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"THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST MY CHURCH"



There are many remarkable things about the history of the Catholic Church. One of the most remarkable is that the Church not only has survived the unbroken succession of catastrophes since her foundation that have put an end to kingdoms, empires, and even civilisations, but after each one it continues to grow, spread, and shape the course of human history. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister during World War II recognised this. He was not Catholic himself. But soon after the War had ended, he visited a Catholic convent of cloistered nuns. He was deeply moved by his experience. Before he left, he told the nuns that they and the other convents like theirs were like a "ring of bright lights on the shores of a black, burnt-out world." The Benedictine monastery of Montecassino in Italy is an architectural symbol of this indestructible dynamism of our Church. Fifty-one years after its foundation by St Benedict it was demolished by the invading Lombard tribes, in 520. But the monks rebuilt it. In 642 the Saracens, Muslim invaders, captured and devastated the mountaintop monastery. Again it rose from the rubble. In 1343 an earthquake levelled the entire complex of buildings. A new complex soon emerged from the ruins. In 1943, American planes unleashed a merciless bombardment on the monastery, mistakenly thinking that it was being used by the German army and doing more damage than ever before. But soon after the war, a group of American Catholics built it back up. This is an image of the Church. You can bomb it, you can burn it, but you cannot bury it - it is built on the rock of Peter. Built on the solid and indestructible foundation of the papacy, nothing can hold it back from fulfilling its God-given mission.



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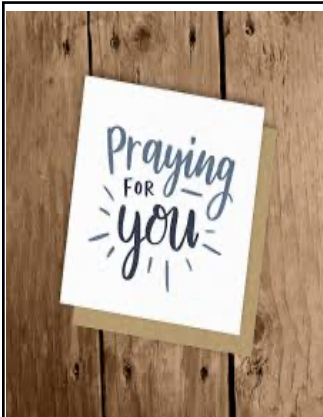
Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-First Week of the Year

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, 22ND AUGUST Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Bridie Maher (A) Ian McGale (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST 21st 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, 24TH AUGUST Feast of St Bartholomew Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ellen Murphy (A) Helen Carruth (A) Maria and Frank McEvoy (A) Kathleen Langridge (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST Requiem Mass for Aimee-Hannah Percival At 10am	<i>For Aimee-Hannah Percival RIP</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST 21st Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Monsignor Dan Hart (RD) Dixie McMahon (RD) Isabel Wales (RD)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST Requiem Mass for Claire Clarke at 10am	<i>For Claire Clarke RIP</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST Memorial of St Augustine Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>Tony Fraser (A) James Toal (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST 22nd Sunday of the Year at 5.30pm	<i>James McGrattan (A) Sadie and Frank Hamilton (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW ON MONDAY

We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the 12 pillars of the new Israel whose 12 tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their holiness was a gift that they had to share with others. The Good News was that all are called to the holiness of being Christ's members, by the gracious gift of God. The simple fact is that humanity is totally meaningless unless God is its total concern. Then humanity, made holy with God's own holiness, becomes the most precious creation of God.



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 Dan Hart
Aimee Percival

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns, Bridie Maher 2015, Margaret McAuliffe 2023, Maureen Taylor 2019, Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004, Jim McManus 1997, John Quinn 2015, Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Kathleen Langridge 2022, Annie McCormick 1976, Giocondo Michelin 1959, Connor Collins 1978, Harry Currie 2008, John O'Donnell 2009, Mick Smith 1998, Patricia Sullivan 2006, Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987, Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969, Irene Coby 2023, Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006, John Kelly 2004, Michael Pollock 2008.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Claire Clarke - St Peter's**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Claire Clarke, who died on 10th August, aged 68 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 27th August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Aimee Percival - St Peter's**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Aimee-Hannah Percival, who died on 11th August, aged 41 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 25th August at 10am, followed by Interment at the High Road Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **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. 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.

▪ **Votive Mass for Vocations - St Peter's**

All the parishes of our Deanery are coming together for a Votive Mass for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life at St St Peter's on Thursday, 17th September 2026 at 7pm. Please put the date in your diary for a good turn-out.

▪ **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 very welcome!

▪ **Urge your MP to Reject Assisted Suicide Bill**

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I write at a grave moment for the protection of human life. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, re-introduced by Lauren Edwards MP, seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It is expected to return to the House of Commons for debate and a vote on 11th September. I urge Catholics throughout Scotland to contact their MP without delay and ask them to vote against this deeply unsafe Bill. Although it would not directly apply to Scotland, should the Bill pass, it would significantly increase the likelihood of MSPs revisiting the issue of assisted suicide, despite the Scottish Parliament having rejected it only recently. Our opposition to assisted suicide is rooted in compassion. Every person, from conception until natural death, possesses an inviolable dignity as one made in the image and likeness of God. Illness, frailty, disability, dependence or fear must never lead society to conclude that some lives are no longer worth living. The proper response to suffering is care, presence, skilled palliative medicine and practical

support—not the deliberate ending of life... I also invite every parish and Catholic organisation to encourage prayer, informed discussion and charitable witness on this matter. Let us speak with clarity, compassion and confidence in the Gospel of Life. Let us pray for all who are seriously ill, for their families and carers, and for those in public office, that they may uphold the dignity of every human life and work to build a society that truly cares for its most vulnerable members. *With every blessing, Bishop John Keenan, President of Marriage, Family and Life Office.*

▪ **Parish Bible Group - St Peter's**

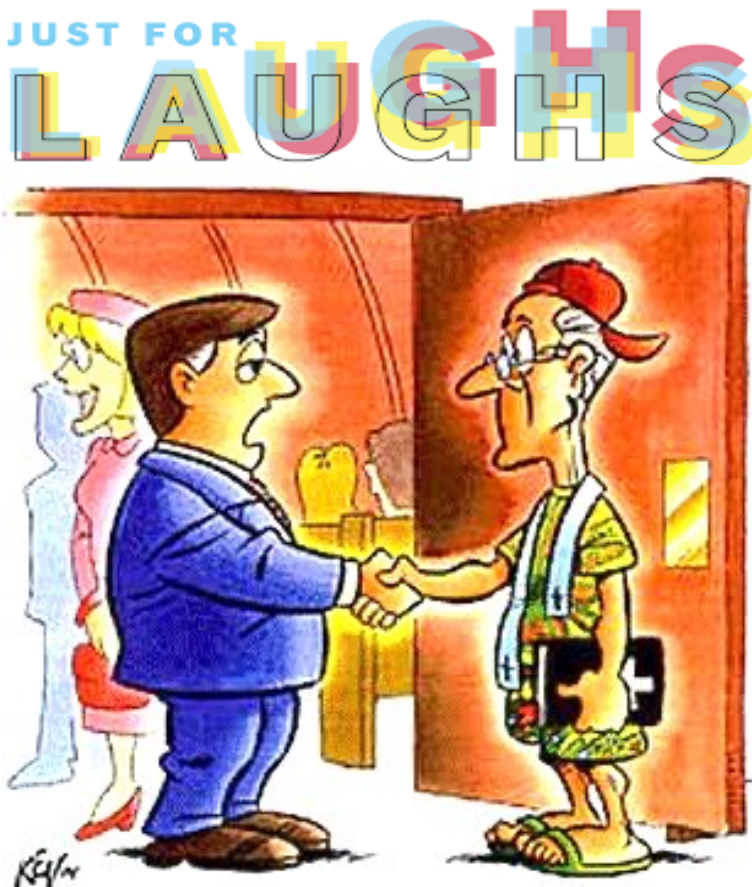
Please come along and join us for the next Bible Group Meeting on Tuesday, 25th August at 7pm in the Parish House. Everyone is very welcome.

▪ **The Flying Start Toddler's Group - St Peter's**

The Flying Start Toddlers Group will reopen on Monday 31st August at 9:00am in the main hall of the Parish Centre.

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.



"Father Duncan, about this new idea to reach teenagers..."

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