



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

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



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SEEK OUR LORD'S PRESENCE IN CALM MOMENTS AS WELL AS STORMY ONES



As long as we're on good terms with Our Lord (a life of grace), the Lord dwells inside us. Even when we're not, he is near, always ready to reconnect. If you want to be able to seek out the Lord in stormy moments, foster the habit of seeking him out in calm ones as well. When things are going well, thank him. When life is not full of earth-shattering events, talk to him. Friends talk about everything no matter what the circumstances. Take a moment sometime this week to foster an awareness of Our Lord's presence in your soul and speak with him. If you're burdened by some sin that has distanced you from Our Lord, seek him in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer in the Time of Inner Storms

Jesus, calm the storms in my heart.
You spoke peace to the raging sea.
Speak that same peace to my troubled soul now.
I surrender my fear, anxiety, and confusion to You.
Take the wheel of my life.
Grant me the grace to trust Your presence,
even when You seem silent.
Holy Spirit, breathe Your stillness into my mind.
Protect me from despair.
Remind me that no storm lasts forever,
and that You are my secure anchor.
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for me. Amen.



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Liturgy of the Week - Nineteenth 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, 8TH AUGUST Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Teresa Coen (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 9TH AUGUST 19th 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, 10TH AUGUST Feast of St Lawrence Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ellan Hastings (A) Stevie McEwan (A) Robert Cooper (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST Memorial of St Clare Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Brian West (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST 19th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Desmond McGarvey (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST 19th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ann Stocking - USA (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am	<i>For Jasmine's Family (T)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 15TH AUGUST Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 5.30pm	<i>Lido Turini (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE ON MONDAY

The esteem in which the Church holds Lawrence is seen in the fact that today's celebration ranks as a feast. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. Celebration of his feast day spread rapidly. He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. We have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who has received extraordinary honour in the Church since the fourth century. Almost nothing—yet the greatest fact of his life is certain: He died for Christ. We who are hungry for details about the lives of the saints are again reminded that their holiness was after all, a total response to Christ, expressed perfectly by a death like this.

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

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Edward Burns 1998, Anita Coyle 2020, Karen Fitzpatrick 1981, Beth Glass 2014, Canon Matthew Littleton 1977, Joe McLaughlin 2022, Don Newall 2009, James Taylor 1997, Brian Collins 2006, William Magee 1988, Paddy McKinney 2014, John Giebler 1991, Charlie Gilheaney 2007, Agnes Long 2006, Joe Burns 2015, Mary Patricia Madden Campbell 2016, Greta Davidson 2018, Desmond McGarvey 1996, Maria Mathieson 1975, Elizabeth McMenamin 1994, Margaret Quigg 2015, Brian Langridge 2009, Thomas Connelly 2007, Margaret Harvey 2020, Jim McKenna 2013, Tracy Northcote 2009, Frank McEvoy 1987, Valerie Bickers 2021, Ronald Burns 2011, Brian Collins 2008, Daniel Dorrian 2025, Daniel Mathieson 1949, Robbie Reid 2011, Elizabeth Wilson 2000.



▪ A Powerful Quote from Pope Leo's First Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" № 9

"The danger, here, is not so much that a person may believe they are communicating with another person, but rather that they may gradually lose the very desire to form genuine human connections". (Magnifica Humanitas, 100). Pope Leo XIV warns that the deepest danger of our digital age is not simply that people might be fooled into thinking they are talking to someone real. The greater risk is more subtle: that we slowly stop wanting real human connection at all. We are created for relationship—with God and with one another. So anything that weakens our desire for real presence, real friendship, and real love touches something very serious in us. Even if technology can imitate conversation or connection, it can never replace the human heart. If we are not careful, we can become isolated even while being constantly "connected," losing the simple but essential joy of real human encounter.

▪ 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.



Youth Office

Gather · Pray · Discuss · Socialise







YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN

Join us for a day of:

- Fun and games in Newton Stewart
- Mass with the Bishop on the Beach
- Lunch: Pizza, Crisps, Sweets, and Juice included.

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SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

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▪ 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!

▪ Emergency On-Call

Father Duncan will be on the emergency on-call for our Hospitals this coming week. Please keep all those who are sick or in hospital in your prayers.

▪ 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.

▪ Next Sunday - Solemnity of the Assumption

In the light of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her Saviour. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognise God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

▪ 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...

JUST FOR LAUGHS

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• Father Duncan answers the phone. -Hello, is this Father Duncan? -It is -This is the Tax Office. Can you help us? -I can -Do you know a Ted McIntosh? -I do -Is he a member of your Parish? -He is -Did he donate £10,000 to the church? -He will-

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→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 2nd August: £590.63
Building Fund: 2nd August: £308.01
Bankers Orders 26th July: £3,782

→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 2nd August: £393.73
Bankers Orders 26th July: £999




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