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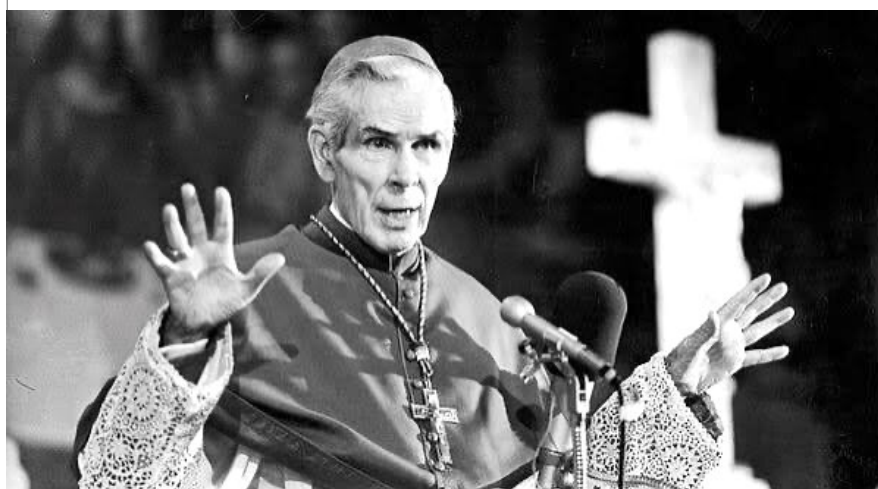
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ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN AND THE HOLY HOUR



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen made a lifelong vow on his 1919 ordination day to spend one continuous hour daily before the Blessed Sacrament. He credited this daily Holy Hour as the true secret of his powerful priesthood and popular preaching - reaching over four million viewers of his television series "Life is worth Living". Archbishop Sheen never missed a single day of his Holy Hour across 55-plus years of active ministry until his death in 1979. He rooted his practice by being inspired by Christ's plea to Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" He would start with vocal prayers (like the Rosary or a novena personal petitions) before moving silent meditation and adoration. When people came to him and asked his advice when they are struggling to pray, he would often say just embrace the difficulty. He taught that even when prayer feels empty or "dry", staying present to God yields hidden spiritual fruit and can take us by surprise. When using Holy Scripture or a spiritual book, he recommended lingering on a single line or paragraph for a longer period of time rather than reading quickly. Archbishop Sheen firmly believed that making a regular "Holy Hour" would transform the way we live, and would help us to recognise and love Christ in the poor and suffering around us. In his autobiography "Treasures in Clay", he wrote: "I resolved also to spend a continuous Holy Hour every day in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament... Sometimes it seemed to be hard; it might mean having to forego a special engagement, or rise an hour earlier, but on the whole it has never been a burden, only a joy.... The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him... I have found that it takes some time to catch fire in prayer. This has been one of the advantages of the daily hour. Sitting before the Presence is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays. Silence in the Hour is a one-to-one conversation with the Lord. In those moments one does not so much pour out written prayers, but listening takes its place. We do not say: 'Listen, Lord, for your servant speaks', but 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening... Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him. The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world."



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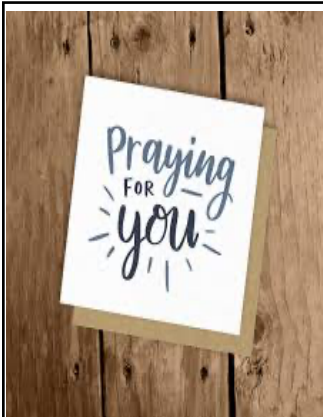
Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Second Week of the Year

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, 29TH AUGUST Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>James McGrattan (A) Saide and Frank Hamilton (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 30TH AUGUST 22nd 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, 31ST AUGUST 22nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Anne Ward (A) James & Noreen McHugh (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass for Geraldine Gillespie at 10am
TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER Requiem Mass for Sarah Lennon at 10am	<i>For Sarah Lennon RIP</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 22nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Charles and Dorothea Campbell (A)</i>			Funeral Mass for Dixie McMahon at 10am
THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER Memorial of St Gregory the Great Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Geraldine Gillespie (RD) Catherine Cunningham (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 22nd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>Claire Clarke (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Sunday of the Year at 5.30pm	<i>Enis Delahunt (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT ON THURSDAY

Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital." It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**
Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Louise Milligan, Neil
Watson, Margaret
Hanna.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY**
Sarah Lennon
Mairi Fraser

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Canon Eugene Dowd 2012, Sister Mary Peter 1999, James McGrattan 1982, John Stewart, Jim Duffy 2013, Sandra Rocks 2019, James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008, John Dundas 2014, Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Bert Kelly 2017, Grant Middlemiss 2005, Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985, Helen Mulhearn, Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989, Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006, Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015, Enis Delahunt 1996, Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, Matt Lunardi 2022, Margaret Nicol 2007.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Sarah Lennon - St Peter's**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sarah Lennon who died on 15th August, aged 86 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 1st September at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ **Refreshments after Mass - St Peter's**

The SSVP will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments after the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, on Sunday 6th September 2026. Please come along and support if you can.

▪ **50/50 Club at St Bride's**

This Sunday (30 August) will be the last opportunity 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.

▪ **Sincere thanks for a Legacy for St Bride's**

St Bride's have received a legacy of £20,000 from the estate of the late Diana [Jane] Thornton. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Renovation Work soon to start at St Peter's**

We received the good news that the renovation work at St Peter's is soon to begin after a long and arduous delay. The tentative timetable is as follows: Approval by 31st August 2026, Lead-in 31st August - 28th September 2026, Site Start 28th September 2026, Anticipated completion 19th February 2027 (18 weeks + 2 weeks holidays). Once formal appointment is able to be made, this will allow actual dates to be fixed.

▪ **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.

▪ **Generous Legacy for St Bride's**

St Bride's Parish received a very generous and unexpected Legacy from...

▪ **Sacrament of Baptism - St Peter**

We welcome into the Family of the Church *Sofia Charlotte Kelly*, who will be baptised at the Sunday Mass at St Peter's. We wish all the family and the Godparents God's joy and blessing.

▪ **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.

▪ **Who is Jesus, truly, for me? Leo XIV's answer**

Angelus Prayer on August 23, 2026 - "Last Sunday's Gospel (Mt 16:13-20) confronts us with a question that speaks to each of us on our journey of faith: Who is Jesus, truly, for me? The Gospel passage makes us understand how decisive this question is for the experience of discipleship. Brothers and sisters, this is a fundamental question for the disciples of every age, and

for each one of us. Faith is not something given to us once and for all. Rather, we continually need to rediscover the face of Christ and his Gospel, to enter more deeply into his message and to renew the choices we make in our lives, so that they may be consistent with what we profess. Jesus calls us to give a personal response, to know him more closely and to allow ourselves to be shaped by friendship with him through an ever new encounter. This may also ask us to follow unfamiliar paths and to make choices different from those we had imagined. Let us invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary, who sought the will of God in her heart through her Son, that she may always guide us along the path of faith". [Pope Leo XIV]

▪ **Have a look at the "BibleBuddies" Youtube**

A YouTube Channel has been created by Reg Phipps with some short Narrative Videos. They are called "LargsBible Buddies". Famous stories that teach spiritual lessons. Have a look at: www.youtube.com/@largsbiblebuddies



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Coming Soon at St Peter's
and St Bride's! Watch this Space!

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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- The "Just for Laughs" this week is a wee tribute to
 - the comedian Jimmy Cricket, who died on 3rd
 - August, aged 80, after a battle with a short illness.
 - Here is one of his jokes: A man calls the local
 - newspaper office to sell an item. The man: "How
 - much does it cost to put an ad in your paper?" The
 - clerk: "It costs £10 pounds an inch." The man: "Oh,
 - that 's very expensive, I think I'll just leave it".
 - The clerk: "What are you wanting to sell?" The
 - man: A 20-foot ladder!"
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→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←
Offerory for 23rd August: £477.34
Building Fund: 23rd August: £299.09



→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←
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