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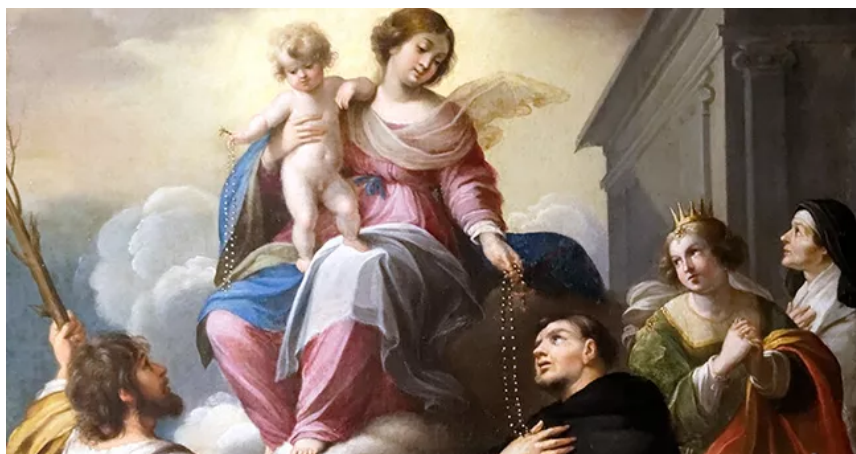
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It's been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May - as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. Here are five reasons why it makes sense for us to honour Mary this month. 1. Mary is Jesus' mother. She is the instrument of the Incarnation and her "yes" to God, made it possible for our Lord to become the God-Man who was crucified for our salvation. 2. She is the first and most perfect disciple. Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ. Her entire life was devoted to him and assisting him, in whatever way she could, to carry on his mission. 3. She's our mother. No, really. She is. To put it simply, she's our mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ. Since she gave birth to that Body, then she's our mother, too. She may not have given birth to us physically, but she certainly has given birth to us spiritually. (Check out CCC #964) 4. She loves us more than we can ever imagine. If she didn't, would she have endured the horror of seeing her Son tortured, scourged, crowned with thorns, carry the Cross to Calvary, and die a gruesome death on it? She did it for us, for all of us, because she understood that Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to our salvation. 5. Not only is she Mother, but she is also our Advocate (CCC #969). Her job, so to speak, began at the moment she conceived Jesus in her womb and continues until this day. What's more, it will continue for all eternity. Our Lady is at work forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it. For all these reasons and more, Mary deserves honour, not only during the month of May, but always. What do you or your family need from her? What will you do for her this May?



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and St. Bride's,
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**May Is the Month
of Mary**



Liturgy of the Week - Fifth 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, 2ND MAY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Kathleen Collins (SI) Anonymous Special Intention</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 3RD MAY Fifth 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, 4TH MAY 5th Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Maurice Smith (S) John Pugh (S)</i>			Funeral Mass for Pat McNamara at 10am
TUESDAY, 5TH MAY Requiem Mass for Mae Cavani at 10am	<i>For Mae Cavani and her family.</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am Prayers of Reception for Thomas Forde at 6pm	Funeral Mass for Donna Davidson at 10am
WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY 5th Week of Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patrick McGuire (A)</i>		Funeral Mass for Thomas Forde At 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 7TH MAY 5th Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kirsty Maher (A)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
FRIDAY, 8TH MAY 5th Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Catherine Dalton (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 2ND MAY Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Ian McCormick (A) Edmund Lang (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass at 11am



FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF POPE LEO XIV ON FRIDAY

On May 8, Pope Leo will be in Pompeii, where he will pray to Our Lady of the Rosary at her shrine there. Pope Leo will celebrate the first anniversary of his election. The celebrations will find him arriving around 9 am to the Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii, where he will spend time in Eucharistic adoration. The Pope will celebrate Mass in a plaza named for a man he canonised last Autumn, St. Bartolo Longo. The saint was instrumental in promoting devotion to Our Lady at the shrine, but is also well known for his complicated past, including a dabble in satanism. Pope Leo will also visit the chapel dedicated to St. Bartolo, where his relics lie. At noon, the traditional supplication to the Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii will take place. After lunch, the Pope will take a 15-minute helicopter to Naples. There he will be able to pray with the reliquary containing the ampoules of the blood of Saint Januarius. The saint's blood is said to liquefy three times a year, including on the anniversary of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The last event of the day will be an Act of Entrustment to the Virgin Mary. A beloved image of the Immaculate Conception will be brought into the square; the event marks the bicentenary of her coronation.

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
Mae Cavani, Catherine Dalton, Tom Cassidy (Geneva)

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Janet Brown 2022, Ian Clarke 2005, Agnes Grogan 1954, Anne Howieson 2011, Sadie Leslie 2013, John Ross 2020, Pat Breen senior 2018, Bobby Macnamara 1961, Kirsty Maher 2022, Moira Mathieson 2025, Steve McKinnon 2004, Greta Sudlow 2014, James Timmons 1982, Charlie Townsley 2014, Mary Barclay 2009, Kathleen Findlay 1996, William Hilferty 1943, Harry Hissey 1976, Robert Hunter 1956, John, Irene and Patrick McKelvey, Phil Coby 2022, James McEvoy 1964, Helen McGee, Patrick McGuire, Robbie McKeachan 2014, Patricia McPadden 2004, Robert Stewart 2002, Jean Agostini 1978, Josephine Brady 1953, Josephine Cunningham 2000, Margaret Long 1999, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Margaret Stevens 2007, Williamina (Wilshie) Boyle 2014, Annie Hilferty 1959, Simon Smyth 2001, Esther Tumilty 2020, Mary Kelly 2013, John McCracken 1949, Thomas McDermott 2017, Joe Moran 2008, Patricia Woodcock née Leonard 2021.



▪ **SSVP Refreshments after Mass today - St Peter's**
The SSVP will be serving tea, coffee, and light refreshments after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday. Please come along and support if you can.

▪ **Father Gerry away this week - St Bride's**
Fr Gerry in West Kilbride will be away next week so there will be no Masses on Tuesday 12 May and Friday 15 May.

▪ **Christian Aid Week - St Bride's**
West Kilbride - Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 10th May. Envelopes for cash/cheque donations are available at the church. You can also give online on the Christian Aid website (christianaid.org.uk).

▪ **Special Collection for our Seminarians**
We will take up our annual special collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund at the weekend Masses at St Peter's and St Bride's on the 2nd and 3rd May 2026. Many thanks for your support as always.

▪ **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.

▪ **Crowning Our Lady for the month of May**
This Sunday, the first Sunday in May, we will crown the statue of our Blessed Lady as a sign of our love and devotion in this special month. *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"* - This prayer originated from a vision of the Virgin Mary experienced by Saint Catherine Labouré in 1830 at Rue du Bac in Paris, where she saw the words inscribed around an image of Mary. It refers to the Immaculate Conception of Mary—proclaiming that Mary was preserved from original sin from her conception. It is used as a prayer of intercession.



▪ **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.

▪ **Morning Prayer every Tuesday**
The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Catholic Church and has been used for centuries. But for many people, learning how to pray it can be intimidating. Here are seven reasons to pray the Liturgy of the Hours every day: It unites you to Jesus Christ. It allows you to pray with the Church. It is the highest form of prayer after the Mass. It is thoroughly biblical.

It will mature and deepen the rest of your spiritual life. It allows you to "pray without ceasing." It makes God the centre of your day. Why don't you come along and join us - Every Tuesday at St Bride's and at St Peter's at 9.40am, before Holy Mass. Please check Liturgy Planner for Funerals, etc. or changes.

▪ **Emergency On-Call for Ayrshire Hospitals**
Father Duncan will be on emergency on-call at the Ayrshire Hospitals this week. Please keep all those in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers. Here is a Prayer for the Sick: *Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

▪ **Pastoral Council Meeting - St Bride's**
The next Meeting of St Brie's Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 7th May at 7pm in the Community Room. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please pass on to Father Duncan or any of the members. Thank you!

▪ **Requiem Mass for Mae Cavani**
Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mae Cavani, who died on 13th April, aged 90 years. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Peter's on Tuesday, 5th May at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

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.

JUST FOR
LAUGHS

• A parishioner walks into the confessional and says, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I blew up some railroad tracks."
• The priest replies, "You are forgiven, my son. Now go do the stations."

• An Ardrossan priest was trying to find a parking space. He kept looping the car park, but no-one was leaving. So he prayed, "God, if you free up a parking space for me, I promise I won't have any gin-and-tonics for a month". Some clouds cleared and the sun beamed down onto an empty parking spot. "Never mind, Lord, I've found one".

• The age-old question of "what does the H in Jesus H. Christ stand for [IHS]?" has been answered. It's Harold, as in "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name..."

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