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"MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - THE GRANDEUR OF HUMANITY"



In his first encyclical *"Magnifica Humanitas"*, Pope Leo XIV calls on society and AI developers to implement "shared standards of social justice" in order for artificial intelligence to respect human dignity and serve the common good. A more moral AI is not enough if that morality is determined by a few ... In fact, as with every major technological shift, AI tends to amplify the power of those who already possess economic resources, expertise and access to data. He proposes the principles of Catholic Social Doctrine — particularly the dignity of the person and the common good as guidelines for decision-making and the "criteria for judging whether technologies truly serve humanity or are subjugating it." When efficiency becomes the ultimate measure of value, human beings are tempted to see themselves as a project to be optimised rather than as persons called to relationship and communion. He invokes one of his spiritual guides, St. Augustine of Hippo, quoting from *De Civitate Dei* (The City of God): "'Two loves have built two cities: the earthly city, the love of self even to the contempt of God; the heavenly city, the love of God even to the contempt of self.' As throughout history, these two loves continue to contend for dominance in our hearts today." Throughout the encyclical, Pope Leo draws on the image of construction to ask how humanity will respond to the new technological age. Humanity, he says, must choose between building the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) and building a city where God and humanity can dwell together, as Nehemiah gathered together people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile (Nehemiah 2-6). "In practice, technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise it, finance it, regulate it and use it... The choice is not between a "yes" or "no" to technology, but "between constructing Babel or rebuilding Jerusalem; between a power that claims to dominate the heavens and a people who work together in the presence of God to rebuild the walls of fraternal coexistence." The key question, he says, is that posed by Saint John Paul II: Does AI "make human life on earth 'more human' in every aspect of that life? Does it make it more worthy of humanity?"



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Ninth 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, 30TH MAY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Ian Howie (A) William and Rose Twigg (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 31ST MAY Trinity 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, 1ST JUNE Memorial of St Justin Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Theresa McGarvey (A) Thomas Forde (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE 9th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kara Doolin (SI) Tom Cassidy (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE Requiem Mass for Mary Hamilton at 10am	<i>Mary Hamilton RIP</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE 9th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Teresa McEvoy (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 5TH JUNE Memorial of St Boniface Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>For the Little Family (A) Francis, Tommy and Hugh McEvoy (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Alison Dunn (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF ST JUSTIN ON MONDAY

Saint Justin Martyr never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165AD. As patron of philosophers, Saint Justin Martyr may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.



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, for the Phipps Family

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Mary Hamilton
Mary Anne Quinn

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Sadie Grant 2001, Ian Howie 2023, Anthony Lundie 2010, Maria Manfredini 2018, Isabella McCarroll 1968, Anne-Marie McLaughlin 2017, Kathleen Conway 1989, Bessie Grant (McCourt) 2002, Dora Grogan 2010, Canon Nicholas Murphy 1992, Bill Ralston 2024, Pat Walker 1999, James Lane 1995, William McMullan 1939, Tony O'Brien 2015, Peg Brown 1991, Michael Collins, Annie Daniels 2014, Fitzpatrick and Fitzsimmons families, Susan Giffney 1972, Mary Kelly 1985, Teresa McEvoy 2014, Greta McGreevy 2009, Janette Smyth 2007, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980, Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Jim Glass, Denis Long 2005, Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, Ted Procter 2012, James Boyle 2008, Gilbert Marshall 2007, Father Michael Masterson 1997, Rose McKenzie 1996, Neil O'Connell 1992, James Conaghan 1999, Mary Walsh 1954.



▪ **The Blessed Trinity - God is always with us**

Easter ended last Sunday with Pentecost, and this week we have returned to Ordinary time. Today we cap off these first few Ordinary days by going back to the beginning when everything created started, even history itself: to the Most Holy Trinity. We know God has no beginning or end; he even created beginnings when, as the first words of the Bible in Genesis remind us, he said, "let there be light." Even now he is always with us, no matter where we are or what we're doing. God is always present to his creatures, including us, in an existential way: he sustains us in existence every moment. If he were ever to stop thinking about us, we'd cease to exist. He never stops thinking about us. Just like a toddler wandering away from a parent we put ourselves at risk by wandering away from him. Every parent has experienced that moment of terror when, despite the best supervision in the world, they suddenly see their toddler obliviously rushing toward that prickly plant, sharp object, or speeding traffic. A toddler has an excuse: he doesn't know any better. Yet we try to throw ourselves under the bus over and over again. Intentionally or unintentionally we put ourselves at risk. Our parents channel their inner Olympic sprinter to save their toddler; God the Father does even more: he puts our big Brother intentionally at risk to save us, and his Son is just as eager to save us from ourselves. Our Lord will close the gap in a heartbeat if we let him. Stop making him have to chase after you.



▪ **Requiem Mass for Mary Hamilton**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Hamilton, who died on 13th May, aged 79 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 3rd June at 10am at St Peter's, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday**

The next Meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday, at 6.30pm at St John's in Stevenston.

▪ **Refreshments after Mass - St Peter's**

Next Sunday the 7th of June the SSVP will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments after the 10:30am Mass and also on the Parish Feast Day of Ss Peter and Paul on Sunday, 28th June. There will be no refreshments after Mass in the month of July. Please come along and support if you can.

▪ **Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical in Infographics**

Pope Leo's first Encyclical is now available to read online at www.vatican.va. *Magnifica Humanitas* places the Church at the centre of the emerging debate over the future of human civilisation in the age of AI. The encyclical presents artificial intelligence not simply as a technological challenge but as a moral and spiritual question touching the dignity of the human person and the limits of power.

It is a timely intervention into one of the defining moral questions of the modern world, where the encyclical defends human dignity and insists that technological progress must remain subordinate to the common good. *Please make sure you get your copy of our Infographics on the Encyclical at the end of Mass today.*

▪ **Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité Anniversary**

Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité are celebrating their 70th Anniversary with Mass in St Winin's, Kilwinning, on Sunday 21st June at 3.30pm. We look forward to welcoming those who have been involved with Hospitalité and pilgrimage in any way, please join us to celebrate a wonderful 70 years of service to our diocese.

▪ **Invitation to the Festival of Synodality**

Join Catholics from across Scotland for a joyful and hope-filled day of prayer, listening and Conversation in the Spirit, celebrating the life and mission of the Church in Scotland today. The Festival of Synodality will take place on Saturday 6th June from 9am to 4pm at Glasgow Caledonian University. The day includes guest speakers Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul, with opportunities to take part in Conversation in the Spirit and various workshops. Lunch included. Tickets: £45 Book now: bit.ly/synodality26

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 parishioner at St Bride's fell asleep during a particularly long homily and began to snore. The angry Parish Priest leaned over to the woman sitting next to the man and whispered, "Excuse me, would you wake up the man next to you?" The woman glared back and replied, "You made him fall asleep, Father –you wake him up!"

• A little child watched the offertory bag being passed around at St Peter's. When it neared their pew, the youngster piped up so the whole church could hear: "You don't have to pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five!"

• A Parish Church was desperately trying to raise money for a new roof. The priest announced, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have all the money we need. The bad news is it's still sitting in your pockets."

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 24th May: £635.57
Building Fund: 24th May: £344.54



→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 24th May: £172.95



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