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"Meeting people where they are - leading them to where God calls them to be!"

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Faith Can't Be Privatised!

For years, there has been a trend to hold one's religious beliefs as a personal preference or opinion. In polite society, you keep your religion and politics to yourself. Part of this comes from relativism, which is a way of thinking that claims there is no objective Truth, but rather everything is a personal preference and only subjectively true. But Jesus did not envision his followers to be men and women who hide their faith. Clearly, he wanted them to be a "city on a hill". Jesus is the Truth with a capital "T". He didn't share his opinion about God. He revealed the essence of God. The world is better off because of Christians. The world would be better off if more Christians were public about their faith and did not hide it or feel embarrassed by it. Jesus wants us to be a gift to the world, not a secret in the world. This week, we should consider the temptation we all face to privatise our faith. To not privatise our faith means not to be afraid to share our faith journey and to encourage others on their journey. It is a faith that looks outward, inviting others, praying for others, worrying more about others than yourself It is to be a Christian who does something for God rather than one who just asks God for stuff. The world needs us. It is better off because of us. We are to bring light and flavour into this world. We are to bring colour into the dull greyness of disbelief. Reflect on what it means to not privatise your love. Are you hiding your faith?

Liturgy of the Week - Fifth Week of the Year

ST PETER IN CHAINS *Father Duncan McVicar* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS *RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention*	ST BRIDE'S *Fr Duncan McVicar* *Fr Gerry Hamill*	ST MARY'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*	ST JOHN'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*
SATURDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY **Saturday Vigil** **Mass at 5.30pm**	*Marie and Edmund Land (SI)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY **5th Sunday of the Year (A)** **Holy Mass at 10.30am**	*For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's*	**Mass at 12.15pm** *For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's*	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY **5th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Gerry Pollock (RD)* *Jackie Mairs (RD)*			
TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY **Memorial of St Scholastica** **Morning Prayer at 9.40am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Jean-Luc Colas (RD) - FRANCE* *Mary Doherty (RD)*	Holy Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am Prayers of Reception for **Isabella Lawler** at 6pm	
WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY **Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Father Leo Muldoon (A)*		Funeral Mass for **Isabella Lawler** at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY **5th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Peter and Margaret Mitchell (A)*		Mass at 10am Prayers of Reception for **George Reid** at 6pm	
FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY **5th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am** **Benediction at 10.30am**	*Pat Maxwell (A)* *Carolyn McGinn A)*	Holy Mass at 10am Catherine McAleavy (A)	Funeral Mass for **George Reed** at 12 noon	Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY **6th Sunday of the Year (A)** **Vigil Mass at 5.30pm**	*Dennis Atkins (A)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES THIS WEDNESDAY

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognised over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his Mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film The Song of Bernadette: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible." *Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley, Margaret Hanna, Monica Taylor, Father John Sweeney, Catherine Dalton, Maria Hilferty, Derek MacLaren.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Michael Hartley, Sophia Orr, John Joseph Quinn, Christina Coby.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Pamela McIntosh 1999, James Akins 1980, Baby Sophie Kerr 2008, Canon Sam McGinness 2009, Cesare Scott 2002, Maude Cullinane 1960, Jim Burns 2011, Catherine Cahill 1977, Sadie Cunningham 2019, Mary Delahunt 2008, John and Margaret Fitzsimmons 1985, Father G J Giblin SCJ 2001, Margaret Osprey 2018, Allan Carrick 2011, Ann Jane Fitzsimmons, Sadie McAloon 2011, Eliza Jane McKay, Oonagh McVeigh 2011, Canon Robert McCliment 1967, John McIlhatton 1954, Chrissie Welsh 2006, Aileen Whiston 2015, Mary Hall 1989

- **A great Afternoon was had by one and all!**

A huge "thank you" to everyone who supported our Scottish Afternoon, especially our Performers from West Kilbride and Skelmorlie, and all the organisers and helpers. It was a very enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

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

We will 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!*

- **St Vincent de Paul Teas next Sunday - St Peter's**

The next St Vincent de Paul Teas after Mass will be next Sunday, 8th February. Please come along and join us for some refreshments and a good chat.

- **Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving in Love**

How can we hear the Word of God speaking to us in the here and now of our everyday lives and live out our Christian calling to live justly and mercifully? Based on the Sermon on the Mount and particularly the Beatitudes, this course explores ways in which we are called to respond in faith, hope and love to the issues which confront us in today's uncertain world. Themes will include environmental justice, poverty and war and conflict. The Course, at St Mary's in Saltcoats, begins on Saturday, 21st February for five Saturdays (10am-4pm) and four Thursdays evenings (7pm-9pm). If you would like to register your interest, please email saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or phone the Office on 01294 463461.

VERY IMPORTANT

- **A Big "Thank You" from the Comboni Sisters**

The Comboni Sisters have sent us a thank you for the sale of their Calendars in November 2025. The raised £324.68 from sales and donations and have expressed their heart-felt thanks for your generosity.

- **Advent Youth Retreat 2026**

Takes place from 27th – 29th November at Gowanbank SU Centre, near Darvel. The retreat is open to all young people in P6-S3 (P7-S4 at time of the retreat) and costs £160 pp, however if you register before Easter it's only £140 pp. The weekend includes a range of times of prayer, Mass, spiritual reflection, different outdoor activities and lots of time to relax and spend time with friends. Subsidies are available for those in need, or for families with more than one child wishing to attend – please contact the Youth Office by emailing: youth@rcdg.org.uk. Registration opens tomorrow – places are limited so be sure to sign up early to guarantee yours. Sign up by going to youth.rcdg.org.uk

- **World Day of the Sick 2026**

The 34th World Day of the Sick will be marked on Wednesday 11 February., Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Sick 2026 is entitled "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain". In his message, the Holy Father takes up the parable of the Good Samaritan as a central image of Christian charity: to truly love means to stop, to draw near, and to care for those who suffer. Compassion, in fact, is not only a feeling but translates into concrete gestures and shared commitment, particularly towards the sick.

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God doesn't need your strength. He wants your surrender. He doesn't need your action. He wants your attention. He does not need your talent. He wants your trust. God doesn't need your ability. He wants your availability. And He does not need your competence. He wants your communion.

MATTHEW KELLY

A country priest decided one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the priest prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for not being in Church today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!" At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the priest's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

Thank You!

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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←
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