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THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO FIND THE TREASURE



In a sense, each one of us has already found the treasure of friendship with Christ and the benefits it brings. And yet, here he is, telling us this parable again. Why? Jesus has more he wants to give us, more he wants to show us, more he wants to teach us. Getting to know Christ and experiencing his grace is a lifetime adventure. And so, in these parables he reminds us about the two ways we can continue to discover his inexhaustible and incomparable riches (Ephesians 2:7). First, we can stumble upon a new treasure of grace simply by coincidence. This is what happened to the farmer. Coincidences are the hidden workings of God. And we need to stay alert so that we can benefit from them. If that farmer hadn't been alert, he could have completely overlooked that buried treasure. God could be hard at work right under our noses, but unless we keep our antennae up, we'll miss it. Second, we find the treasures of Christ's grace by looking hard for them. The merchant spent his life working long hours and becoming an expert so he could make his fortune. For years he worked, struggled, traveled, and hoped. And then, finally, he found the pearl. In our spiritual lives, we can spend years struggling to pray well, to follow Christ more closely, to overcome, with God's help, our deeply rooted selfish tendencies. Jesus doesn't want us to give up or get discouraged - another pearl of great price is waiting for us, if only we'll keep going. "Those who seek, always find," he promised (Matthew 7:8). Jesus has more to give us - he is still writing the story of our lives. Today, let's promise to do our part to make the chapters still to come into the best chapters of all.



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

Liturgy of the Week - Seventeenth 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, 25TH JULY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>McArthur Sisters (A) Mr & Mrs Hutson (A) Andrea Higgins (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 26TH JULY 17th 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, 27TH JULY 17th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Suzanne Balcaen (S) Sandra Convery (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 28TH JULY 17th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Marie Lang (A) May Fitzsimmons (RD)</i>		Holy Mass At 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 29TH JULY Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Elizabeth Feeney (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 30TH JULY 17th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Sylvia Upton (T)</i>		Bob McDermott Funeral Mass At 10am	
FRIDAY, 31ST JULY Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>Frank McQuade (A) Upton & Collins Family (SI)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 18th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Moran (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS ON WEDNESDAY

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. In its 2021 decree on combining veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."



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.

AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Elizabeth Fitzsimmons 1999, Angus McMaster 2019, Elizabeth Murray 2005, Annie Walsh 1969, Patricia Williams 2025, Mary Carrick 2021, Sandra Convery 2024, Michael MacDonald 2025, Beryl Meehan 2024, Mary Munro 2023, Elizabeth Byers 2009, Tommy Burns 1982, Eileen Mathieson 2003, John McQuaid 2004, Jordan Walsh 1998, Des Blanch 2017, Annie Cavani 2012, Alice Gibbons 1997, Desmond McGarvey, Ian Monan 2023, Caroline Dunlop 2013, William Johnston 1999, Michael Marshall 2011, David Shaw 2019, Annie Cavani 2012, Joseph Giblin 2016, George Pettigrew 1988, Maureen McCubbin 2008, George Tonner 1931.



▪ **A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 7**

"Today, among the goods that are universally intended for everyone, we must also include new forms of property, such as patents, algorithms, digital platforms, technological infrastructure and data". (Magnifica Humanitas, 67). Pope Leo XIV teaches that in our modern world, the "goods of the earth" that God intends for everyone now also include the digital realities that shape daily life—things like data, algorithms, patents, and the technological systems behind communication and work. From a Catholic perspective, this builds on the idea that God created the world for the good of all, not just a few. That principle now extends into the digital age. These technologies are powerful and influential, so they carry moral responsibility. They should be ordered toward the common good, respect human dignity, and help people flourish—rather than become tools of exclusion, control, or profit without concern for others.

▪ **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.



▪ **Eucharistic Adoration - Why it matters**

Adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is like "kindling a fire". We want to stay close to the fire, because this fire gives light against the darkness, it gives heat against the cold. It provides protection against enemies. We live in kind of a cold world - this cold, secularistic world that we're in today. The secular world for the soul is a cold and dreary place because the soul is wired for God. The soul is ordered to God. What's the Eucharist that we come to adore, but the warmth against that cold. It's light against the darkness. We live in a fallen world. And the fallen world is a dark place. Darkness is a great biblical symbol for losing the way, not knowing where I'm going, stumbling about. That's the way a lot of us live, even stars and celebrities. But they're often lost spiritually. They're

stumbling about. What's the Eucharist? But it's light against the darkness. The fallen world is also a place that's filled with enemies. We know that. You could go on a camping trip in the beautiful woods and all that, and you take in the loveliness of the day, but at night you got to be aware of the fact that those woods are also full of predators, of dangers. And fire from primordial times was a way of keeping those at bay. *We usually have Adoration on Fridays. Come along!*

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.

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