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TWO BEGGARS AND A KING'S BANQUET



Christ doesn't love us because we earned his love by our achievements; he loves us because his goodness is unconditional and overflowing, especially in the face of our weaknesses, failures, and miseries. There is an old story about a king and two beggars dressed in rags. The king announced a banquet in honour of his son's wedding; anyone dressed in royal garments was welcome to attend. Both beggars longed to attend the banquet, but neither had any royal garments. The first beggar spent the day gathering lost coins and doing odd jobs. Finally, he went to the clothing merchant, presented his handful of coins, and asked for some royal robes. But the merchant laughed and said, "You can't buy royal robes for pennies, old man!" The second beggar had a different idea. He made his way to the king's castle, knocked on the gate, and asked to see the king. The guard brought him to the chamberlain, who took the beggar before the king's throne. The beggar, shaking with fright, bowed low and said, "Please, your majesty, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet tonight?" The beggar was shaking so hard that he could not see the faint smile on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes, so that he too may enjoy the royal hospitality on this glorious night." By our own efforts we could never earn God's love or our salvation. But we don't have to, because he loves us already, and he has given his very life for us.



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

Liturgy of the Week - Eighteenth 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, 1ST AUGUST Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Duncan McVicar Snr (BR) Upton and Collins Families (SI) Margaret Moran (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 2ND AUGUST 18th 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, 3RD AUGUST 18th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kevin and Phyllis Doherty (SI) Anne Ward (SI)</i>		No Mass	No Mass
TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST Memorial of St John Vianney Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For a lasting and justice peace in the world</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST Requiem Mass for Isabel Wales at 10am	<i>Isabel Wales RIP</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST Feast of the Transfiguration Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For all those on holiday that they are kept safe</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST 18th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>For those suffering from the Wildfires around the world (SI)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST 19th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>For all the sick and those in hospital (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ON THURSDAY

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honour of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century. On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.



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
Isabel Wales

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Phyllis Doherty 2017, Geraldine Leadbeater 2016, Noleen McFadyen née Delahunt 2012, Cathie McLaren 2007, Leslie Aitken 2010, Joseph Barry 2013, Mary Harper 2012, Isabelle Rennie 2004, Robert Tumilty 1981, Mara Cheshire 2007, Brian Collins, Joe Dougherty 1977, Breda Doyle 2020, Agnes Gorman 2016, Laurence Hamilton 1998, Ann Kennedy 2010, Margaret McGuinness 2004, William Tumilty 1980, Isabella Welsh (Brownlie) 2008, Helen Clarke 2016, Lawrence Tumilty 1993, Sean Paul Marshall 2013, Patricia Barry 2015, Cathie Carroll 2020, Sadie Hamilton 2007, Father Jack Kerr 2001, Ellen Lafferty 2019, Desmond McGarvey 1996, Giovanni Michellini 2015, Patrick Joseph O'Boyle 2009, Lauretta Salotti 1981, Alison Cook 1999, Frances Flynn 1990, James Gorman 1997, Sadie Hamilton 2007, William McGillvary 2001, Margaret Pacewicz 2006, Henrietta Smith 2009, Kitty Woods 2013, Bill Barton 2008, Tina O'Pray 2012.



▪ In Support of Venezuela - St Bride's

St Brides are delighted to announce that we raised £1,066 for Venezuela. A huge thanks to all who supported the appeal, through attendance, baking, raffle donations and of course all who helped out on the day. Fantastic result.

▪ Refreshments after Mass today - St Peter's

The SSVP will be serving Tea, Coffee, and light refreshments after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday (2nd August). Please come along and support us!

▪ Requiem Mass for Isabel Wales - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Isabel Wales, who died on 20th July, aged 70 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 5th August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ St Bride's Monthly Draw

Sunday 2nd August is the last Draw of the 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.

▪ A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 8

"The most extraordinary scientific progress, the most astounding technical feats and the most amazing economic growth, unless accompanied by authentic moral and social progress, will in the long run go against man." (Magnifica Humanitas, 94). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that even the greatest scientific discoveries, technological breakthroughs, and economic growth are not enough on their own. If they are not guided by true moral growth and a concern for others, they can actually end up harming the very people they were meant to serve. From a Catholic perspective, progress is not just about what we can achieve, but about who we are becoming. Real progress means growing in love, justice, and respect for human dignity. Without that, even the most impressive advances can lead to injustice, division, and a loss of what makes life truly human.

▪ Christ's Love Stands Up to Trials

This is why we don't have to be afraid of trusting in Jesus, we never have to be afraid that he will reject us or be disappointed in us. Christ's love isn't based on our qualities or achievements, and so our weaknesses and failures don't drive him away. On the contrary, they draw him to us, just as a sick child draws down his mother's attention. There is a story about a small-town trial many years ago. Everyone was gathered in the courtroom. The prosecuting lawyer called his first witness, an elderly woman, to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And, frankly, you've been a big disappointment." "You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. Yes, I know you." The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence lawyer?" She replied, "Why, of course I do. I've known Mr. Bradley

since he was a youngster, too. I used to babysit him." And he, too, has been a real disappointment. He's lazy, bigoted, and has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is shoddy and crooked. Yes, I know him." At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counsellors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you ask her if she knows me, I'll hold you both in contempt of court!" We may be afraid that if other people found out the truth about us, they would reject us and be disappointed in us - but not Christ. For him, our misery is a magnet that attracts his healing, transforming love

▪ National Pilgrimage to Whithorn

This will take place on Sunday August 30th with Mass celebrated on the beach at 4pm and in the village church at 4.45pm. This year we will share a bus with St Mary's and St John's. PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST.

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