



ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

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A Special Blessing for Mothers Today



Dear Mum,

There's a quiet strength in you that words often fall short of describing but today, I want to try. I've seen you smile through pain, hold everything together while your own heart was breaking, and speak love even when you were carrying burdens no one else could see. I've seen your hidden tears-the ones you cried behind closed doors and still, you showed up with grace, with courage, with love that never gave up. You've poured your soul into every little thing from the meals you made to the late nights you stayed awake just to make sure everyone else was okay. Your hands may be tired, your heart may have known sorrow, but you've never stopped giving. You've never stopped loving. You've never stopped being you. Mum, I want to bless you today—not just with words, but with love that reaches the deepest parts of you. I bless you from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet with good health, restoration, and healing in the places you've quietly endured pain. I speak peace of mind over every worry you've carried alone, and comfort for every memory that still stings. May your memory stay bright and full, remembering not just the struggles, but also the joy you created in the lives of those around you. May the days ahead be gentle with you. May you be blessed with continuous joy in your life, and may you feel how deeply appreciated you are. I love you with all my heart! *Happy Mother's Day!*

Loving God,

*as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you give life and care for your Church.
Bless all our mothers, as we celebrate this day in their honour.
May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour
and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.
May the example of Mary, Mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their
vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide
and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to
trust in you all the days of their life.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fourth Week of Lent

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, 14TH MARCH Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Paul Carmichael (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH Fourth Sunday of Lent (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, 16TH MARCH Fourth Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sarah, Joseph and Mary Sammons (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH Feast of St Patrick Stations of the Cross 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Marion Monaghan (RD) Avril de Mink (A) Jamie Aitken (A)</i>	Morning Prayer Holy Mass at 10am for Clare McIlhatton (RD)	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH Fourth Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Michael Harvey (RD) Ann Duffy (RD) Kathryn Orlandi (SI)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH Solemnity of St Joseph Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jason Barton (RD) Gerry McCulloch (RD) Duncan Haldane (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH Fourth Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Afterwards refreshments]</i>	<i>Francisco Carrero Dolores Carrero Alan Smith</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am for Hannah Millar	
SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH Fifth Sunday of Lent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Clare McIlhatton (RD) Mary Moran (RD) Christopher McManus (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	



SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH THIS THURSDAY

The Bible pays Saint Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. *St Joseph pray for us!*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley, Margaret Hanna, Monica Taylor, Father John Sweeney, Catherine Dalton, Derek MacLaren, Louise Milligan, Margaret Traynor, Jan Miller

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Gerard McCulloch

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Louis Ferguson 2020, Grace Jamieson 2005, Canon Charles Matthews 1996, Doris McNamara 2010, Catherine Stewart 2004, Victor Donald 1985, Mary Gribben 2012, Susan Heaney 1956, John Macdonald 2025, Martha Pentleton 1984, Billy Shanks 2015, Janie Aitken 1989, John McCormick 2019, Michael Reilly 2013, Debbie Roy 2022, Ian Trayner 2008, Keith Baldwin 2006, Sheila Giebler 2019, John Gurney 2004, James Terence McHugh 2020, James Mulhearn 1982, Thomas Rourke 2015, William Tait 1996, Kevin Doherty 1979, Alistair Malloy 2014, Peggy McArthur 1986, Andrew Murphy 1971, Agnes Dougan 2018, Kate Smith 1972, Sam Bannon 2006, Pietro Brogi 1948, Maureen Conway 1999, Denise Devlin 2015, Patrick McDonald, Maria Monaghan 2004, Mary Reid 2002, William Shanks 1952, William Shanks 1987, Susan Reid 2007, Veronica Stevenson 2016.

▪ **Special Collection for SCIAF Today**

This weekend, we will take up the annual collection for S.C.I.A.F. As always, thank you for your support and your generosity. The second collection will be for SCIAF.

▪ **900 Letters delivered to our MSP's**



We delivered nearly 900 letters with our arguments and concerns with the Assisted Dying Bill in Parliament, on behalf of ourselves and other parishes this week to Katy Clark MSP and Kenneth Gibson MSP. Many thanks for all your support and efforts.

▪ **Legion of Mary Meeting**

The Acies of the Legion of Mary will take place on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 3pm in St Winin's Church, Kilwinning. All are welcome. Contact 07895 584969 regarding attendance for catering purposes.

▪ **Divine Mercy Celebration**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St Paul's Parish, Hurlford, has asked that parishes be informed of their Divine Mercy Celebrations on Sunday 12th April. Their celebration will begin at 2pm in St Paul's Church, Hurlford. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm. Tea/Coffee will be available in the hall following Mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ **Coach for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral**

We have booked the coach for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday 31st March. The Coach will be leaving St Peter's at 5.45pm; St Mary's 6pm and St John's 6.15pm, we are asking for £5/person to help towards the cost of this. There will be list for names at the back of the Church.

▪ **Parish Meeting at St Peter's for Restoration Update**

A date for your diary. We are holding an open meeting in the St Peter's Parish Centre on Sunday, 12th April 2026 at 11:30am (after the Sunday Mass) to bring everyone up to speed regarding the restoration of the Church building. All welcome!

▪ **Village Larder Collection - St Bride's**

The SSVP will have a Village Larder Collection from Sunday 1st March to Monday 6th April. All groceries welcome. Please check the sell-by dates.

▪ **The Stations of the Cross during Lent**

Do you know how to pray the Stations of the Cross? It's a great way to grow closer to Jesus, especially during the Lenten season! Tradition holds that after Christ's Death and Resurrection, the Blessed Mother retraced Jesus' last day every day. Every Tuesday morning in Lent at

9.30pm at St Peter's and every Friday at St Bride's, except when there is a Requiem Mass.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ **Lent Penance Services for your Diary**

Monday, 23rd March at St Mary's Irvine at 7pm | Tuesday, 24th March at St Peter in Chains Ardrossan at 7pm | Wednesday, 25th March at St Mary's Saltcoats at 2pm | and also Thursday, 26th March at St John's Stevenston at 7pm. *Please mark the dates in your diary!*

▪ **Third Pillar of Lent - Almsgiving**

The spiritual and emotional effect of fasting—allowing us to focus less on self and more on others—can be linked to Jesus' command to love our neighbour. But almsgiving can be linked to the virtue of generosity as well. The Science of Generosity initiative of the University of Notre Dame offers the following definition: "giving good things to others freely and abundantly." Alejo José G. Sison, a professor of business ethics at the University of Navarre in Spain, makes a distinction between simply "giving" versus true generosity: True generosity means time, attention, and making yourself vulnerable, being generous even when no one's looking. That's a really generous person. A generous attitude toward others can improve other aspects of our lives, whether in the workplace or at home. If we are not looking for an equal return for our actions, even simply giving someone the benefit of the doubt can increase cooperation and promote stronger relationships.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory, just 1 byte, and everything crashed.

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertory for 8th March: £697.04
Building Fund for 8th March: £374.79
→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertory for 8th March: £180.90



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