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



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"LET'S RESTORE EUROPE'S SOUL"

Pope Leo XIV recently spoke with young people who have embarked on a "spiritual revolution" to restore Europe's soul. This Catholic initiative, titled "Rome '25-the Way of St. James '27-Jerusalem '33," aims to tell the world that "another Europe is possible" through pilgrimages, evangelisation, and healing.



"We are not tourists of the spiritual. We are pilgrims of meaning.
We come with backpacks full of doubts, wounds, songs, and hope.
And with one certainty in our hearts: Christ is alive. And He is calling us.
In a continent that seems to have forgotten its soul,
we choose to remember.

To remember that we were created for freedom,
that there is beauty in following Jesus, that the Gospel is not the past:
it is fire today, ignited by the Holy Spirit.

We rise as a generation: not perfect, not uniform, not ideological.
But human, thirsty, seeking, believing.

We rise not to claim power, but to serve, to love, to walk.
We want to give Europe back its roots.

Let the roads speak of God. Let the sanctuaries be not just monuments,
but places of encounter and transformation.

We believe that the love of God heals.
That our wounds do not disqualify us — they make us real.

That no sin is stronger than mercy,
and no darkness can overcome the light of Christ.
We believe in a Church that is alive, young, unafraid,
able to listen, to make space,
and to trust young people without silencing their fire.

We choose to walk. Because following Christ is not staying still.
It is leaving behind comfort, cynicism, and indifference. It is to get moving.
From Rome we will go to Santiago, from Santiago to Jerusalem,
and from there... to the world.

We choose to proclaim. Not with empty words, but with authentic lives.
With music, networks, art, silence, presence.

With a faith that does not impose, but proposes.
With joy, depth, and meaning. We choose to heal.
To be the face of a Church that does not judge but welcomes.
Where no one is left out. Where no one walks alone.
Where it is okay to cry, to laugh, to begin again.

We ask the Church to trust us. To let us try, serve, grow.
To offer us real paths, living communities, pastors who will walk with us.
We ask the youth of the world: do not silence your thirst.
Do not settle for a life without truth. Do not buy the lie of empty freedom.
Come. Walk. Say your "yes."

From Rome we proclaim: Jesus is Lord!
We are His generation! We are His Church!
We are not an experiment. We are not an appendix.
We are God's "present" for the world.
And we walk toward a future that does not end:
the eternal life promised by the Father, won by the Son,
and sealed in us by the Spirit.

And that is why we proclaim this manifesto: with our feet on the move,
with our lips in praise, and with our hearts open to the Spirit.
We are witnesses! We are pilgrims! We are Church on the move! Amen."

Liturgy of the Week - Eighth Week of the Year

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, 23RD MAY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Helen McGee (A) In a Special Intention</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 24TH MAY Pentecost 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, 25TH MAY Mary, Mother of the Church Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ann McDonald (SI)</i>			
TUESDAY, 26TH MAY Memorial of St Philip Neri Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mae Cavani (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY 8th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ted Forde (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 8th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For peace and justice throughout the world.</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass for James Monaghan at 10am
FRIDAY, 29TH MAY Memorial of St Paul VI Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Winnie O'Neil (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 30TH MAY The Most Holy Trinity (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Ian Howie (A) William & Rose Twigg (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH ON MONDAY

The title of Mother of the Church has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed before her Son gave up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on November 21, 1964 and established that "by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honour to the Mother of God."



**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**
Mary Hamilton

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Meta McCulloch, Ann McDonald 2023, John McKibben 2012, Patrick O'Hare 1973, Margaret McAuley 1953, Joe Peppard 1993, Christine Stevens 1996, Bobby Flood 2018, Joseph Higgins 2006, Robert and Margaret Monan 1977, Lily Peppard 2004, Georgina Akins 1961, Mary Lynn Beattie 1998, Bernard Little 1999, Sarah Ramsay 2000, Desmond Langan 2005, Jim Little 1945, Andrew McCarroll 1967, Hugh McEvoy 2016, William McNeil 2007, Robbie Smallridge 2022, William Stewart 2006, Kenny Breen 2018, Gerald Kelly 2014, Des Madine 1982, Brian Towie 2013, Cameron Walsh 1987, Joseph Bale 2011, Simon Brannan, Tilly Doherty, James Kyle 1992

▪ **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.

▪ **Legacy from Maria Hilferty**

Sincere thanks to our former Parishioner Maria Hilferty and her family for a very generous legacy to St Peter's from her Estate. Leaving or receiving a gift in a will is a beautiful and lasting expression of faith. It makes a meaningful difference in the lives of the Parish community and funds projects for future generations.

▪ **Record Numbers becoming Catholics**

This Easter Season, we welcomed a huge group new Catholics in Scotland, and countless more throughout the world. This is great news and should encourage us to more boldly share the gospel in love and truth. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is working, and there is no doubt that people are hungry for beauty, truth and goodness. There is also no doubt that personally sharing our faith and inviting people back to the Church is the most effective form of evangelisation. So often, it was the witness, invite, or encouragement of a family member, co-worker, or friend that helps people come home. If you have friends, family, or co-workers away from their faith, continue to pray for them and ask the Lord for the opportunity to share the faith.

▪ **Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical this Monday**

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, "*Magnifica Humanitas*," will be published on 25th May, addressing artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity. The encyclical, the title of which is Latin for "Magnificent Humanity," was signed by the pope on 15th May, the 135th anniversary of "*Rerum Novarum*," Pope Leo XIII's foundational 1891 social encyclical on labor and capital written during the first Industrial Revolution. Pope Leo XIV has expressed interest in the issue of artificial intelligence and the dignity of work since the first week of his pontificate, telling the College of Cardinals days after his election in May 2025 that he took his papal name partly in honour of Pope Leo XIII, whose landmark encyclical "*Rerum Novarum*" has shaped the Church's social teaching for more than a century. "In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour... It will therefore be essential to teach young people to use these tools with their own intelligence, ensuring that they open themselves to the search for truth."

▪ **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - St Peter's**

The next Meeting of St Peter's Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 28th May at 7pm in the Parish House. Please pass any items for the Agenda to any of the Council Members. Thanks.

▪ **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.

▪ **Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Paraclete"**

"Paraclete." That's a word Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit. What a strange word it is! What does it even mean, exactly? Well, it's taken from the Greek, παράκλητος. And that Greek word comes from two words, "para" (alongside) and "kletos" (called). It's sometimes translated as "advocate." Other times as "helper." Other times as "comforter." And finally "counsellor" or "advisor." So... which is it? Answer: All of the above! An advocate is a legal defence who pleads your case and defends your freedom. When the voice of the accuser (which Revelation calls the devil) rises up to condemn you and make you feel worthless, it's time to call upon the Advocate and listen to Him. A helper describes a general assistant. We could all use one! A comforter picks you up when you're down. He's there in your grief or distress. He's never running from your darkest moments. A counsellor is that trusted voice telling you which way you should go. Paraclete, is the best way to go because no one English word exists that captures it all! So, here's the question: do you lean on the Holy Spirit to be all those things for you? Jesus says: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you the Paraclete... I will not leave you orphans" (John 14:16, 18). Come, Holy Spirit, help me to trust in you for everything.



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.



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: The Parish Priest was astonished to hear little
: Mary say that a person must be very brave to go to
: church these days. "Why do you say that?" asked
: the Parish Priest. "Well I heard my uncle tell my
: aunt last Sunday that there was a canon in the
: pulpit, that the choir murdered the opening hymn
: and that the organist drowned the choir".
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