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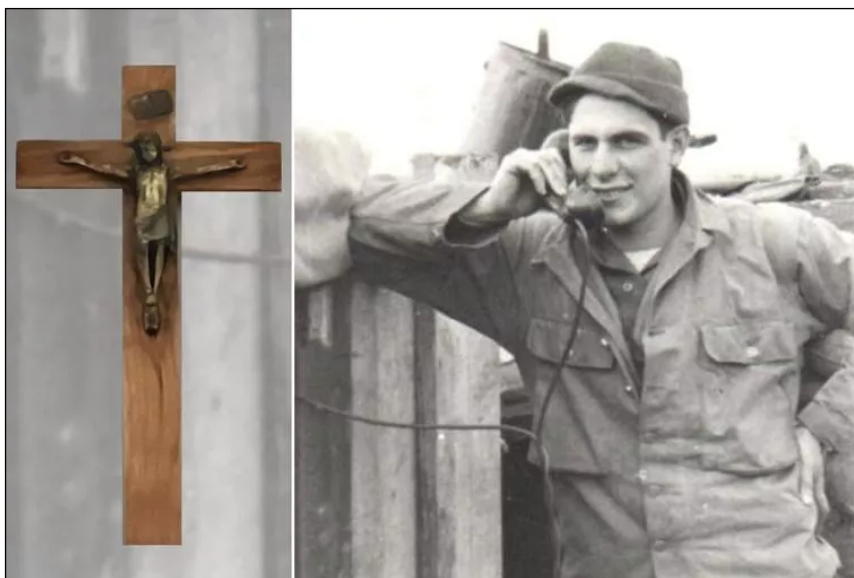
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A FATHER DAY'S STORY



This story is about my father's crucifix. I was around 4 years old. I remember kneeling at my bed, my father at my side, looking up at my blue-coloured wall, where hung a crucifix between pictures of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. He would nightly kneel with me before that crucifix, praying and teaching me my prayers in Latin. That crucifix made a lasting impression on me. There is a moving, true story behind that crucifix. This is that story. It was sometime in the early days of 1945. My father — an artillery soldier — was ordered to scout out a village in Belgium that had been devastated by artillery shells. He was overwhelmed by the devastation he saw. Then his eyes were drawn to a house that had only a single wall, with remnants of a second floor, still standing. On that wall, probably a bedroom wall, hung a crucifix. "That crucifix belonged to a family," he would tell me over and over again. He sought out the local Catholic shepherd. The priest he found was the pastor of the Catholic church in that Belgium village. The priest understood only a modicum of English but seemed to trust my father. Something in my father's face told this priest that there was something holy about this soldier; he could be trusted. He and the priest walked to that house with only one wall still standing. My father pointed to the crucifix. The priest understood immediately what he was asking. The priest, in broken English, said that the family who owned that house — and who prayed before that crucifix — were good Catholics. "But they are no more," he added solemnly. The priest said to my father, "You want that crucifix, yes? You are Catholic, yes?" Before my father could answer, this Belgian priest said those words that always filled my father inside, bringing tears to my father's eyes: "That family wants you to have their crucifix." With permission granted, the priest bearing witness that this soldier was not stealing, my father retrieved that crucifix that traveled with my father throughout the remainder of the Second World War. Today, when I go to Mass, I add my own prayer: "Thank you dear Lord for giving me the most wonderful gift that any son could want — the gift of a good father, like St. Joseph. This gift that is my father." Happy Father's Day, Dad!
[Joseph Cascarelli, Pennsylvania].



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and St. Bride's,
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HAPPY
Father's Day

Liturgy of the Week - Twelfth 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, 20TH JUNE Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Duchesne (RD) Julie Graham (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 21ST JUNE 12th Sunday of the Year (A) Day for Life 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, 22ND JUNE Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Gormley Family (T) Mary Hughes (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE 12th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Beryl Meechan (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am, Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE Solemnity of John the Baptist Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Marie McCulloch (SI) Grant Mitchell (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE 12th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>John Boyle (A) In Thanksgiving for Dawson (T)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE Feast of St Benedict Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Michael Fitzpatrick (A) Karen Fitzpatrick (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 27TH JUNE Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Owen McGuire (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST ON WEDNESDAY

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God. The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist shows us the way to purity and grace.



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 †

James Lane 1995, Catherine Robertson 2015, Susan Watson 2002, Rosie Benson 1995, Agnes Delahunt 1936, Margaret Donnelly 1953, Mary Leishman 1997, Ronald McKay 2008, James Carroll 2022, Shiela Kearney, Annemarie Matthews 2025, Mamie Scotland, Frank Tracy 2007, Marade Ballantyne 1991, John Flood 2003, Bill Mathieson 2014, Greta Murphy 1973, George Russell 2005, Sadie Sloss 2023, Ben Walsh 1985, Harry Boyle 2006, Fredrick Davis 2015, Michael Fitzpatrick 2006, Elizabeth Paterson, Joseph Sammons 1954, Margaret Burns 2006, Katherine Fish 2002, James Little 1979, Joseph McCormick 1977, Tony Ross 2008.



▪ 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.

▪ Race Night at St John's - Everyone Welcome!

We are having a race night at St John's in Stevenston. On the Friday the 26th of June at 7pm. Tickets are £2. We will have the races, Irish bingo and a raffle. All are welcome to this family fun night.

▪ Collection for St Peter's Pence next weekend

The annual special collection for St Peter's Pence will be taken up next weekend 27/28 June at the weekend Masses. As always, many thanks for your generosity!

▪ A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 2

"The Church reminds us, with a firm yet humble voice, that true fulfilment is not achieved by eliminating weakness but through harmonious growth. It is found where freedom and responsibility are intertwined with mutual care and true solidarity, and where progress is measured by the dignity of each person and the good of all peoples". (Magnifica Humanitas, 12). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that true fulfilment is not found in technological "perfection" or in trying to eliminate every human limitation. From a Catholic perspective, real growth is about becoming more fully human before God. Our weaknesses do not remove our dignity—they are part of our human condition that Christ comes to heal and redeem. True progress is not measured by power, control, or performance, but by how we love, how we serve others, and how faithfully we respect the dignity of every person created in the image of God.

▪ Today is the "Day for Life"

Sunday, 21 June, is Day for Life in the Church in Scotland. This year's theme is *'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'* and reflects on the humanity of the unborn child and acknowledges, with compassion, the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth. You will find the Bishops' Letter along with other materials here: www.bcos.org.uk/dayforlife. Here is a quote from the Bishop's Letter: "The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the

pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon if you would like to know more about this. Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. We have the Lord's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5)"... We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

▪ Emergency Call-Out for the Hospitals

Father Duncan will be on emergency call-out this week for our Ayrshire Hospitals. Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick and in hospital at this time.

▪ Sacramental of Baptism

We welcome to the Family of the Church *Ruby Cabill* who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and the Godparents.

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 journalist asked Blessed John XXIII (Pope from 1958 - 1963) how many people work in the Vatican. The pope paused, thought for a bit and replied, "About half of them."

One Sunday, Fr Duncan was preaching against the evils of alcohol when he added a visual demonstration to his fire and brimstone lecture. He filled a glass with whisky into which he dropped a wiggling worm. The worm quickly stopped moving and died. The priest asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" "Father," said Greg, "I learned that if you drink whisky, you will not have worms."

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