dusty Millar (RD)</i>			
THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 32nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	NO MASS TODAY AT ST PETER'S		Eucharistic Service at 10am Prayers of Reception for Margaret Hicks at 6pm	
FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 32nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Sandra Santi - Italy (RD) Elizabeth MacRae (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Nicks at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 33rd Sunday of the Year (C) Education Sunday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Mark Tarbet (RD) Mary Timmons (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST LEO THE GREAT THIS MONDAY

At a time when there is widespread criticism of Church structures, we also hear criticism that bishops and priests—indeed, all of us—are too preoccupied with administration of temporal matters. Pope Leo is an example of a great administrator who used his talents in areas where spirit and structure are inseparably combined: doctrine, peace, and pastoral care. He avoided an “angelism” that tries to live without the body, as well as the “practicality” that deals only in externals.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Archie Blades

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Hugh Conway 2022, John Craig 2012, Michael Dougan 2016, Joseph McAuliffe 2001, Jean McGowan 2010, Annie McNamara, Jane McNeil 2020, Alice McWhinnie 2009, Elizabeth Mary Moultrie 2000, Lyndsey Thomas née McLardy 2014, Father Cornelius Burke 1972, James Cummings 2005, Father Paul Felix 2016, Theresa Loudon 2020, Anne Ward 2018, Vivien Goldie 1998, Helen Gurney 2004, David Kelley, Henry Mons McLroy 1966, Alec Murphy 1998, Catherine Sweeney, Annie Tracey 2000, Thomas Walsh 2002, James Cox, Canon John Donnelly 2003, James Dorrian 1977, Mary McCabe 1998, Peter McCourt 2009, James McGrath 2010, Daniel Murray 2006, Mary Sammons 2024, Moira Shaw 1995, Bartholomew (Barney) Coby 2012, Mary Dalziel 2006, Helen Mallon 1987, Daniel McDougall 1944, Margaret McIntee 2017, Alex Miller 1979, James Smith 1999, William Cassidy 2012, Julie Anne MacLaren 2006, William Reilly, Rose Floyd 1992, Vivien Friel 2004, Canon Patrick Gunning 1987, Mary Harrigan 2016, Karen Small 2015, Margaret Tracey 2020, Hugh Welsh 1986

■ 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 Archie Blades - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Archie Blades, who died on 25th October, aged 72 years. His Reception into Church will be on Monday, 10th November at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 11th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Remembrance Sunday Service TODAY

Please join the Ardrossan Churches for the Remembrance Sunday Service at 1pm in the EU Church, Glasgow Street, followed by final prayer in the Remembrance Garden. *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"* John 14:27.

VERY IMPORTANT

■ Laying of the Wreath - St Bride's

Sincere thanks to Ellen and Malcolm Milne, who will be laying the wreath from St Bride's Parish on Sunday at the War Memorial in West Kilbride. Ellen and Malcolm will be representing the St Bride's at this annual Service of Remembrance.

■ November Lists now available

Throughout November, the Church turns her attention to the holy souls in Purgatory, urging the faithful to intercede for them in prayer. These souls can no longer aid themselves, and so our prayers become a profound act of mercy and charity. You are invited you to share the names of your deceased family members and friends so that we may include them in our daily prayers and Masses throughout this sacred month of remembrance, as the November Lists will be brought to the altar every day. Please take a moment to submit the names of your loved ones using lists and envelopes available. Know that each name will be remembered with love and gratitude before the Lord. *May the peace of Christ bring comfort to your heart, and may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

■ 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

■ Parish Bible Group - St Peter's

Please come and join us for our monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 11th November at 7pm in the Parish House. We will look at the Readings for the coming Sunday in order to gain a deeper understanding of the contents and how to apply them in our daily lives.

■ 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 on 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

■ Catholic Education Sunday next Weekend

Next 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.

■ H.C.P.T. Lourdes Group 376 - St Peter's

VERY IMPORTANT

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 at St Peter's

Christmas Festive Afternoon Sunday 7th December.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



Monday, 15th December at 7pm
St 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



One day a priest was praying to God and he said, "God, what is a billion years to you?" God responded, "Only a minute, my son." The priest asked, "God, what is a billion pounds to you?" God answered, "Only a penny, my son." The priest asked, "God, can I have one of your pennies?" God responded, "In a minute."

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 2nd November: £582.03
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