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



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"WITHOUT THE LORD, WE CANNOT LIVE!"



It is through the Eucharist that even our hands become 'hands of the Risen One,' because the Sunday Eucharist is indispensable for Christian life. Some martyrs of the early African Church, the Martyrs of Abitene, have left us a beautiful testimony in this regard. Faced with the offer to save their lives on the condition that they renounce celebrating the Eucharist, they replied that they could not live without celebrating the Lord's Day. The Martyrs of Abitinae were a courageous group of 49 Christians from the town of Abitinae in a Roman province of Africa who gave their lives in the early fourth century during the Diocletian persecution. Their witness is remembered primarily for their steadfast refusal to abandon the celebration of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist, which an imperial decree had explicitly forbidden. During interrogation, one martyr uttered the phrase: "*Sine dominico non possumus.*" ("Without the Lord, we cannot live."), referring to the Holy Eucharist. These words expressed their conviction that the Eucharist was the heart of their identity and the source of Christian life. Refusing to betray the Faith, they endured brutal torture. Some were scourged or starved; others were confined in dark, suffocating prisons. All remained steadfast. The Martyrs of Abitinae remind us that when we receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, we encounter Christ, fully present for us. It is through the Eucharist that our faith is nourished and grows. Faith needs to be nourished and supported. For this reason, every Sunday, the Church invites us to do as the first disciples did: to gather together and celebrate the Eucharist as one. In a world that is in such great need of peace, this commits us more than ever to be faithful in our Eucharistic encounter with the Risen Lord, so that we may depart from it as witnesses of charity and bearers of reconciliation.



*St. Peter in Chains
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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SC010576*

Liturgy of the Week - Tenth 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, 6TH JUNE Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Alison Dunn (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 7TH JUNE Body and Blood of Christ (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, 8TH JUNE 10th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mary Hamilton (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE Feast of St Columba Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jon and Pat McNamara (WA)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE 10th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Celia Bailey (SI)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE Memorial of St Barnabas Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>In Honour of Our Lady and St Joseph (T)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>For Peace in the world</i>		Holy Mass at 9.30am at St Anthony's Primary School	Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE 11th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Tom Atkins (A) John Maher (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF ST COLUMBA ON TUESDAY

Saint Columba (7 December 521 – 9 June 597) was an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in present-day Scotland. He founded the important abbey on Iona, which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. In 563, he travelled to Scotland with twelve companions in a wicker currach covered with leather. Aside from prayer and the Sacraments he provided the only centre of literacy in the region, and his reputation as a holy man led to his role as a diplomat among the tribes. There are also many stories of miracles which he performed during his work to convert the Picts, the most famous being his encounter with an unidentified animal that some have equated with the Loch Ness Monster in 565. It is said that he banished a ferocious "water beast" to the depths of the River after it had killed a Pict and then tried to attack Columba's disciple. Columba died on Iona and was buried in 597 by his monks in the abbey he created. In 794 the Vikings descended on Iona. Columba's relics were finally removed in 849 and divided between Scotland and Ireland.



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
Margaret Anne Quinn
Donald Gibson, Grant
Mitchell, David Reilly,
Harry Blair, Philip McAuliffe

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

May Boyle 2013, Father Ninian Currie OFM 2009, Alison Dunn 1994, Martha Johnston 2013, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Patrick Clark 2002, Michael Collins 2009, Charles Coulter 2007, Stephen McIntosh 2015, Julia Paterson 2017, George West 1997, Millie Ferguson 2021, Rose McKenzie, Sheena Walker 2017, Martin Francis Brown 1998, Elizabeth Dailly, Hilda Reid, John Spencer 2002, Charles Clarke 2025, Alice Ferrie 2010, John Maher 2002, Joseph Pellegrini 2025, Helen Taylor 1998, Tom Atkins 2010, Agnes Blake 2008, Elizabeth Higgins 2022, John Higgins 1973, Sheelagh Kelly 2010, Vincent McBride 2013, Bobby Findlay 2014, Molly Monaghan 2008, Felix Murphy 1997, Eddie Welsh 1987.

▪ **Galloway's Seoul 2027**

In 2027, Pope Leo will join young people from across the world in Seoul, South Korea. While it is not possible for us to travel to Seoul, the Diocesan Youth Office will be running a parallel event in our Diocese at Gowanbank SU Centre (near Darvel). Join young people (current P5-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather for the week to follow the World Youth Day programme, hear inspiring Catechetical talks from local priests, take part in a range of different outdoor activities, and have a fantastic week of faith and friendship. Galloway's Seoul runs from 7th - 11th August 2027 and costs £400 per person (grants are available for those in need and if more than one child in a household is taking part), but we'll be supporting young people in fundraising to reduce the cost. For full details pick up a flyer or go to our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

2027 GALLOWAY'S SEOUL
EXPERIENCE
WORLD YOUTH DAY
IN GALLOWAY IN 2027

REGISTRATION
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SCAN FOR DETAILS

Week includes:

Outdoor Activities <i>(Canoeing, Paddleboarding, Tree Climbing, Archery Tag and more!)</i>	Participant's Pack <i>(With lots of goodies and souvenirs!)</i>
Talks, Prayer, and Mass All Meals & Accommodation	Following events from Seoul online and recreating others at home.

**7TH - 11TH AUGUST 2027 - GOWANBANK SU CENTRE
P7-S6 (IN SCHOOL YEAR 2027/2028) - £400 PER PERSON**

At the time of registration, there is nothing to pay, with the first payment of £75 due in September. For full details, scan the QR code or email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

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

This 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.

▪ **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.

▪ **The Eucharistic Miracle of Siena**

In 2009 a catalogue was published of Eucharistic Miracles, inspired by a Vatican International Exhibition that described 152 Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. Neither the catalogue nor the exhibition made claims to have listed all of them. A Eucharistic Miracle in Siena is just one example. In 1730 thieves broke into the church of St. Francesco in Siena and stole a ciborium containing over three hundred consecrated hosts. Three days later the hosts were found intact in an alms box in the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provengano, and there was a celebration and procession with the hosts back to the church of San Francesco. Even the Eucharist, although now Our Lord, deteriorates like bread over time if not consumed. These hosts to date have not deteriorated, and actually appear as fresh as the day they were consecrated, being tested as recently as 1922. Our Lord in those miraculous consecrated hosts is still adored and revered in Siena today, just as he is in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Miracle of Siena refers to the miraculous, centuries-long preservation of consecrated hosts that have remained fresh, incorrupt, and completely free of mould or decay since 1730, defying all natural biological and chemical laws. When compared to unconsecrated control hosts placed in identical conditions, the control hosts rotted within a decade, while the miraculous hosts remained biologically and chemically pristine.

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.



In a bus crash, a Franciscan, a Benedictine, and a Parish Priest all die and go to heaven. St. Peter speaks to them each in turn. "What did you do in your mortal life?" "I was a Franciscan priest." "Welcome to heaven! Just go straight through those gates." "And you, what did you do?" "I was a Benedictine monk." "Welcome, brother! Enter through the pearly doors." "And you?" "I was a parish priest." "Fantastic, we are so glad you made it!" Confetti falls from above, a loud raucous jazz band appears and starts playing celebratory music, and Jesus Himself comes out to personally greet the parish priest. It is a scene of pure elation. The Benedictine looks back and says, "I don't mean to be ungrateful with my own eternal reward, but why did the other two of us get such a perfunctory greeting while this fellow gets a whole party?" St. Peter replies, "oh no, you misunderstand! Of course we're excited for you guys to be here, but this is the first parish priest we've ever had."

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offertory for 31st May: £627.02
Building Fund: 31st May: £329.47

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→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←
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