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POPE LEO SPEAKS ABOUT HIS MISSION



St. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom by Christ, and after the Ascension, he began to be the visible head of the Church. His successor today, Pope Leo XIV, continues this role as the visible head of the Church. As would be expected, during the homily at his inaugural mass (May 18th, 2025), Pope Leo XIV chose to preach on the mission of St. Peter and his successors, the popes. The message from the Holy Father gives us a glimpse into his mind and heart regarding how he understands what God is asking him to do as the Bishop of Rome. In his homily, he stated there are two dimensions to the mission of the pope: love and unity. These two dimensions were given to Peter by Jesus himself. The Holy Father used the Gospel passage about the miraculous catch of fish during the first Easter season (John 21). In this moment, Peter leads the apostles in gathering together a large number of fish with their nets. Today, as back then, the Holy Father is to be a "fisher" of humanity, as was Christ. The pope says: "After the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the 'waters' of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace." Pope Leo XIV wants to unite the Church in a visible unity, which will be a light to the whole world. This is one dimension of the papacy: to unite. And the second dimension comes into play when we ask: How can Peter carry out this task? How does the Holy Father unite the world? Pope Leo gives us an answer in that Jesus asks Peter very clearly if he has love. He says that "When Jesus asks Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more', that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters." The Pope says that Peter, and hence every successive Bishop of Rome, is tasked with "loving more" and giving their lives for the flock. Thus, the ministry of Peter is to unite the Church, and to do so, it is accomplished only by a self-sacrificial love, which is the love of Jesus.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Seventh 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, 16TH MAY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>James and Mary McEvoy (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 17TH MAY Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) World Communications Day 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, 18TH MAY Seventh Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mairi Fraser (SI) William Sheehan (A)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am for Leo Herbert Walker
TUESDAY, 19TH MAY Seventh Week in Eastertide Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Tom Cassidy (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am for Kevin Rowswell
WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY Seventh Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For all the sick in mind and body (SI)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 21ST MAY Seventh Week in Eastertide NO MASS TODAY	<i>Catherine Dalton (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
FRIDAY, 22ND MAY Seventh Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>For peace throughout the world</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 23RD MAY Pentecost Sunday (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Helen McGee (A) For a Special Intention</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT THIS WEEK

The novena - nine days of prayer - in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. This Novena began on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, last Friday, and continues up to the Solemnity of Pentecost, next Sunday.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Louise Milligan, Baby Twins
Sandi and Tigerlily Allison,
Neil Watson, Margaret
Hanna, Maurice Smith,
John Pugh.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED RECENTLY
Canon Pat McSorley

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Ann Cameron 2003, Mary Teresa Dolan 1999, Danny McMurdy 2017, Bill O'Neill 2009, Lexie Wright 2010, Father John Fitzsimmons 2008, Natalie Anne Hultz 2018, Susan Little 2007, William Sheehan senior 1983, Kathleen Watt 2012, William Calvert 1992, Frances Hackett 1997, Dennis Kelly 2019, Harry Andrew 2003, Tommy Coulter 2010, Daniel Cullinane 1971, Ennis McHugh 2024, Mary McKay 1980, Robert McKay 1942, Gwendoline McMullan 2016, Mary Quinn 1978, Ian Waterson 2016, George Wilson 2006, Deborah McFarlane Armstrong 2015, Hugh Cairns 2015, Patricia Butcher 2009, Brian Cairns 2004, James Freer 2018, Nora Ramsay 2007, Ronnie Stewart 1971, Annie Watt 2021, Angus Donnelly 2003, Janet Gee 2010, William McCafferty 1920, Susan McKinlay 2012, Catherine Newell 2024, Isabel Pamela Swanson, Mary Brown 2013, James Cairnie 1953, Mary Kelly 2002, Robert Reid 2023, Sadie Welsh 2009.



▪ **First Holy Communion - St Peter's**

This Sunday 17th May 2026, the children of St Peter's Primary School and three other children, will make their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

▪ **Parish Bible Group Meeting - St Peter's**

Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th May at 7pm, in the Parish Parish. Everyone is very welcome!

▪ **Solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday**

Next weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. Priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

▪ **Thanksgiving Mass at Carfin Grotto**

Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 24th May 2026 at 3pm. Our Lady of Compassion Praesidium has organised a bus leaving Irvine Cross at 11.45, Dalry Road Kilwinning at 12 and St Brigid's Kilbirnie at 12.15. To book a seat please contact Gerry Quirk on 01294 556680 or 07795 632889.

▪ **Prayer of the Rosary for the Month of May**

Please join us for the Prayer of the Rosary in this month of May - every morning before Mass at 9.30am - on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please check the Liturgy Planner for any Funerals, etc.



▪ **The "Old Nun's Prayer"**

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and one day will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to
straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but you know, Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details,
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains,
they are increasing and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace enough
to enjoy the tales of others pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness
when my memory seems
to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally
I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet;
I do not want to be a saint,
some of them are so hard to live with,
but a sour old person is one of the
crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things
in unexpected places
and talent in unexpected people,
and give me O Lord the grace to tell them so. AMEN.
Anonymous - 17th century. Found in an old English Church

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?
St Peter's and St Bride's Parishes wish to ensure that any parishioner who is sick or housebound receives pastoral care and Holy Communion. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from Father Duncan, the SSVP or a Eucharistic Minister, please let the Parish Office know.



A man from West Kilbride goes to confession for the first time in a very, very long time. He's nervous, but he takes a deep breath, makes the sign of the cross, and goes into the confessional. Imagine his surprise to find a cushioned seat instead of a hard kneeler, a couple of really good cigars with a lighter and ashtray, and a full bar stocked with name brand liquors. Just as he's thinking to himself, "My, oh my, how things have changed in the meantime!" he hears the priest's voice say, "Who's is that and what are you doing in there?" He's says, "It's Tony, Father, and I'm going to confession." The priest says, "Well, come out of there and get in this part of the confessional - right now, you're on MY side!"

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