

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

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A Blessed Easter!



Dear Father God, we are continually amazed at how you turn the world upside down. For a Saviour of the world, we would have chosen a powerful prince,

But you chose a carpenter's son born from a lowly maiden.

For disciples to help Jesus through his ministry, we would have chosen well-connected, wealthy people of the upper class to pay for the operation,

But you chose fishermen, a tax collector, and other such outcasts.

For a grand entrance into Jerusalem, we would have chosen a white stallion,

But you chose a donkey.

When riding high in the polls on Palm Sunday, we would have chosen to stay there as long as we could,

But you chose to clear the temple.

For a place of coronation, we would have chosen a palace with a wonderfully decorated royal throne,

But you chose a wooden cross.

For those whom we would want to have included in the kingdom of God, we would have chosen those who look and sound like we do,

But you chose the world.

For people to show the love and grace extended to us in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, we would have chosen somebody else,

But you chose each one of us. We are Easter People! Alleluia!

Liturgy of the Week - Octave of Easter

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, 4TH APRIL Easter Vigil Mass at 8.30pm				Easter Vigil at 8.30pm
SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL Easter 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, 6TH APRIL Octave of Easter Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Harry Sammons (2nd Anniversary)</i>			
TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL Octave of Easter Morning Prayer at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Tony O'Brien (A) Twin Babies Sandi and Tigerlily Allison (S)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL Octave of Easter Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Brian Howat (SI)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL Octave of Easter Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Emilia Sellie (A)</i>		Funeral Mass for James MacLaren at 10am	
FRIDAY, 10TH APRIL Octave of Easter Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Robert White (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL Divine Mercy Sunday at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Brawley (B)</i>			



THE EASTER OCTAVE

"The proclamation we listen to constantly in these days is exactly this: Jesus is risen, he is the Living One and we can encounter him; just as the women who had gone to the tomb met him on the third day, the day after the Sabbath; just as the disciples encountered him, surprised and dismayed by what the women had told them; just as so many other witnesses met him during the days following his Resurrection. Especially in this Octave of Easter the liturgy invites us to meet the Risen One personally and to recognise his life-giving action in the events of history and in our daily lives."

Pope Benedict XVI



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**
Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Catherine Dalton,
Louise Milligan,
May Cavani, Baby Twins
Sandi and Tigerlily
Allison, Neil Watson.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY**
Jan Millar,
Charlie Rhodie.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Margaret Boyd 2004, Jacky Brown 2022, George Lee 1992, Harry
Sammons 2024, James Wilson 2013, Daniel Thomas Gilmour 2013,
Frank Grogan, Michael McNamara 2008, Father Tom McCann 2009,
Mary Tinney 2004, Father Jim Boyd SCJ 2002, Patricia Brady 2019,
Andrew Coldwell 1994, Father John Collins 2002, Donald Cullinane
2009, Frank Kelly 1994, Michael Mulligan 1982, Billy Smith 2009,
David McLaren 2006, Winnie McMillan 2021, Jim Roxburgh 2014.

▪ **Refreshments after Mass today**

This Sunday (5 April) the SSVP will be serving tea, coffee, and light refreshments in St Peter's Centre after the 10:30am Mass. Please come along and support if you can. You would be most welcome

▪ **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!

▪ **Funeral Service for Charles Rhodie**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Charles Rhodie who died on 22nd March, aged 56 years. His Funeral Service will be at the Clyde Coast Crematorium, Largs, on Tuesday, 7th April at 2pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **Funeral Service for Jan Millar**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jan Millar who died on 13th March, aged 80 years. Her Funeral Service will be at the Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, on Friday, 10th April at 2.30pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **Wedding of Katie Hanna and Jack Powell**

We are delighted to announce the Wedding on this coming Saturday of Katie and Jack at St Peter's. We wish them a love for a lifetime.

▪ **Easter Egg Hunt at St Bride's**

St. Bride's will be having its annual Easter Egg hunt in the Church garden, after 12.15 Mass on Easter Sunday. Everyone welcome. Donations of small and large Easter eggs are appreciated.

▪ **Every Blessing for Leanne Cousins**

Congratulations and blessings for Leanne Cousins who will be baptised and received into the Family of the Church during the Easter Vigil at St Peter's. We wish Leanne, her Sponsor Bernadette Anderson and all the family, God's richest blessing.

▪ **The Easter Message from Bishop Francis**

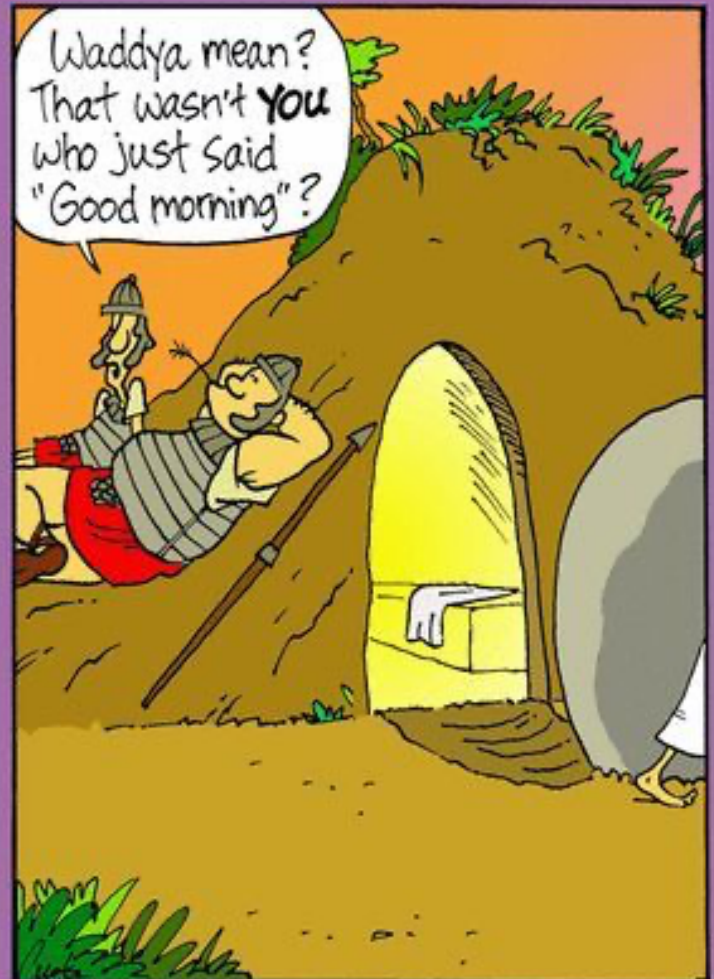
Dear Brothers and Sisters, we live in a time when it seems as if everyone has an opinion about everything. There are plenty of people with much to say and little time to listen, and that includes opinions about God, faith, religion. How about, for a wee change, we let the Lord speak for himself and hear what he has to say? Listen to him: On Holy Thursday he speaks words of service and sacrifice: "Take and eat, this is my Body, this is my Blood"; "Do this in memory of me" and frames it with the washing of the feet, the act of a servant. On Good Friday he speaks words of mercy, "Father forgive them", of solidarity with human suffering, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me", of a plan for salvation that brings victory at the moment of death and apparent defeat, "It is accomplished". And at Easter, he shows that death does not have the last word, he himself is the Risen Word who has passed from death to life and who will repeat to us over and over, "Do Not Be Afraid". Before we listen to what others have to say about Christ, let us open our hearts to the Word Himself who speaks of service, sacrifice, solidarity, mercy and the victory of light over darkness, love over hatred, life over death. And

let us respond, not with an opinion, but with one word of our own: Alleluia! (Praise the Lord!)

+ *Francis Dougan, Bishop of Galloway*

HMS Dasber Memorial Service

Princes Anne her husband Timothy Lawrence, Bishop Francis, Canon Matt and Father Duncan



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→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

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