

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

*"Meeting people where they are - leading them to where God calls them to be!"*



## Parish Bulletin ■ Assumption of Mary ■ 16th August 2026

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## THE THREE GREAT BIBLICAL FIATS



A great Christian awareness about the dignity and nobility of the Virgin Mary has existed since ancient times. Mary has long been an honoured model of virtue for Christians to follow. The Gospel of Luke contains the familiar story of the Annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel. In this passage, Mary is asked to bear the Messiah, and she gives a great "Yes!" to God. Mary's "yes" is one of the most powerful words spoken in the entire Bible. The Latin translation of her yes is fiat, a word that means "let it be done." The word fiat is not used carelessly in the Bible. It comes at powerful moments in salvation history: The Bible opens in Genesis with this word coming from the mouth of God. He declares "Fiat Lux," (Let there be light) and there was light (Genesis 1:3). Jesus in Gethsemane confronts his Passion and death. In that place of suffering, with great drops of blood falling as sweat, he declares, "Fiat mihi!" (Let it be done to me). These three great "Fiats" from the Bible are moments of "yes", from the creation of the world as an overflow of the love by the Holy Trinity, to the acceptance of a woman's "fiat" to bring the Messiah into the world, to the very Messiah returning everything to the Father, and consenting to save the world through his Passion and death. These represent the great pattern of our Christian lives— for we are each to be a living "fiat" to God, and say "yes" for all eternity.

### THE OLDEST PRAYER TO OUR LADY

*The Prayer "Sub Tuum Praesidium" is the oldest known Marian prayer from the early Church. It was written in Greek on an Egyptian papyrus dating back to the 3rd century.*

**We fly to thy protection,  
O holy Mother of God.**

**Despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.**



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and St. Bride's,  
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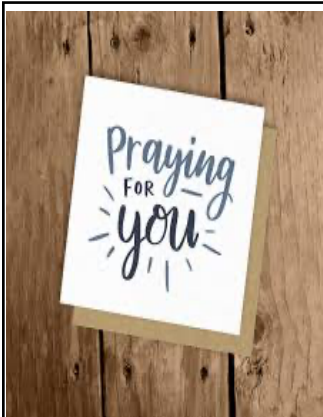
# Liturgy of the Week - Twentieth Week of the Year

| ST PETER IN CHAINS<br><i>Father Duncan McVicar<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>                                           | ST PETER'S MASS<br>INTENTIONS<br><i>RD = Recently Died, A =<br/>Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving;<br/>SI = Special Intention</i> | ST BRIDE'S<br><i>Fr Duncan McVicar<br/>Fr Gerry Hamill</i>                                        | ST MARY'S<br><i>Canon Martin Poland<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula,<br/>Sister Anna</i> | ST JOHN'S<br><i>Canon Martin Poland<br/>Canon Matt McManus<br/>Sister Ursula,<br/>Sister Anna</i> |
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| <b>SATURDAY, 15TH AUGUST</b><br><b>Vigil Mass</b><br><b>at 5.30pm</b>                                                                              | <i>Lido Turini (RD)</i>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                   | Vigil Mass<br>at 4.30pm                                                                           |                                                                                                   |
| <b>SUNDAY, 16TH AUGUST</b><br><b>The Assumption of Mary(A)</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b>                                                      | <i>For all the deceased members<br/>of our Parish of St Peter's</i>                                                           | <b>Mass at 12.15pm</b><br><i>For all the deceased<br/>members of our<br/>Parish of St Bride's</i> | Holy Mass<br>at 10am                                                                              | Holy Mass<br>at 11.30am                                                                           |
| <b>MONDAY, 17TH AUGUST</b><br><b>20th Week of the Year</b><br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>                                  | <i>For the Clarke Family (SI)<br/>Pat McNamara (SI)<br/>Marie Fraser (A)</i>                                                  |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |
| <b>TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST</b><br><b>20th Week off the Year</b><br><b>Morning Prayer at 9.40am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>                        | <i>Geraldine Gillespie (RD)<br/>Elizabeth Kelly (RD)</i>                                                                      | Morning Prayer<br>at 9.40am<br>Holy Mass<br>at 10am                                               | Holy Mass<br>at 10am                                                                              |                                                                                                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST</b><br><b>20th Week of the Year</b><br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>                               | <i>James Cotter Jnr (A)</i>                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   | Eucharistic Service<br>at 10am                                                                    |
| <b>THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST</b><br><b>Memorial of St Bernard</b><br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>                               | <i>Mary McEvoy (A)</i>                                                                                                        |                                                                                                   | Eucharistic Service<br>at 10am                                                                    |                                                                                                   |
| <b>FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST</b><br><b>Memorial of St Pius X</b><br><b>Rosary at 9.30am</b><br><b>Holy Mass at 10am</b><br><b>Benediction at 10.30am</b> | <i>Brian Collins (A)<br/>For the Forsaken Holy Souls (SI)</i>                                                                 | Holy Mass<br>at 10am                                                                              |                                                                                                   | Eucharistic Service<br>at 10am                                                                    |
| <b>SATURDAY, 22ND AUGUST</b><br><b>21st Sunday of the Year</b><br><b>at 5.30pm</b>                                                                 | <i>Bridie Maher (A)<br/>Ian McGale (A)</i>                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | Vigil Mass<br>at 4.30pm                                                                           |                                                                                                   |



## MEMORIAL OF ST BERNARD ON THURSDAY

Man of the century! Woman of the century! You see such terms applied to so many today—"golfer of the century," "composer of the century," "right tackle of the century"—that the line no longer has any punch. But Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," without doubt or controversy, had to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these—and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.



### 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  
Claire Clarke,  
Monsignor Daniel Hart

### † THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Susan Garland 2011, James O'Neill 1998, Ronald Burns 2011, Kate Gribben 1994, Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011, Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981, James Thomas Taylor 1998, Johnny Thompson 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, David Walsh 1980, Roberta Breslin 2011, Frank Campbell 2007, Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014, Stephanie Smith 1999, Elizabeth Taylor 1951, Marietta Da Prato 1997, Beatrice Ketchen 2019, Tommy McCann senior 1976, Desmond McGarvey 1986, Robert Watson 2004, Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004, Matthew McCabe 2002, Maria McEvoy 2002, Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling, Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981, Ellen Tourish 1971, Frances Burns 2017, Father William McBurnie 1953, Ian McGale 2024, John McLaughlin 2014, Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Felix Quigg 1994, Josie Walsh 2003.

▪ **A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 10**

*"The creative intelligence of humanity is a gift that can alleviate suffering and open up new possibilities, but it must remain ordered toward the common good, justice, the care of the vulnerable and creation". (Magnifica Humanitas, 129).* Pope Leo XIV teaches that human creativity and intelligence are beautiful gifts from God. They allow us to ease suffering, solve problems, and open new possibilities for life. But these gifts are not meant to be used however we want. They must always be guided by love of neighbour, especially concern for the poor and vulnerable, and respect for God's creation. In other words, innovation is truly good when it serves the common good, protects human dignity, and builds a more just and caring world.

▪ **Family Fun Day at St Bride's**

The St Bride's annual Family & Friends Fun day will take place on Saturday 22nd August, between 1-4pm. A lovely opportunity to catch up with old friends and new in the sunshine (note: sunshine is not guaranteed). Bouncy castle, creepy crawlies, BBQ, bottle stall, live music and much more! Please bring your friends, and a garden chair or rug. Donations of home baking, bottles and raffle prizes would be gratefully received, in advance at St Brides, or on the day.

▪ **Be Part of the National Conversation**

The National Conversation is a unique opportunity for people across the UK to share, in their own words, what is working well in their communities, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. As Catholics, our faith calls us to be active participants in society, working for the common good and ensuring that every person is heard. How to take part - Complete the National Conversation survey: <https://www.national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/>

▪ **Garden Fete at South Beach Care Home**

Please come and support our Garden Fete on Saturday, 15th August at 2pm at South Beach Care Home - Tombola, Bottle Stall, Bric-A-Brac, Baking Stall, Burgers and Hot Dogs, teas and coffee...

▪ **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.

▪ **St Bride's Monthly Draw**

Sunday 2nd August is the last Draw of the of year 2025/26. During the month of August please hand in an envelope with the names of all those you wish to buy tickets for plus £12 for each ticket, to myself or Katie Kelley at the end of mass. The 1st Draw of the new year

2026/27, will be on 6th September. There is information on the notice board about how the draw works. Remember all money collected is halved, 1/2 to the Church and 1/2 to prizes. The winner of August's Draw is No 42 Jim Montgomery. Congratulations!

▪ **Meeting about Assisted Dying Bill**

Our constituency MP Irene Campbell has accepted the invitation from St Peter's Church to meet with us and address our concerns relating to the Assisted Dying Bill, due to go before Parliament on the 11th September. She is also happy to answer questions on other issues from parishioners. The meeting will be held in the church on Wednesday 26th August at 2pm. Please spread the word and everyone is every welcome!

JUST FOR  
LAUGHS



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• The Parish Priest is walking down the street one  
• day when he notices a small boy trying to use the  
• doorbell on a house across the street. However, the  
• boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for  
• him to reach. After watching the boys efforts for  
• some time the priest walks across the street up to  
• the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling  
• down next to the child, the priest smiles and asks,  
• "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy  
• replies, "Run!"  
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