

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



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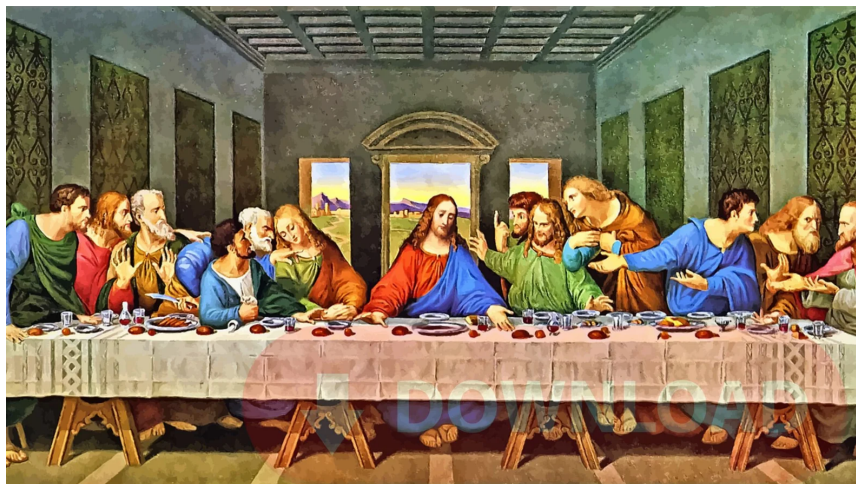
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Judas and Jesus



There is a story told about Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. He searched far and wide for what he considered to be an ideal model for each person in the painting. He began with a fine-looking young man, full of life, and very anchored, and chose him as a perfect model for Jesus. He followed with other models for each of the apostles. Naturally, the work took several years. He left Judas till last, because he was having a problem finding someone who could represent him. Finally, he came across a wicked-looking individual, who was sleeping rough, who had all the appearances of being untrustworthy, and, like Judas, would probably sell his soul if it brought him some money. Leonardo approached the man and persuaded him to come to his studio. While the work was in progress, both men came to the same realisation. This man had been in this studio before - in fact, he was the model that had previously been chosen for Jesus. He had gone astray, lost his way, and was now on a dangerous road. It was a very great shock to da Vinci, and a moment of conversion for the man himself. When Jesus called on people to turn from their sins, he also asked some of them to follow him. They were to become his pupils, people who would absorb his Spirit, and continue his work, when he went back home to the Father. Are you one of them?



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

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, 28TH MARCH Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ian Sudlow (RD) Jim Fleeting (RD) Jim Donnelly (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH Palm Sunday (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, 30TH MARCH Holy Week Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Joe Howie (A) Andy McGlyn (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		
TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH Holy Week Stations of the Cross 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Maureen Fleming (RD) Elizabeth Evans (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
SPY WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL Holy Week Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jacky Brown (A) Michael Sweeney (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 9.30am in St Anthony's Primary School	Holy Mass at 11am with Primary School
HOLY THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL The Lord's Supper at 7pm		The Lord's Supper at 7pm		The Lord's Supper at 7pm
GOOD FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL Good Friday Adoration of the Cross 3pm		Adoration of the Cross at 3pm	The Lord's Passion at 3pm	
SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL Easter Vigil at 8.30pm		Easter Vigil at 7.30pm		Morning Prayers at 10am Vigil of the Resurrection at 8.30pm

FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

Do you know the meaning of Palm Sunday? Here are four fascinating facts every Catholic should know. **1) Meaning Behind The Palms on Palm Sunday.** The palms symbolise peace and victory. It was customary during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches—or even clothes—in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect. **2) The Palm Sunday Procession.** On Palm Sunday, the faithful receive palm branches at the beginning of Mass, followed by a procession. Doing so invites us to reenact Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. **3) Entering the Scene During Palm Sunday Mass.** "Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration." **4) Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week.** Saint Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday: "How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!'" How different the cries that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!'"



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley, Margaret Hanna, Monica Taylor, Father John Sweeney, Catherine Dalton, Louise Milligan.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Jan Miller, Derek MacLaren,

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Menotti Carrino 1953, Odina Carrino 1987, James Donnelly 2025, Monsignor Stephen Kennedy 2009, Sally Wilson 2012, Mark Kilday 2022, John Mullen 2020, Sarah Anderson 2003, Pauline Gear 2020, Elizabeth Hughes 2013, James Kelly 1983, Michael McCann 2012, Sandy Miller 1979, Gus Slimman 1993, Isabella Stuart 2004, William Friel 1994, Peter Hughes 2011, Irene Mathieson 2012, Jane McFarlane 2006, James McLaughan 2023, Kenneth McSkimming 2002, Jenny Murphy 1998, Marjorie Robertson, Margaret Shanks 1993, Michael Sweeney 2025., Josephine Brown 2025, Margaret Murphy, Monsignor John O'Farrell 2008, Pope John Paul II 2005, James Smith 1959, Archie McFarlane, Harry Quinn 1993, Patrick Tomelty 2004, Thomas Watt 2017, Annie Adam 1997, Mattie Friel 1995, Dominic Gribben 2018, Barbara Henderson, Frank McCaffrey 2012, Jane Mullen 2003, Annie Murphy 1981, Agnes Ward 2001.



▪ **Statement from the Bishops of Scotland**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable. We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ. Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses. In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute. Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn. This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people. Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

▪ **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!

▪ **H.C.P.T. Lourdes Group 376**

We would like to thank Father Duncan and St Peter's parishioners for their continuous support of the group. This year we are travelling at Easter, to attend the H.C.P.T annual pilgrimage, with eight local people who require support. You will be remembered in all our prayers and a mass will be said for all our supporters. Our lady of Lourdes pray for us. *Esther Coulter*

▪ **Commemoration Service for HMS Dasher**

379 men of a ship's company of 527 were lost when HMS Dasher sank in these waters on 27th March 1943. At 4.40pm a horrendous explosion took place. Within 8 minutes the ship had sunk. The Memorial Service to remember the ship's company will take place this Sunday. Beginning at 1pm. HRH The Princess Royal will be taking the salute at this month's HMS Dasher memorial service in Ardrossan.

▪ **Meditations at the Ardrossan Parish Church**

There will be Holy Week Meditations at the Ardrossan Parish Church, organised by the different Churches in Ardrossan, from Monday to Good Friday, always at 11am. Everyone is invited to join in and celebrate the greatest Week of our Christian Faith.

▪ **Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday**

We will take up the annual special collection for the Holy Places at the Passion of Our Lord Services on Friday 2 April 2026. Thank you!

▪ **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.

▪ **New Collection Envelopes Available**

The new collection envelopes for 2026–2027 are now available for collection at the Stall.

▪ **See you on Cannon Hill for Easter Morning**

On Easter Sunday morning at 8am on Cannon Hill in Ardrossan, we will give praise for Easter Sunday, together with the Ardrossan Church. Afterwards there will be a breakfast at St Peter's. Everyone welcome!

▪ **Thank you from the Carmichael Family**

The family of Paul Carmichael would like to thank friends and the Community of St Peter's Parish for their support, prayers, flowers, Masses and messages of Sympathy. *God bless, Anne Carmichael.*

▪ **Thank you from the Moran Family**

The family of Mary Moran would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, kind words and support offered to us since the death of our mum. At a time of great sorrow this was so much appreciated.

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DAILY

Meditations

11AM | MAR 30-APR 3
ARROSSAN PARISH CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

Service

8AM | CANNON HILL
THEN BREAKFAST @ ST PETER IN CHAINS

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JUST FOR A LAUGH

Do you know the story about the actor John Wayne, filming "The Greatest Story Ever Told"? He was doing a cameo, playing the Roman centurion in charge of the crucifixion. He was to deliver the line "Truly this man was the Son of God" but his delivery was so flat that the director asked for a retake. The director asked him to deliver the line "with more awe". At the next take Wayne changed his line to "Aw, truly this man was the Son of God."

**Thank
You!**

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertery for 22nd March: £474.51
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