

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



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

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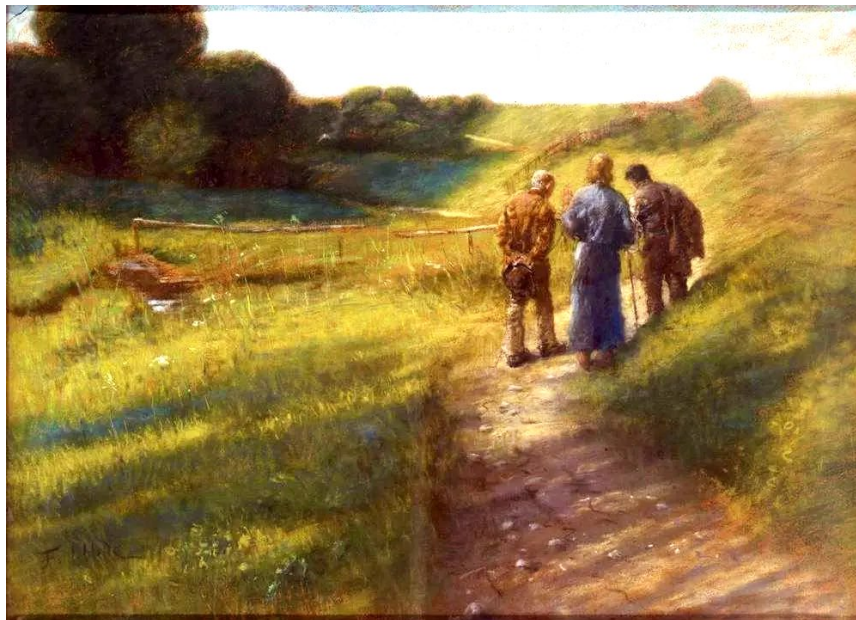
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The Road to Emmaus



The Lord's encounter with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus reveals something of how he accompanies each one of us. They were heading away from Jerusalem, moving in the wrong direction, and yet he comes alongside them. He does immediately interject and tells them they are heading in the wrong direction. No, he walks with them first and listens. Same with us, he invites us to speak, to share what is on our hearts, and he listens with patience. Then, gently, he opens up a wider horizon, helping us to notice what we may have overlooked, to understand more deeply, and to see the path ahead more clearly, and that maybe we have taken a wrong turn and are heading in the wrong direction. He then quietly guides us back towards where we are meant to be walking. In *Walking to Emmaus*, painted in 1891 by Fritz von Uhde, this quiet, attentive companionship of Christ is rendered with beautiful tenderness. Seen from behind, their faces are hidden from us. And that is precisely the point. They are not meant to be fixed individuals; they become every disciple. In their anonymity, we are invited to step into the scene ourselves, to imagine that it is we who walk with Christ, sharing our story as he listens. The journey to Emmaus has long captivated artists throughout all of art history because it speaks to one of the most universal experiences of faith: that God meets us not in spectacle, but on the road. He meets us in confusion, in conversation, in the ordinary rhythm of life. Artists return to it again and again because it allows them to depict a God who does not impose himself, but gently accompanies; a God who does not overwhelm, but reveals himself gently over time. In Uhde's work, that gentleness is almost tangible.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Third Week 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, 18TH APRIL Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Philomena, Kevin & Patrick Doherty (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL Third Sunday of Easter (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, 20TH APRIL 3rd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Boyle Family (SI)</i>			
TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL 3rd Week in Eastertide Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Duncan Lyons (A) James Fisher (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL 3rd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mary Moran (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass for Cathy McGinn at 10am
THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL 3rd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Daniel Gilmour (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL 3rd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>We pray with Pope Leo for peace in the world</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) at 5.30pm	<i>John Maher (A) Mary Delahunt (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



POPE LEO PRAYS FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AT EASTER

"Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today's Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on "the first day of the week" (Jn 20:1). The day of Christ's resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity. Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy. We need this song of hope today. It is ourselves, risen with Christ, who must bring him into the streets of the world. Let us then run like Mary Magdalene, announcing him to everyone, living out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the spectre of death still lingers, the light of life may shine. May Christ, our Passover, bless us and give his peace to the whole world!" [Pope Leo]

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

**AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY**
Sister Dominic Savio C.P.
May Cavani,

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Rose Bowers 2023, Margaret Lesley Cahill 2018, Marie Louise McCarroll 1982, James McCool 2009, Jane Tumilty 1983, Margaret Kelly 2011, Agnes McCann 1970, Wendy McGowan 2019, Mary McKay 1980, Rosina Millar 1999, Annie Paton 2009, Ellen Smith 2009, Charles Spencer 1969, Francis Docherty 2015, Philomena Doherty 2001, Iris Gribben 2019, Richard Hunter 2010, Duncan Lyon 2013, Charles John McMillan 2015, Ida Narducci 2008, Adam Whiston 1968, Father Peter Dolan 2013, Margaret Gear 1994, Bridget McLellan 1995, John O'Rourke 1993, James Welsh 1997, Sarah Coulter 1972, Gerard Dorrain 2008, Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969, John Murphy, Thomas Nellany 2001, Mary Robertson 1988, Rose Twigg 2014, Charlotte Bell 2009, David Cook 2018, John Maher 2010, Agnes McCann 1970, Joseph Stevens 1993, Rose Twigg 2014, Rosa Carrino 2021, Mary Delahunt 1987, Patrick Doherty 2005, Hugh Donald 2013, Mark Hughes 2012, Kathleen McEvoy 2016, Canon Alex McGarry 2013, Father John Murphy 1978, Lillian Pattinson 2005.



▪ **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 this Sunday, 19th April 2026 at 11:30am (after the Sunday Mass) to bring everyone up to speed regarding the restoration of the Church building. All welcome!

▪ **Parish Lourdes Fund - St Peter's**

We have received an anonymous donation of £120 to our Parish Lourdes Fund. We are most grateful for your support.

▪ **Church Restoration Fund - St Peter's**

We have received a donation of £200 towards our Church Restoration fund from *Huyen Thi Thu Nguyen*. Many thanks for your generosity.

▪ **H.C.P.T. Lourdes Group 376**

Bottles of Lourdes water are available from the stall, please collect one. The group enjoyed a fantastic week in Lourdes on the 70th anniversary of the H.C.P.T. The surprise of the week was when our Group Leader Clare Anderson and our Deputy Leader Esther Coulter were presented with a certificate for their commitment to H.C.P.T. The certificate read "In recognition of your generosity, commitment, and selfless service as a volunteer leader on the H.C.P.T Pilgrimage. Esther has been associated with the H.C.P.T and travelled with them since the 1970's. Mass was celebrated in Lourdes for all our parishioners and supporters. *Thanks Josephine Coulter*



▪ **Next Sunday is "Good Shepherd Sunday"**

"The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness. He continues to call others to serve him directly. If he lets us realise that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters."

Prayer for Vocations

O God our Provident Father through your Son you revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; you will that all men and women be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth. Send workers into your great harvest,

grant that more men will serve your Church as priests for the Diocese of Galloway, that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments may advance in the way of salvation and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.- Amen

▪ **Sacrament of Baptism - St Bride's**

We welcome to the Family of the Church Aila and Finn Boyce, who will be baptised at St Bride's this coming Saturday at 11.30am. Congratulations to the parents and the Godparents.

▪ **Recent Quote from Pope Leo**

"I don't think that the message of the Gospel is meant to be abused in the way that some people are doing. And I will continue to speak about this, against war, looking to promote peace, promoting dialogue and multilateral relationships among the states to look for just solutions to the problems."



Jesus asked God, "Where have you been these past years?" God replied, "In Scotland." Jesus was shocked by His Father's reply and replied, "The world has been wracked with war, there's been a terrible pandemic a few years ago, and you have been in Scotland? Please Father, what have you been doing?" God leaned over and kindly whispered, "Working from home Son, working from home."



Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman dog Jesus."

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertory for 12th April: £687.14
Building Fund for 12th April: £291.09



→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertory for 12th April: £182.35



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