

ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

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TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU



Christ brings peace to our souls. We have all experienced Christ's peace, at least a little bit. We have tasted the joy of his forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, the assurance that he is taking care of loved ones who have died, the consolation of knowing that he is near. And yet, for most of us, that interior peace is not so deep and steady as we would like. The storms of life still seem to upset the ship of faith on which our hearts sail. Is there anything we can do to experience Christ's peace more steadily, securely, and deeply? "Take my yoke upon you," Jesus says, "and I will give you rest." What is that yoke? Jesus tells us, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is the secret to experiencing Christ's peace. The more we grow in humility, the more Christ's peace, strength, and wisdom takes over our hearts. Like all the virtues, humility grows gradually, like a muscle, if we exercise it. Lucky for us, there are three very easy ways to exercise humility. **First, prayer.** Every time we pray sincerely, we acknowledge our dependence on God - an act of humility. This is why St John Vianney used to say, "God commands you to pray, but he forbids you to worry." It was his variation of the old saying, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." **Second, speaking well of other people.** Every time we observe and praise the good points of others, we loosen the shackles of arrogance and envy that bind humility. **Third, obedience to God's will.** Whenever we conscientiously fulfil our responsibilities in life, follow our conscience, and obey Church teaching, we are humbly reversing the arrogant rebellion of original sin. Today, Jesus will once again prove his own humility and love by coming to us in Holy Communion. When he does, let's tell him how much we long for his peace, and ask him to lay his restful yoke of humility upon us.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Fourteenth 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, 4TH JULY Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Lou Ruggiano USA (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 5TH JULY 14th Sunday of the Year 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, 6TH JULY Memorial of St Maria Goretti Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Remi Campbell (RD)</i>		No Mass	No Mass
TUESDAY, 7TH JULY Requiem Mass for Mary Conway at 10am	<i>For Mary Conway RIP</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am, Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY 14th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Grant Mitchell (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Margaret Smith at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 9TH JULY Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Lindsay Lunardi (RD) Jim West (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 10TH JULY Memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>Catherine Bonner (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 11TH JULY 15th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Philip McAuliffe (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN ON THURSDAY

Our Lady of Aberdeen, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, we thank you for your intercession on our behalf in the past. With renewed confidence we turn to you again, asking that you may through your Son, help to strengthen our faith and guide us in our resolve to carry out his will. We commend to you our Holy Father, Pope Leo, and our Bishop, Francis, and ask that you may look favourably upon their intentions. We pray for all the needs of the Church; that you may bring about unity among men in the love of your Son. Our Lady of Aberdeen, we pray for those who rule us, we pray for our neighbours, our families and ourselves that the peace of Christ may reign among us, always. Our Lady of Aberdeen, Our Lady of Good Success, pray for us.



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
Mary Conway

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Andrew Toner 2010, Sadie Carrino 2019, Richard Graham 2012,
George Cameron 1980, Ryan Fleming 2002, Raymond McLaren
2014, Teresa Usher 2006, Joseph Armstrong 1998, Clare Cameron
1985, Mary Chapman 2009, Anthony Da Prato 2016, Eugene
McMahon 2021, Father Harry Farrell 1998, Martha Murphy 2001,
Donald William Newall 1998, Andrew McVeigh 2000, Alexander
Quigg 1999, Catherine Teggart 1998, John H Giebler 1991.



▪ Requiem Mass for Mary Conway - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Conway, who died on 18th June, aged 66 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 7th July at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 4

"No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing, just as no one is so weak that they cannot play their part, for 'power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9) ". (Magnifica Humanitas, 13). This is a reminder that the future of our world isn't built only in governments or technology companies—it's built in ordinary lives, lived faithfully. Pope Leo wants to remind us that every person has real dignity and a God-given mission, no matter how simple or hidden your daily work may seem. You are not irrelevant, and you are not powerless. The choices you make, the integrity you bring to your work, the way you treat people, the good you do in small, unseen moments—all of it matters in God's plan. And we do not do this alone. As St. Paul reminds us, "We can do all things through him who strengthens us" (Phil 4:13). With Christ's grace, even the smallest acts of love and responsibility become part of building a more human, more hopeful world.

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▪ Adopting the Sherlock Holmes Policy

We are all vulnerable to the sin of intellectual pride. Arrogant judgmentalism is just as common at the barbershop and the bus stop as it is in the ivory tower of academia. And the older we get, the more likely we are to put everything the Church teaches, and everything

everyone else says, on trial, with our limited and prejudiced intelligence as the sole judge. But whenever we do that, we are following in the footsteps of the Pharisees, cutting ourselves off from God's light and wisdom, turning off our "childlike" wonder. So how can we avoid falling into this temptation? Besides staying close to Christ through personal prayer and the sacraments, we need to adopt the Sherlock Holmes Policy. Sherlock Holmes was a great detective because he never rested until he discovered the full meaning of every clue. We should do the same with our faith. The things God has revealed to us, that we profess in the Creed and read in the Catechism, are not meant to be the end of our search for understanding; they are meant to be its beginning! The wonders and beauty of God are inexhaustible; there is always more to discover about God and his Creation. And so, it's easy to keep our childlike wonder alive and well, if we just act like Sherlock Holmes, constantly, actively delving into all the truths of faith and nature. God is a mystery who wants to be solved, a lover who wants to be known. Today, let's stir up our sense of childlike wonder and curiosity, and commit ourselves anew to knowing God better every day, so we can love him with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

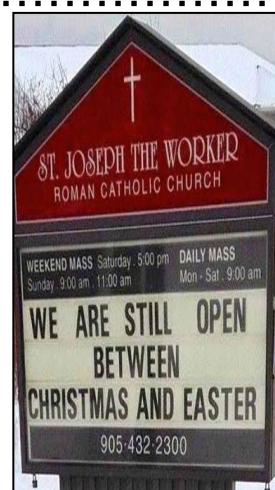


DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

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.

JUST FOR
LAUGHS

Jesus said to Peter "And who do **you** say that I am?" Peter replied "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find the ultimate meaning in our interpersonal relationships." And Jesus said "What? Peter, stop showing off!"



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