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The Baptism of Christ by Giovanni Bellini



A lesser-known Renaissance painter was named Giovanni Bellini. He was part of the artistic revival in Venice. Renaissance painters often included imagery and symbolism in their paintings that reflect the theological and devotional meditations of the time period. As such, we can always understand better the Gospel when we look at the bible scenes through the eyes of contemplative artists, like Bellini. In this painting, Jesus is in the centre with three figures to his right, and John the Baptist to his left. There is an open space before Jesus, where we, the viewer, are to stand. Bellini leaves us here in the riverbed a quiet and hidden invitation. High above, God the Father watches over the scene with joy and pleasure. The Spirit is descending upon Jesus, forming with the Trinity a vertical axis that divides the canvas in two. John the Baptist represents the bridge between the Old and the New Testaments. On the left of the painting, there are three figures. These are angels who are supporting our Lord, holding his clothing. Christ has entered the riverbed for baptism. They are holding a red cloak, which, alongside the red parrot, is foreshadowing the Passion of Our Lord. You will notice that the riverbed is dry. Christ is not standing in the waters of the Jordan. Rather, the waters of the Jordan have stopped flowing, and they are visible behind Jesus. This is in part a symbol of Christ's divinity. At his presence, the waters ceased to flow, as they did in the Red Sea when God helped the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt. Bellini invites us, the viewer, to stand with Christ in baptism. Without him and the waters of baptism, our lives are lost to the arid desert, depicted on the right side of the painting. However, if we allow the waters of baptism to be active in our lives, we are welcomed into the eternal mansions of heaven. The choice is ours to make!



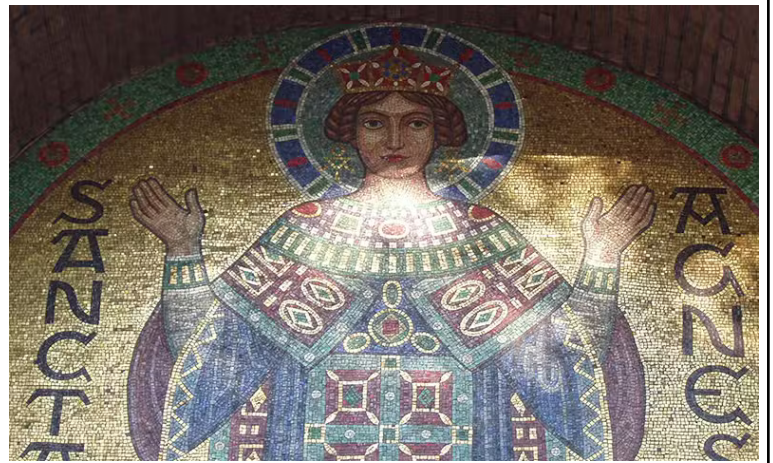
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Liturgy of the Week - Second Week of the Year

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>Canon Matt McManus</i> <i>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</i> <i>Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>Canon Matt McManus</i> <i>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>Canon Matt McManus</i> <i>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
SATURDAY, 17TH JANUARY Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Alison Raynor (A)</i> <i>Kevin Dorian (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 18TH JANUARY 2nd Sunday of the Year (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, 19TH JANUARY Second Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Robert Hastings Snr (A)</i> <i>Agnes Hastings (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY Second Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Paul Donoheo (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY Memorial of St Agnes Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Father Hendry (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY Second Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For Peace thought the World</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY Second Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>John Butcher (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 24TH JANUARY 3rd Sunday of the Year (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ann Mackie - Paisley (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES ON WEDNESDAY

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling. Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honour.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Thomas Fox

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Canon Michael Farrington 2009, Margaret McLaughlan 2005, Alison Trayner 2024, Thelma Carrick 2005, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Celio Staffieri 2017, Mary Catherine Teggart 1999, Frances Vennard 2000, Thomas West 2005, Bessie Brown 1982, Peggy Gray 2010, Addie Hissey 2009, Margaret McMillan 2009, Margaret Jane Brennan 1964, Betty Kelly 2011, Hugh Taylor 2016, John Curran 2013, Carolyn McGinn 2025, Annie Monan 1998, James Cunningham 1986, Michael Lynn 2005, James McCormack 1999, Catherine Welsh 2005, Joe Marshall 2013, Sally McKane 2021, John McKay 1957, Alistair Ramsay 2025.

▪ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical observance traditionally held from January 18th to January 25th. Theme for 2026: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4). The prayers and reflections for this year have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. This Week of prayer is an opportunity for Christians across different traditions worldwide to pray together for the visible unity of the Church, reflecting Jesus' own prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). It is a vital time to: Reflect on the progress made on the ecumenical journey. Pray for a deeper communion among all followers of Christ. And Act to link our reflections with concrete actions for justice and peace. We can say this prayer for every day of this special week *"Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."* For this special week, a prayer booklet from the Ardrossan Churches will be available with contributions for all the different Churches in Ardrossan, including St Peter's.

▪ **Funeral Service for Thomas Fox**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Thomas Fox, who died on 26th December, aged 71 years. His Funeral Service will be in the Clyde Coast Crematorium on Tuesday, 20th January at 3pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **Dates for your Diary - St Peter's**

VERY IMPORTANT

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!*

▪ **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.

▪ **Emergency On-Call at our Hospitals**

Father Duncan will be on emergency on-call for our Hospitals from this Sunday until 25th January. Please keep all those who are sick or in Hospital in your thoughts and prayers.

▪ **Year of the Holy Spirit in Galloway**

VERY IMPORTANT

Please make sure you have copies of the Diocesan Prayer Card to the Holy Spirit for use at home, in school and at Holy Mass in Church. Prayer Cards are available at the back of Church. There will be a special Mass with Bishop Frank on Tuesday, 20th January at 7pm in the Cathedral in Ayr to begin this special Year.

▪ **Bible Group - St Peter's**

VERY IMPORTANT

Our next Meeting for the Parish Bible Group will be on Tuesday, 20th January at 7pm in the Parish House.

Everyone is very welcome to join in, as we look at the Readings for the coming Sunday.

▪ **Four Ways to get to know Jesus**

John the Baptist perhaps did not know Jesus by sight. He had to know Jesus by faith. We are like John in many ways, and we too have the ability to know Jesus by faith. In fact, there are four clear ways to find Jesus this week: Reading the Gospels, Attending mass and Eucharistic adoration, Joining the Church community in prayer, Finding Jesus in the poor and needy. No Catholic can say that they can't find Jesus today!



The priest's Sunday sermon was Forgive Your Enemies. Toward the end of the Mass, He asked his congregation, "how many of you have forgiven their enemies"? About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones?" inquired the priest, are you not willing to forgive your enemies? "I don't have any," she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-three," she replied. "Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived the old hags."



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