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THE FOUR THINGS POPE LEO WILL DO ON HOLIDAY



After settling into the Apostolic Palace in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV appeared on the central balcony and revealed his plans for his holiday. On the afternoon of Sunday, July 5, Pope Leo XIV traveled to the papal residence at Castel Gandolfo, 26 kilometres south of Rome, to spend his holiday there. On Sundays in July, the Holy Father will pray the Angelus in the Piazza della Libertà in Castel Gandolfo. This marks a departure from Pope Francis's previous practice, as he avoided visiting Castel Gandolfo during his pontificate. In the afternoon, after settling into the Apostolic Palace, the Pope appeared on the central balcony and revealed his plans for his holiday: «I am very happy to be here and to spend the coming weeks with a bit of rest, a bit of prayer, a bit of reading, and, we hope, a bit of sport here in Castel Gandolfo.»

PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Loving and merciful God, You protect us wherever we go. I ask You to bless my holiday. Please guide and protect me on the road. Keep me free from all harm. Grant me the grace to relax, to rest, and to enjoy Your beautiful creation. Fill my heart with joy. Help me to return home refreshed. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fifteenth 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, 11TH JULY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Philip McAuliffe (RD) Marie Lang (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 12TH JULY 15th 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, 13TH JULY 15th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>In a Special Intention Sylvia Upton (SI)</i>			
TUESDAY, 14TH JULY Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Annemarie Dickie (A) Mary Conway (RD)</i>			
WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY Memorial of St Bonaventure Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sadie Templeton (A) Brian Meechan (RD) Anne Taggart (T)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 16TH JULY Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kathleen McCallum (A) Mary Fraser (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 17TH JULY 15th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>Grant Mitchell (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 18TH JULY 16th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Andy White (RD) Jack Quirk (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ON THURSDAY

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word sister is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realisation that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Louise Milligan, Neil
Watson, Margaret
Hanna, Maurice Smith,
John Pugh, Mairi Fraser

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Mr and Mrs Francis Breslin 1976, Jeannie Brown 1995, Father Donal Burke, Julie Kelley-Holland 2005, Margaret McAteer 1992, Alice McMahon 1981, Agnes Anne Conaghan 2002, Annie O'Kane 2001, Stella Reid 2009, Margaret Wyllie 2015, Jessie Hazelton 2007, James Jenkins 2005, Ellen Nielson 2011, Sadie Templeton 2022, Canon Eugene Matthews 2010, Sally Walsh 1957, Patrick Carry 1976, Eileen McCann 2013, Jackie McMurdo 2016, Brian McNulty 2018, Andrew Murphy 1979, Maria Dorrian 2024, Gavin Finnegan 2007, Robert MacRae 1986, Susan McDonald 2018, Annie McGrath 2002.

▪ In Support of Venezuela - St Bride's

We are hosting a special Tea/coffee event on Sunday, 19th July, from 1.15pm until 3pm in the Parish Hall at St Bride's, to support and raise funds for Venezuela. There will also be a raffle. Donations of home backing or a raffle prize would be very much appreciated. Please come along with friends and family and support us.

▪ A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 5

"Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the 'construction site' of our time." (Magnifica Humanitas, 16). The Church does not call us to passivity or withdrawal. In the spirit of the Gospel, the world (especially in this age shaped by artificial intelligence and rapid change) is not something to simply watch from a distance, but something to help shape with wisdom and love. As Christians, we are called to participate in the real life of society--culture, technology, politics, education--bringing the light of Christ into it. Rather than retreating into isolation, we are invited to be present in the world as faithful witnesses, working for what is true and good.



▪ Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit with Bishop Francis this Tuesday.

St Peter's will host the next special Mass to the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, 14th July at the usual time of 10am, followed by some refreshments. Bishop Francis will preside at the Mass. Please spread the word so that we get a good turnout.

▪ Wedding Celebration - St Peter's

We are delighted to announce the wedding of *Kathleen McDermott* and *Patrick Donnachie* and on Thursday, 16th July at 1pm. We wish them both a "love for a lifetime".

▪ Two Ways to Cooperate with God's Grace

Without the help of God's grace, our freedom cannot long resist the influence of the devil, the world, and the flesh. And yet, God's grace doesn't make us into saints unless we cooperate with it. There are two ways we can cooperate with God's grace. First, we can use well the gifts God has given us as channels of grace: the sacraments, the Bible, the teachings of the Church, the example and intercession of the saints, and, most importantly of all, the gift of prayer. If we aren't using these gifts eagerly and intelligently, and constantly learning how to use them better, we are like soldiers letting their weapons get rusty. Second, we can exercise our freedom, just as we exercise our muscles. This means making conscious choices, motivated by worthy reasons. The husband and father who goes to work every day for years just out of routine,

and doesn't consciously renew each day his commitment to his family and to the common good, the reasons behind his going to work, will eventually face an existential crisis. The Christian who comes to Mass every Sunday for years just out of routine, but doesn't consciously renew his personal commitment to Jesus Christ each Sunday, which is the reason behind coming to Mass, will eventually drift away from God. We must know the reasons behind our choices, and we must consciously renew our commitment to those reasons. That's how we exercise our freedom and defend ourselves against the hidden cancer of routine - the secret ally of the devil, the world, and the flesh. Today, as Christ renews his commitment to us in this Mass, let's renew our personal love for him in the depths of our hearts, choosing freely, once again, to be his faithful followers. Nothing will please him more.

▪ St Bride's Monthly Draw

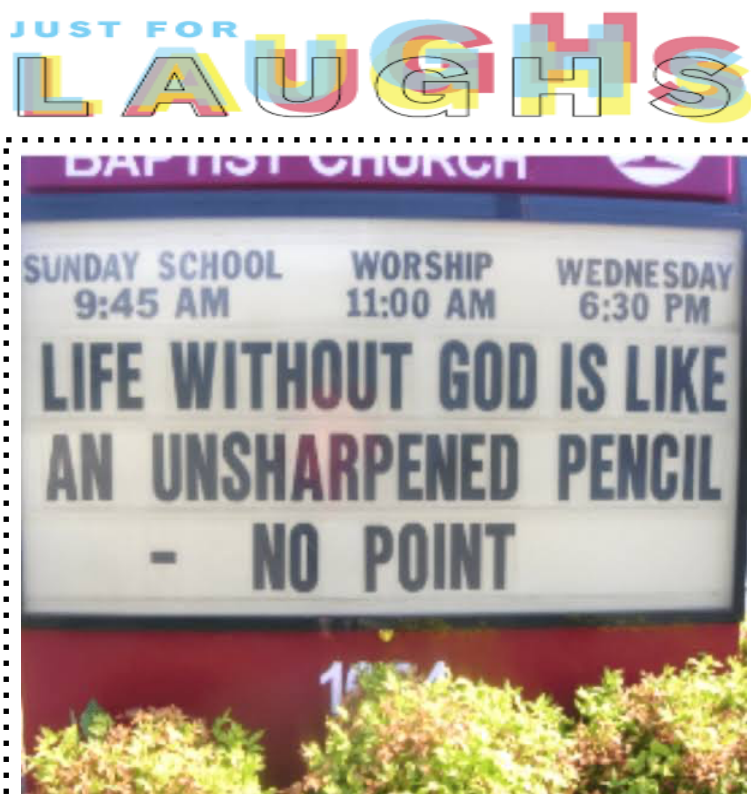
The July Winner is No.30 - Janette Ferguson. Congratulations and sincere thanks for all the support.

▪ Archbishop Eyre Fund for St Bride's

The Archbishop Eyre Fund has made a donation of £2000 to St Bride's Parish. We've sent a letter of thanks.

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.



Thank
You!

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 5th July: £614.35
Building Fund: 5th July: £330.16
Banker's Orders: June £3887

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You!

→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 5th July: £198.80
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