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## Parish Bulletin ■ Baptism of the Lord ■ 11th January 2026

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## Make Your Baptism the Best Day of Your Life!



As we read about the baptism of Christ, it speaks to us today and reminds us of the realities that come from our own Baptism. What day were you baptised? You probably don't know. The greatest day of our lives, more important than our birthdays, wedding day, graduation day, or any other day, is clearly our baptismal day. Yet so few of us can recall what day of the year they were baptised and never think twice about it. But this is not so for a Christian who begins to understand what the grace of baptism means! Baptism in our lives of faith is profoundly meaningful. From the Second Vatican Council, we hear: We are all plunged into the paschal mystery of Christ: they die with Him, are buried with Him, and rise with Him; they receive the spirit of adoption as sons "in which we cry: Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15), and thus become true adorers whom the Father seeks. (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 6) What does it mean to become part of the paschal mystery? It means we begin to participate in the life of Christ in such a way that our own personal lives are inserted into the very life of Jesus Christ. As Jesus took up the Cross in his own life and offered himself to the Father, so, too, does each one of us who takes up their cross and offers their life to the glory of God.



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and St. Bride's,  
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# Liturgy of the Week - 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>
<b>SATURDAY, 10TH JANUARY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>Billy and Celia (SI) Nicola Paterson (RD) Ann McDonald (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>SUNDAY, 11TH JANUARY</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord (A)</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	<b>Mass at 12.15pm</b> <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
<b>MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY</b> <b>First Week of the Year</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Little Family (A) Neilly Family (A) Kennedy Family (A)</i>			
<b>TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY</b> <b>Feast of St Kentigern</b> <b>Morning Prayer at 9.40am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Betty Craig (A) Upton and Collins Families</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am With P3/P4 from St Anthonys Primary	
<b>WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY</b> <b>First Week of the Year</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Agnes Shields</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
<b>THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY</b> <b>First Week of the Year</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>John and Catherine Cahill (A) Jerry Brienza Canada (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY</b> <b>First Week of the Year</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b> <b>Benediction at 10.30am</b>	<i>Eleanor McNiven (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>SATURDAY, 17TH JANUARY</b> <b>2nd Sunday of the Year (A)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>Alison Traynor (A) Kevin Dorian (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

## FEAST OF ST KENTIGERN ON TUESDAY

St Kentigern was a missionary and bishop during the 6th century. In Scotland, Kentigern founded a number of monasteries and churches including St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow. Kentigern was known for his commitment to the poor and needy. He was said to have given away all his possessions to the poor, and to have worked tirelessly to help those in need. He was also known for his wisdom and spiritual insight, and many people came to him for advice and counsel. Kentigern died on January 13, 603AD.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEwan, Peter  
Brawley, Margaret  
Hanna, Monica Taylor,  
Father John Sweeney,  
Michael Hartley.

### AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Kevin Dorian

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Mario Marchetti 2013, Kathleen McSkimming 2019, Hugh Adams 2019, John Aitken 2001, Anne Bowles 2017, John Butcher 2017, Kathleen Brown 2012, Christine Cassidy 1998, Mary Donnelly 2006, Eamon Lennon 2009, Kathleen Tritschler 2006, Roy White 1993, Cecilia McCurdie 2005, James McNamara 1982, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia 2021, Mary Guilfoyle 2005, Ishbel McCarroll 1983, Monica McDonald 1997, David Stirling 2004, Mary Coulter 1978, Tony Khan 1982, David Magee 2014, Peter McCarroll 1940, Isabella McHugh 2019, Elizabeth Walsh 2005, David Gallagher 2011, Mary Boyce Gillies 2012, Theresa McDermott 2000, Anita Smallridge 2024, George Agostini 2006, Maureen McKenzie 2014, Janis McSkimming 2010, James Murray 1972, Rena Scullion 2008.



### ■ The Season of Christmas ends today

Ordinary Time begins after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the closing of the Christmas season. The first few weeks of Ordinary Time occur during the winter, until it is interrupted by Lent and the Easter season. After the Easter season closes with Pentecost, Ordinary Time resumes and carries on through late spring until early winter with the beginning of Advent. Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time calls us to reflect on particular mysteries of the faith in a more focused way than we would in other seasons. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.

### ■ H.C.P.T. Lourdes Group 376

Esther Coulter would like to thank all the parishioners who supported her New Year's day dip fundraiser. The total raised from the parish was £1560. The group would like to thank Father Duncan for his excellent support shown to us and in promoting all our fundraising events throughout the year. Our Lady of Lourdes Pray For Us!



### ■ Collection for Justice and Peace next Sunday

We will take up the annual special collection for Justice and Peace on the weekend of 17/18 January 2026. Thank you for all your support!

### ■ Dates for your Diary - St Peter's

On Sunday 1st February 2026, we will be holding "An afternoon of Scottish Entertainment with a taste of Burns" in the Parish Centre commencing at 2:00pm. Tickets will be available in early in 2026. We will also be holding a Bingo Night on 28th February 2026 to raise funds to send children to Lourdes. Further information will be published in due course. *Watch this space!*

**VERY IMPORTANT**

### ■ Pilgrim of Hope Play

If you missed the play "Pilgrim of Hope" in St Peter's Church Hall here's another chance to see it for nothing, and in the comfort of your own home. Go to YouTube and search for "AGAP Theatre Presents Pilgrim of Hope". Actor Stephen Callahan at his very best. Enjoy. After viewing, let us know your thoughts.

### ■ Big "Thank You" for all our Helpers

A big "thank you" for all the Parishioners who prepared and cleaned the Church for the Christmas Celebrations, including the setting up of the Nativity Scene, the Church floral decorations and the Christmas Tree. Sincere thanks for all your creativity and the generosity with your time.

### ■ 50/50 Cub Winner - St Bride's

St Bride's 50/50 Club winner for January 2026 is number 46 Emma McLelland. Congratulations!

### ■ Office of Communication - Bishops of Scotland

Our Bishops have recently launched a new office to support our common efforts in proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to the life of the Church in our nation. As part of this mission, Being Catholic TV will now serve as the official digital platform of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. To access these resources, visit [beingcatholic.org](http://beingcatholic.org) or sign-up to the BCTV social channels.



**Thank You!**

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←  
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Building Fund for 4th January: £268.49

**Thank You!**

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Monica Taylor would like to thank Fr Duncan and the family of St Peter's in Chains for all your support and prayers recently. I want to wish my family, friends and the parish community a Blessed Christmas and all the graces of the season for 2026.

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