



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

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and by request.
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ST STEPHEN WALKS THE WALK



St Stephen of Hungary was a great example of real faith. The Magyar tribes invaded southeastern Europe in the ninth and tenth centuries. Stephen was the elder son of the first Christian leader of the Magyars. Unlike his father, who had accepted baptism mainly for political reasons, Stephen took his Christian identity seriously. At age 22 he succeeded his father, and began his life-long work of bringing stability, order, and justice to the rival Magyar tribes, so that the Christian faith could take deeper root in the souls of his people. Eventually he was crowned the first King of Hungary by the pope, and he successfully turned the chaotic territory into a prosperous and organised nation. Through all his struggles, he strove to fulfil his royal duties in life in a way that would please Christ, dedicating himself entirely to the spiritual and material good of his subjects. He was often found in disguise, distributing alms to homeless people and cripples camped out in the city streets. His disguises were so good that once the crowd of beggars actually threw him to the ground, stole the money and food bags he was using to hand out offerings, and left him in the dust. He overcame great opposition to institute a policy whereby every ten towns was required to construct at least one Church and support at least one priest, so that all his citizens could receive the sacraments and be instructed in the faith. No corruption stained his regime, and when he died at 63, his tomb immediately became a favourite place of pilgrimage and devotion. St Stephen truly understood that real faith requires real action.



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and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Sixth 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, 26TH SEPTEMBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Bernadette McGill (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 26th 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, 28TH SEPTEMBER 26th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Michael Leonard (A) Tom McGrattam (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER Requiem Mass for James Cotter at 10am	<i>For James Cotter RIP</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am for Avon Gould (RD)	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER Memorial of St Jerome Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ian Tarbet (A) Hugh Barr (RD) Michael Hartley (A)</i>	Requiem Mass for Jim Cooney at 12 noon		Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER St Therese of the Child Jesus Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Funeral Service for Thomas McGrattam at 12 noon	<i>Catherine McKenna (RD) Johnny McGarvey (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER The Holy Guardian Angels Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>John Kent (T) Angela Dunn (SI) Eileen and Charles McKenna</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 27th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Steve Piaff (RD) Brian Douglas (RD) Jim Harper (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS ON FRIDAY

No matter how big or how small our decisions are, we know we do not walk alone. God's providential care is with each of us always. Let us pray: Lord of Heaven and Earth, you reign in the heavens with splendour. Send your holy angels to watch over me this day, that I may walk in your ways and be protected from all harm. Amen. Consider thanking God and your guardian angel today. We do nothing on our own. Ask for help when you need it and offer gratitude in your successes.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Peter Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Louise Milligan, Neil Watson,
Margaret Hanna, Rosina
Cooper, Karen McNee,
Lorraine Ballantyne, Christine
Halliday, Gianni Orlandi.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED RECENTLY
James Cotter, Tom
McGrattam, Jim Cooney,
Father Jose Manuel Lopez

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Brian Ghosh 2002, Maureen Johnson 2003, Brownlie Smyth 2014, John Brodie 2001, Angela Brown 2008, Peggy McKay 1992, Robert Leo Walsh 1968, Mary Barr, Marett Main 2023, Fiona McKellar 2015, Finbarr Moynihan 2015, Dominic Burke 1988, Dorothea Campbell 2011, Mary Clarke 1984, Iain Tarbet 2016, Bert Body 1985, Bridget Carroll 2016, John Connor 1983, Charles Coulter 1992, Libby McCann 2025, Kathleen Mulhearn 2009, Sadie O'Reilly 2019, Isabella (Tibby) Avey 2019, Canon Lawrence Fischer 1980, Patrick Giffney 1971, Kathleen McIlroy 1973, Isabella Milligan 2022, Peter Morgan 2010, Lily Murphy 1990, Duncan Rhodes 2012, Hannah Burns 2002, Joseph Griffin 2001, Francis Ketchen 2013, Catherine Helen McMullan 2000, John Paterson 2005, Teresa Walker 1987.

▪ Requiem Mass for James Cotter

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Cotter, who died on 9th September, aged 83 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 29th September at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ Funeral Service for Tom McGrattan

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tom McGrattan, who died on 12th September, aged 78 years. His Funeral Service will be on Thursday, 1st October at 12 noon, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ Wedding at St Peter's - Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the Wedding of Christopher Grant and Nicole Mariel Blyth, who will be married at St Peter's on Saturday, 3rd October at 1.30pm. we wish them a "love for a lifetime".

▪ Youth Club Meeting on Sunday

The Youth Group for the Three Towns will restart this Sunday with Mass at 5pm at St Peter's, followed by snacks and Youth Meeting.

▪ Season of Creation - Living Water



The theme of this year's Season of Creation is Living Water based on Ezekiel 47:9-12. The living water coming from the temple revived barren land and led to a sustainable, healthy ecosystem. In Scotland we have access to plentiful supplies of clean water for all our needs.

However, worldwide 1 person in 10 does not have access to clean water. People, usually women and children, spend many hours collecting often dirty water, losing time from employment or education. Contaminated water causes risk to human health and lack of water leads to poor crops and unhealthy livestock. Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) supports various projects developing community water supplies, agricultural irrigation systems and hygiene facilities. This work transforms the lives of individuals and communities. On Sunday 4th October the donations from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Teas will be sent to SCIAF for water projects.

▪ Pilgrimage to Rome 2027

St. Margaret's Cathedral will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of it's opening in 2027. As part of the celebrations a Pilgrimage to Rome is being organised from September 16th-23rd 2027 and a few places are still available. The cost of the Pilgrimage is £1,800 (based on two people sharing a twin room on a half-board basis) and includes all transfers. Travel Insurance is not included. A deposit of £300 per pilgrim is required at the time of booking. If you would like to be part of the Pilgrimage, or would like more information, please email Fr. David Borland at david.borland@rcdg.org.uk and he will send you a Booking Form.

▪ Requiem Mass for Jim Cooney - St Bride's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Cooney, who died on 18th September, aged 79 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 30th September at 12 noon, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ Candlelight Procession for Life

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) would like to ask for your support for the annual Candlelight Procession. This October will be 59 years since the passing of the Abortion Act, and so it's imperative that we remember the almost 11 million lives lost through abortion in that time. The details for the Procession are as follows: Thursday 29th October 2026, Rosary at the Mercat Building Glasgow Cross at 6:30pm, Candlelight Procession 7pm, Mass in St Andrews Cathedral at 7:30pm.

▪ After-Mass Refreshments next Sunday - St Peter's

Next Sunday, the SVP will be preparing the refreshments after Mass. Please join us and share in the community. All donations will be sent to SCIAF. Next Sunday after Mass!

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.



The Parish Priest's Apology Form

(Please tick the one you need me to apologise about and then hand it in)
I'm SO sorry that...

- ☐ You didn't know the hymn
- ☐ The church was too cold for your t-shirt
- ☐ You didn't know that event was on (it's been in the bulletin for weeks)
- ☐ My sermon was longer than your attention span
- ☐ The time of our Mass doesn't suit your domestic arrangements
- ☐ That you don't like priests in a cassock
- ☐ That you don't like priests in jeans
- ☐ That you don't like guitars
- ☐ That you don't like organs
- ☐ That my psychic powers don't stretch to divining that you would appreciate a home visit

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←



Offertory for 20th September: £644.11
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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 20th September: £203.15

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