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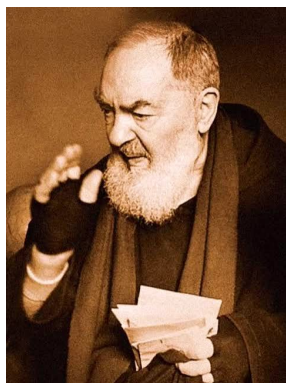
God's generosity truly is beyond comprehension. And yet, one of its most remarkable manifestations is often overlooked. The landowner in the parable gave those workers real work to do in his vineyard, even if the reward far outweighed the actual amount of work. Christ does the same thing with us. He allows us to make a real contribution to the eternal happiness of ourselves and our neighbours through loving him, serving others, and building up the Church. This is one of the biggest differences between Christianity and many other religions. In eastern religions, for example, where they believe in reincarnation, human actions on earth have no lasting effect. If someone acts rightly, they will dissolve out of existence and be absorbed into nothingness after death - escaping existence, and escaping suffering. But those who act wrongly, according to reincarnationism, are simply recycled into some other form of existence, and the recycling continues until they finally get it right and are then dissolved into Nirvana. That false doctrine drains human activity from any real meaning. But in Christ, our actions really do have meaning. We are members of his Mystical Body; we are his hands, feet, eyes, and mouth. When we serve those around us, we are serving Christ and storing up an eternal treasure in heaven. When we stay faithful to Christian principles even under pressure, humiliation, and persecution, we are glorifying God and adding to our heavenly reward. When we help others come closer to Christ through our words, prayers, and example, we are increasing the everlasting joys of heaven for them and for us. This is the privilege Christ has generously given us by making us his fellow workers in God's Kingdom. Today, let's thank him for it, and let's promise that this week, we'll do our best to live up to it.



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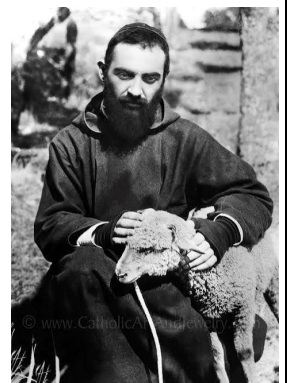
Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year

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, 19TH SEPTEMBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>William & Elizabeth Loudon (A) Annette Rush (RD) Ronnie Cairns (A) Annie & Andrew Murphy (A) Matilda & Simon Branson (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 25th 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, 21ST SEPTEMBER Feast of St Matthew Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>David Anderson (SI) Alistair MacIvor (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Katherine Tutt (RD) James Cotter (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am for Martin McVay (RD)	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER Memorial of Padre Pio Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Lindsay & Jackie Brown (A) Taylor & McCann Family (A)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Mass for Vocations at 7pm	<i>John Collins (A) Collins & Upton Family (SI)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 25th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Forgotten Holy Souls (SI) David Farrell (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am
SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 26th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Bernadette McGill (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF PADRE PIO ON WEDNESDAY

Referring to that day's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30) at St Pius of Pietrelcina's canonisation Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The Gospel image of 'yoke' evokes the many trials that the humble Capuchin of San Giovanni Rotondo endured. Today we contemplate in him how sweet is the 'yoke' of Christ and indeed how light the burdens are whenever someone carries these with faithful love. The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peter Brawley, Monica Taylor, Louise Milligan, Neil Watson, Margaret Hanna, Rosina Cooper, Karen McNee, Lorraine Ballantyne.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

James Cotter
Tom McGrattan

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Ronnie Cairns 2018, Greta Foran 2002, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Catherine McLaughlin 1998, Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005, James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017, Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Francie Stalker 2020, Helen Steele 2012, James Tomelty 2011, Margaret Donnelly 1997, George Logue 2011, William McNamara 2001, Patrick Breen 2015, Lindsay Brown 2021, Alice Docherty 2017, Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002, Colin James Boyle 2017, Jamie Clarke 2015, Margaret Gallacher 2016, Bert Gilmour 2017, Tom McGhee 2011, Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975, Bernard Boyce 2012, Cornelius Burke 1988, Thomas Lundie 2021, Malcolm MacDonald 1999, John Mackay 2002, Thomas McGrattan 1917, Daniel Murray 1981.

▪ **Landmark Victory for Human Dignity**

Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has written the following statement after last week's vote in the House of Commons, where MPs voted to reject the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill by 286 votes to 270: "MPs can be confident that they have taken the correct and responsible course of action. Their vote serves to protect some of the UK's most vulnerable individuals from the risk of being pressured into a premature death. Every human life possesses inherent value. Genuine compassion is not expressed through ending a life, but through accompanying those who suffer and ensuring they receive the medical, emotional, and spiritual support that recognises their dignity. No life is without worth. As a society, our responsibility is not to address suffering by eliminating the sufferer, but to surround each person with care, respect, and dignity until their natural end. Today's decision, in conjunction with the decision of the Scottish Parliament in March, moves the UK further in that direction, and MPs should be commended for this. However, we must continue to make progress. Government must now work hard to strengthen palliative care by ensuring that it is properly funded and accessible to all who require it. I would like to express my gratitude to all MPs for their serious engagement with this issue and for the thoughtful and considered attention they have given to the bill. I am especially grateful to those who upheld the principle of human dignity and advocated on behalf of the vulnerable. Your principled commitment has not gone unnoticed."

▪ **Congratulations to Everyone at St Peter's Primary**

Congratulations to everyone at St Peter's Primary School in Ardrossan. A team of inspectors has praised Headteacher Susanne Dunne and her staff for creating positive relationships, having strong leadership and empowering pupils. The glowing report comes following an inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) in Scotland in May. Councillor Jean McClung, Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, said: "It is heartening to see that the inspectors have acknowledged all of the great work that is being done at St Peter's by Susanne and her team, especially when it comes to wellbeing. I wish them well for the future, and I am sure pupils will continue to thrive in the positive, happy environment that has been created for their learning." Read the full story here: <https://tinyurl.com/ahjt58f2>

▪ **Season of Creation this September**



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE are words used to encourage us to live in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way in order to save our planet. As Christians we believe that God created the Earth and everything on the the Earth. Jesus often referred to nature in his teachings. We are stewards of God's Creation, our common home. Care of the environment is, as Archbishop Malcolm McMahon (Archdiocese of Liverpool) said, "an integral part of our faith. It is about commitment, action and participation in the work that Christ asks of us."

▪ **Family Conference for Scotland**

The Agency for Marriage, Family and Life of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland have organised a Conference. Married couples and families are invited to a day at Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge on the 24th of

October 2026! Come along for family adoration, Mass with Bishop John Keenan, formative talks, children's catechesis and so much more! Book your place at: <https://bcos.org.uk/NFC26>

▪ **"Thank you" from the Maher & McGill Family**

The family of Bernadette (Maher) McGill would like to thank everyone for the support, prayers and for the mass and sympathy cards we have received. This was very much appreciated at this sad time.

▪ **Parish Bible Group - St Peter's**

The next Meeting for the Bible Group is on Tuesday, 22nd September at 7pm, in the Parish House. Everyone is very welcome.

▪ **Emergency On-Call for Hospitals**

Father Duncan will be on emergency call-out for the North Ayrshire Hospitals this week. Please keep everyone who is sick or in hospital in your thoughts and prayers.

▪ **Defibrillator for St Peter's and St Bride's**

We are very grateful to the John Murray Trust, who has made it possible for us to acquire the two Defibrillators at St Peter's and St Bride's, through a very generous grant. Sincere thanks for all your support!

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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