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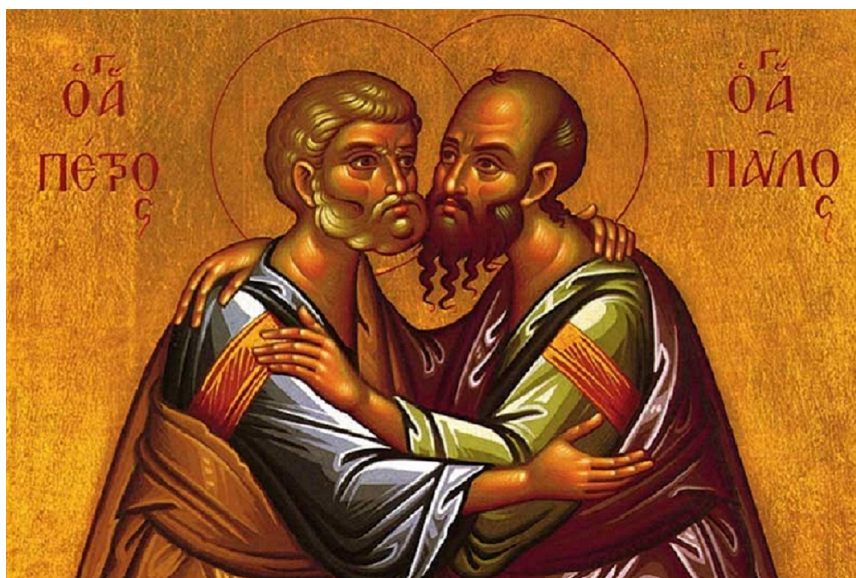
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THE EMBRACE OF PETER & PAUL



We are all called and equipped by God to be his missionaries, his ambassadors, and in actively carrying out that mission we will find the meaning and fulfilment we long for. Being a missionary means always being ready to talk about Christ and explain Church teaching. But it also means being like Christ, letting his saving goodness shine through the way we live. In that sense, we all have at least three mission territories to work in. **First, we are all called to be missionaries in our families.** Every Christian family should be a mini-church, a place where peace, forgiveness, order, and harmony reign. That takes constant prayer, effort, and sacrifice from parents and children alike. But the mere effort, as anyone who has made it will testify, yields joy, wisdom, and fulfilment, even when the results aren't perfect. **Second, we are all called to be missionaries at work or school.** We show forth God's glory and goodness by being the very best and most dependable students, athletes, workers, and professionals that we can be. God wants us to develop and maximise the talents he has given us. He doesn't want us to be like an apple tree that produces wimpy apples. **Finally, we are all called to be missionaries here in the Parish.** A parish is meant to be a lighthouse for its community, a spiritual task force that builds unity, combats evil, and spreads virtue as the sun spreads light. As we celebrate St Peter and St Paul this Sunday, let's ask Christ to show each one of us how we can live our mission better, so that at the end of our lives we, like St Paul, can say: *"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."*



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Thirteenth 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, 27TH JUNE Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Duchesne (RD) Owen McGuire (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE Ss Peter and Paul (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, 29TH JUNE 13th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>David McCurry (A)</i>		Mass with St Anthony's Primary School at 9.30am	Mass with St John's Primary School at 11am
TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE Martyrs of the Roman Church Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am Reception of Philip McAuliffe at 6pm	<i>Beryl Meechan (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am, Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY Requiem Mass for Philip McAuliffe at 10am	<i>For Philip McAuliffe RIP</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 2ND JULY 13th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Reception of Grant Mitchell at 6pm	<i>Eileen & Charles McKenna (A) John Shaloo (A)</i>			
FRIDAY, 3RD JULY Requiem Mass for Grant Mitchell at 10am	<i>For Grant Mitchell RIP</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 4TH JULY 14th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Lou Ruggiano - USA (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE ROMAN CHURCH ON TUESDAY

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumour blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.



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, Mary Conway



† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

John Byers 1991, Anne Convery 1997, Daniel Harrigan 2012, Frank Lowey 2018, Annie McCabe 2002, Margaret McCann 2000, Sadie Morgan 2012, Mary Nolan O'Hare 1995, John, Peter, Francis Jim and Paul Breslin, Michael McFarlane 2025, Andrew Treacy 2025, Teresa Weldon 2024, James Conaghan 1999, Margaret Donnelly 1953, Angela Holloway née Friel 2012, William Magee 1997, Peter McEvoy 1967, Rose McKenzie 1998, Freddie McMillan 2018, Helen Taylor 1998, Ellen Wardrope 2018, Hugh Brodie 1964, Patrick Burns 2000, Antonio Da Prato 1984, Rose Doyle 2008, John McFarlane 1956, Betty Sloan 2007, Oliviero Agostini 1940, James Brennan 1963, Father Michael Lynch 2004, Stuart McDonald 2006, Giocondo Michellini 1960, Peter Reilly 2018, Kathleen Robertson 2005, Josephine Slaven 2008, Mary Tonner 1936, Margaret Fisher 2005, Thomas Magee 1995, Kathleen McCallum 2025, John Boyle 2021, Rosetta McKay 1994, Ian Moran 1975, Lavinia (Bunty) Orr 2011, William Swanson 2022, Patrick Tourish 1986.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Philip McAuliffe - St Peter's**
Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Philip McAuliffe, who died on 28th May, aged 71 years. His Reception into Church will be on Tuesday, 30th June at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 1st July at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Requiem Mass for Grant Mitchell- St Peter's**
Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Grant Mitchell, who died on 1st June, aged 84 years. His Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 2nd July at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 3rd July at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Deanery Pastoral Council on Wednesday**

The next Meeting of our Deanery Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday, 1st July at 7pm in St John's Church, Stevenston. There will be an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm onwards.

▪ **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 today. There will be no refreshments after Mass in the month of July. Please come along and support if you can.

▪ **Collection for St Peter's Pence this weekend**

The annual special collection for St Peter's Pence will be taken up this 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" №3**

"This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel. We are to be servants of the coming Kingdom, instead of lords of towers destined for ruin." (Magnifica Humanitas, 16). One of Pope Leo XIV's clearest and most significant biblical images in his encyclical is the story of the Tower of Babel. In this account, humanity tries to build a great city and tower through pride and self-reliance, but instead of unity, it leads to confusion and division, as people can no longer understand one another. Pope Leo uses this image in the encyclical to show what happens when human power grows without humility or love. He warns that even modern social and technological systems can take on a "Babel-like" character if they are not rooted in God and ordered toward the good of others. In contrast, he calls Christians to build true communion. He encourages us to build communities shaped by love of God and neighbour, and directed toward God's Kingdom rather than human pride.

▪ **Importance of Mass Intentions**

The Mass is the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Mass stipends intentions are simply a free-will offering made by the faithful to support priests and to provide for the celebration of the Mass. The Mass as the "supreme form of worship" and the most beautiful "encounter with friends," where we intentionally put Jesus at the centre of their lives. The Mass is not simply a repetitive memory or a human production; rather, it makes present the dying and rising of Jesus, elevating the ordinary gifts of bread and wine to feed the multitude with the "Bread of Life". A Mass intention is the particular purpose, event, or specific

person (living or deceased) for whom the Mass is offered. Offering a Mass for a deceased loved one is a powerful gift to aid them, while offering it for the living (e.g., birthdays, anniversaries, or health struggles) spiritually unites them with the Lord's redemptive work. Making a donation for the Mass symbolises the personal sacrifice of the faithful, who join their material offering to the self-offering of Christ on the altar. You can request a Mass to be said for a specific intention—such as the healing of a loved one, the repose of a soul, or a special personal need.

▪ **Young Adults Evening - next Sunday**

The next Young Adults' evening takes place on Sunday 5th July in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. This month, the group will be joined by Marianne Luchessi from the Jesuit Spirituality Centre as she speaks on the theme of prayer: looking at various forms of prayer, how we pray, and taking the group through some practical examples. The evening begins with Adoration in the church from 6.00 pm, following which Marianne's talk will be in the hall from 6.30 pm. Can't make it in person? Sign up at youth.rcdg.org.uk to follow the evening online.

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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a C, an E-flat, and a G walk into a bar.... The bartender says, "Sorry, but we don't serve minors." So E-flat leaves, and C and G have an open fifth between them. After a few drinks, the fifth is diminished and G is out flat. F comes in and tries to augment the situation, but is not sharp enough. Then a D comes in and heads for the bathroom saying, "Excuse me, I'll just be a second." Then A comes in, but the bartender is not convinced that this relative of C is not a minor. Then the bartender notices B-Flat hiding at the end of the bar and says, "Get out! You're the seventh minor I've found in this bar tonight." E-Flat comes back the next night in a three-piece suit with nicely shined shoes. The bartender says, "You're looking exceptionally sharp tonight. Come on in, this could be a major development." Sure enough E-flat soon takes off his suit and everything else, and is au naturel. Eventually C, who had passed out under the bar the night before, begins to sober up and realises in horror that he's under a rest. So, C goes to trial, is convicted of contributing to the diminution of a minor and is sentenced to 10 years of DS without Coda at an upscale correctional facility. The conviction is overturned on appeal, however, and C is found innocent of any wrongdoing, even accidental, and that all accusations to the contrary are bass-less. The bartender decides, however, that since he's only had tenor so patrons, the soprano out in the bathroom and every thing else has become alto much treble, he needs a rest and closes the bar.
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→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 21st June: £599.41
Building Fund: 21st June: £278.75



→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 21st June: £144.60



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