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ST FRANCIS THE CRUSADER



Sometimes we think that the saints were born with special saint-genes. But that's not true. Every saint was a fallen human being just like us. The difference is that they understood God's greatness, and let their lives become instruments of that greatness. Few people remember that St Francis of Assisi participated in the fifth Crusade. He travelled to Egypt, where the Crusaders were trying to conquer one of the powerful Muslim strongholds. St Francis didn't fight with sword and spear. Instead, after the military effort got bogged down, he and another friar made their way to the enemy lines, dressed in his humble robe, weaponless, and singing Psalm 22: "Though I walk through a valley as dark as death, I shall fear no evil." Thinking Francis was an ambassador sent to negotiate a truce, the sentries brought him to headquarters, where St Francis explained that he wanted to speak to the Sultan about the Gospel. The Sultan received him and enjoyed the conversation so much that he invited Francis to stay with them. Francis said he would, if the Sultan would become a Christian. And to prove the superiority of the Christian religion, St Francis offered to undergo a trial. "Heat a large oven," he suggested. "Your priests and I will get into it, and you can judge by what happens which of our two religions is more holy and true." The Sultan said that he didn't think his priests would climb into a hot oven. So St Francis said, "Very well, I'll get in by myself. If I die, you can put it down to my sins; but if the divine power protects me, will you swear to recognise Christ as true God and Saviour?" The Sultan would not, and so the oven-trail never happened. St Francis wasn't a saint because he was super-smart or super-strong. St Francis was a saint because he had learned to believe in and depend on the supernatural, all-powerful, smart strength of God himself.



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and St. Bride's,
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**SUMMER
EDITION**

Liturgy of the Week - Sixteenth 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, 18TH JULY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Andy White (RD) Jack Quirk (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 19TH JULY 16th 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, 20TH JULY 16th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>May Fitzsimmons (RD) Irene & Alan Smith (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 21ST JULY 16th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Esther Partridge (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY Feast of St Mary Magdalene Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Anne Widdecombe (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass for Michael Murray at 10am
THURSDAY, 23RD JULY Feast of St Bridget of Sweden Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Alexander and Katie Henderson-Thomas (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	Prayers of Reception for William Gorman at 6pm
FRIDAY, 24TH JULY 16th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>For a lasting peace throughout the world</i>			Funeral Mass for William Gorman at 10am
SATURDAY, 25TH JULY 17th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>McArthur Sisters (A) Mr and Mrs Hutson (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ON WEDNESDAY

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles." We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection. Saint Mary Magdalene is the Patron Saint of: Penitents and Perfumers.



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,
Betty McGlynn,
Esther Partridge,
Joseph Long.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Monsignor John Barry 2003, Peggy Clark 2011, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray 1993, Geoffrey Kelly 1906, Catherine McIntosh 2021, John McJay 1993, Brian Narducci 2000, Betty Cutland 2014, Charlie Gribben 2002, Julia Grogan 1971, Agnes McCourt 2000, Elizabeth Nicholson 2003, Jack Quirk 2022, Irene Smith 2015, Sister Mary Campion CP 2016, Bobby McLaren 2007, Mary McPolin 1987, Joseph Mulgrew 2002, Jim Murphy 2010, Canon Denis Quinlan 2015, Elsie Brodie 2019, Jean Clark 2022, Margaret Donnelly 1953, Rebecca Murray 2004, Esther Ferry 2010, Moira Cook 2012, Angus MacRae 2013, Jim McDermott 2023, Julia Petrie 2009, Alex Quigg 1997, Annie Quigg 1972, Isabella Aldridge 2010, Eddie Cunningham 1992, Anne Higgins 2020, May Steele 2014.

▪ In Support of Venezuela - St Bride's

We are hosting a special Tea/coffee event TODAY 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" № 6

"Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love". (Magnifica Humanitas, 50). The Catholic Church teaches that every human person has dignity simply because he or she is created by God. It is not something we earn or lose based on what we can do, how much money we have, our success, or even the mistakes we have made. Our worth comes first from God's love, which is given to us freely and never taken away. This is especially important today in a world shaped by artificial intelligence and productivity culture. People aren't valuable because they are efficient, useful, or "high performing." Unlike machines, human beings are not defined by output. We are loved by God first, and that love is what gives every life its unshakable worth.

▪ Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to St Ninian's Cave, Whithorn this year will be on Sunday, 30th August 2026. The coach will depart from St Peter's at 10.30am; St Mary's at 10.45am and St John's at 11am (on the Low Road, next to the Jet Garage). The cost for the coach will be £10 per person. There is a List at the back of Church to book your seat on the coach. The Diocese of Galloway holds a major pilgrimage to Whithorn on the last Sunday of August every year. The event honours St. Ninian, Scotland's first recorded saint. Pilgrims walk from Physgill Glen to St. Ninian's Cave, where outdoor Mass is celebrated on the beach at Port Castle Bay. The walk to the cave begins at the Physgill Glen car park. It is about a 1-mile walk through a woodland trail to reach the beach. The beach Mass takes place at 4pm. If you cannot walk to the shore, a parallel Mass is held at 4.45pm at St. Martin and St. Ninian's Church in the town of Whithorn.



▪ Peace and Dialogue: Gospel Response to Conflict

The Bishops of Scotland renew their urgent appeal to political leaders across the world to pursue peace with courage, determination, and sincerity. In a time marked by deepening conflict and human suffering, particularly in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan, the need for dialogue and diplomatic solutions has never been more pressing. War brings devastation, loss, and division. It leaves lasting wounds in families, communities, and

nations, and it disproportionately harms the innocent. The Bishops call on all those in positions of authority to reject the path of escalation and instead commit themselves to meaningful dialogue, patient negotiation, and the difficult but necessary work of peace-building. The Bishops express their gratitude to Pope Leo for his clear and consistent voice in calling for peace. His leadership continues to be a guiding light for the Church and the world at this critical time. Reflecting on the Holy Father's recent Vigil for Peace, the Bishops highlight his powerful words: "Let us silence the weapons, so that the voice of humanity may be heard. Let us choose encounter over confrontation, and the courage of peace over the illusion of power." The Bishops of Scotland invite Catholics across our country to join the Holy Father in this appeal. In parishes, homes, and communities, we continue to pray fervently for an end to violence and for the triumph of justice and reconciliation. The Bishops urge all people of goodwill to stand together in hope. Peace is not beyond reach – but it requires genuine humility, courage, and a shared commitment to the dignity of every human life. As the Holy Father begins his apostolic journey to several countries in Africa as a missionary of peace, we assure him of our continued prayers and solidarity

▪ "Thank You" from the Family of Grant Mitchel RIP

The family of the late Grant Mitchell would like to thank everyone who contributed to his funeral service, and expressed their condolences and mass intentions at this sad time. Holy Mass will be said for the intentions of all.

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.



Not so very long ago, an old German man was feeling guilty about something he had done, in the past so he decided to go to Confession. He said, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I feel terrible because during World War II I hid a refugee in my attic." The priest said, "But that's not a sin! I wouldn't feel bad about that if I were you!" "But I made him agree to pay me 50 Marks for every week he stayed." The priest said, "Well, I admit that certainly wasn't the most noble thing to do, charging the man to save his life -- but you did save his life, after all, and that is a good thing. Don't worry about it too much; God forgives." The man said, "Oh thank you, Father, that eases my mind. I have only one more question to ask you -- Do I have to tell him the war is over?"



→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 12th July: £579.44
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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 12th July: £227.28



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