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CHRIST'S HEART BEATS FOR US



Jesus Christ is a man for others. His heart overflows in concern and compassion for the suffering crowds of people following him around. He sees how much they long for a better life, for a deeper understanding of the meaning of life. Jesus is not indifferent to these crowds: he cares. They matter to him. And Jesus hasn't changed. He is not indifferent to us. He knows our hidden sufferings, fears, hopes, and dreams, and he cares about them. We matter to him. Our needs are his needs. The whole project of Christ's life, from Bethlehem to Calvary, consisted in winning back for us what we had lost by sin: hope, eternal life, meaning, friendship with God, lasting joy, enduring peace. All he wants is to reap a harvest of souls for his Father's house. His teaching shows us the way. His miracles convince us of this teaching. His suffering, death, and resurrection plant the new Tree of Life, whose fruit we receive in the Eucharist. Not one word, not one deed, not one thought of Christ's earthly journey was for himself. He lived entirely to please his Father and to save sinners. Even at the peak of his atrocious suffering, as he hung writhing and dying on the cross, his heart did not turn in on himself, but continued to focus on us, as he prayed: "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Christ has a beating heart even now, as he sits enthroned in heavenly glory, and it beats for each one of us.



*St. Peter in Chains
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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Liturgy of the Week - Eleventh 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, 13TH JUNE Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Tom Atkins (A) John Maher (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE 11th Sunday of the Year (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, 15TH JUNE 11th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Grant Mitchell (RD) Margaret McCreadie (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE Feast of Saints of Scotland Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Frances Durning (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am, Holy Mass at 10am for <i>Ignatius McAleavy (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Prayers of Reception at 6pm for John Thomasson
WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE 11th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Michael Leonard (A) Mgr Basil O'Sullivan (SI)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am for John Thomasson
THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE 11th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Isabel and Ennis McHugh (A) Marie Burns (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE 11th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (T) Upton and Colins Families Michael Collins (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE 12th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Duchesne (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF SCOTLAND THIS TUESDAY

On Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints of Scotland. The Feast recalls the Saints in Scotland's Christian history whose names are too numerous to be commemorated individually. It celebrates the glory of God in Scotland's "great cloud of witnesses" and their sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It is a calling to remember the spiritual solidarity of the Communion of Saints, a reminder of our forebears' constant intercession for us, and of the sustaining power of the Eucharist for their – and our - pilgrim journey towards the New Jerusalem. Called to be modern-day Saints, the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to remain faithful to "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" and never grow weary or fainthearted. As the gospel reminds us, through trust in the Lord, the apostles caught more in their nets than they could ever have imagined, and yet the "net was not torn". So too it will be with for the Church in Scotland, if we listen faithfully to the voice of Christ.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley, Monica Taylor, Louise Milligan, Neil Watson, Margaret Hanna, Maurice Smith, John Pugh, for the Phipps Family, Mairi Fraser

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Grant Mitchell, Philip McAuliffe

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Catherine Carroll née Rice, Rita Kelly 2014, Sarah Sweeney 1997, Bishop Maurice Taylor 2023, Jane Adams 2023, Margaret Duffy 2000, Anthony Forbes 2002, Rena Freer 2010, Julia Petrie 1998, Edward Swiercz 1991, David Brodie 1994, Agnes Hunter 1956, Sheila Reilly 1987, Carol Stewart 2005, Agnes Cochrane 1998, Mary Theresa Dolan 1999, Sylvia Kemp 2018, Bernard Kilbane 1986, Michael Leonard 2000, Father Tom Leverage 1996, Cardinal Thomas Winning 2001, Marie Burns 2022, Sheila Kennedy 1996, Samuel McGonigle 1997, Andrew McPadden 2002, Joseph Pendleton 2020, Una Delahunt Rice 2005, Margaret Forbes 2006, Billy Harvey 2004, John Malloy 2002, Father Alan Wilson 2012, Margaret Boyd 2005, Gertrude Cunningham 2008, Mary Bridget Magee 1988.

▪ **Personal Invitation from Bishop Francis**



The Diocese of Galloway warmly invites you to join us in St. Margaret's Cathedral, 27 John Street, Ayr KA8 0BS on Friday 26th June at 7pm, for a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of Bishop Frank Dougan's Silver Jubilee of Ordination
Light refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

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

The SSVP will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments after the 10:30am Mass 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.

▪ **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.

▪ **Bible Group - St Peter's**

Why don't you come along and join us for our Bible Group Meeting on Tuesday, 16th June at 7pm in the Parish House. We will have a look at the Readings for the following Sunday. Everyone welcome!

▪ **A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 1**

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, offers a sweeping reflection on the human person in the age of rapid technological change, especially the rise of artificial intelligence. Addressing questions of dignity, justice, and moral responsibility, the document speaks directly to the challenges of modern life while grounding its vision in the timeless truth of the Gospel. *"In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendour of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen, and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates".* (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 15) Pope Leo frames the Christian response to artificial intelligence not with fear, but with a deeper return to what it means to be truly human. Real progress is not measured by power, speed, or efficiency, but by our ability to live in communion with others—listening with openness, seeking wisdom, and choosing unity over division. Technology can grow in strength and sophistication, but it cannot replace what makes us most human. It is love—rooted in being created in the image of God and lived out in relationship—that reveals our true dignity and gives meaning to all progress.

▪ **The Little Mermaid's Dad**

One of Walt Disney's classic movies is an adaptation of a German fairy tale *The Little Mermaid*. In the film version, a mermaid, the daughter of King Triton, the Lord of the sea, falls in love with a human prince. Deceived by the false promise of a wicked sea witch, the mermaid ends up selling herself into the witch's power through her efforts to win the prince's love.



When King Triton hears of his daughter's plight, he rushes to her rescue. But since the mermaid had freely made a deal with the witch, the king has only one option: he has to let himself be locked up in the witch's prison in order to set his daughter free. His love is so great that, of course, he is willing to make the sacrifice. It is a beautiful story, and it rings true - there is something right and noble about sacrificing oneself for the good of others. That's love - that's God's love, which goes much deeper than emotions, and we are created in God's image, so deep down we all want to love like that.

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.



▪ **Tossing a Coin**

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

▪ **A four year old's description of creation**

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that. Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet. Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either. Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel. After a while, all of the first people died, except Methuselah, who lived to be, like, a million years old.

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 7th June: £575.72
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→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 7th June: £209.38



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