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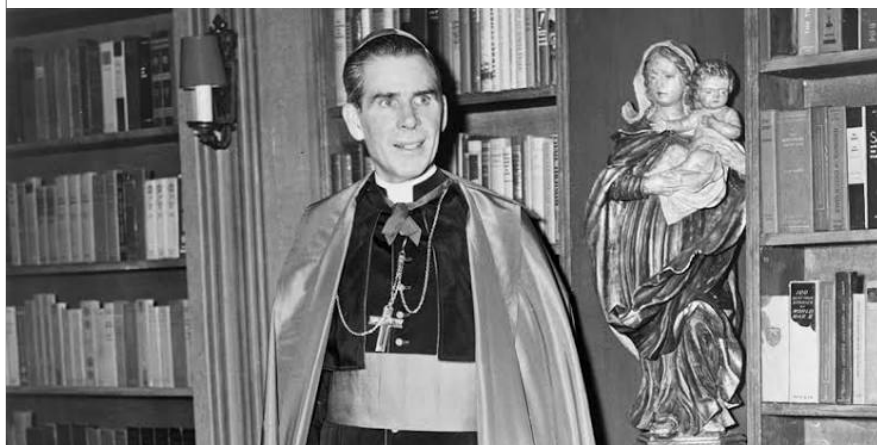
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ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN AND THE FAITH OF A LITTLE GIRL



A few months before his death, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was interviewed on national television. One of the questions was: "Bishop Sheen, you have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you to make a Holy Hour every day? Bishop Sheen responded that it was not a Pope, a cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or a nun. It was a little Chinese girl of eleven years of age. He explained that when the Communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the Church. After they locked him up in his own house, the priest was horrified to look out of his window and see the Communists proceed into the Church, where they went into the sanctuary and broke into the tabernacle. In an act of hateful desecration, they took the ciborium and threw it on the floor with all of the Sacred Hosts spilling out. The priest knew exactly how many Hosts were in the ciborium: thirty-two. When the Communists left, they either did not notice, or didn't pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything that had happened. That night the little girl came back. Slipping past the guard at the priest's house, she went inside the Church. There she made a holy hour of prayer, an act of love to make up for the act of hatred. After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, knelt down, bent over and with her tongue received Jesus in Holy Communion. The little girl continued to come back each night to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue. On the thirty-second night, after she had consumed the last and thirty-second host, she accidentally made a noise and woke the guard who was sleeping. He ran after her, caught her, and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle. This act of heroic martyrdom was witnessed by the priest as he watched grief-stricken from his bedroom window. When Bishop Sheen heard the story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament everyday of his life. If this frail, little child could give testimony and witness to the world concerning the real and wonderful Presence of her Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament, then the Bishop was absolutely bound by all that was right and true, to do the same. "Little Li, showed the Bishop what true courage and zeal really are; how faith can overcome all fear, and how true love for Jesus in the Eucharist must transcend life itself.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Third 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, 5TH SEPTEMBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Enis Delahunt (A)		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Sunday of the Year (A) Holy Mass at 10.30am	For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's	Mass at 12.15pm For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Mairi Fraser (RD) Tony Fraser (A)	Holy Mass at 10am		
TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER Feast of the Nativity of Mary Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Claire Clarke (RD) Geraldine Gillespie (RD)		Funeral Mass for Steven Crawford at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	James Nash (SI)			Mass with P5/6 from St John's Primary at 10am
THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 23rd Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Reception of Bernadette McGill at 6pm	Joe & Maria Farrell (A) William Haldane (RD)	Requiem Mass for James McEwan at 12 Noon	Holy Mass with P7 from St Anthony's Primary at 10am	
FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER Requiem Mass for Bernadette McGill at 10am	For Bernadette McGill RIP	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 24th Sunday of the Year Vocations Awareness Week at 5.30pm	Sadie Lennon (RD) Carrie Fawcett (RD)		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY ON TUESDAY

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Peter Brawley, Monica
Taylor, Louise Milligan,
Neil Watson, Margaret
Hanna, Rosina Cooper.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED RECENTLY
Jim McEwan,
Bernadette McGill.

† THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Margaret Brodie 1964, Mary McGlynn 2010, Frank Morrison 2004, Jimmy Mulhearn 1992, Rona McNamara 2005, Marie White née McManus 1997, Ellen Vance 2012, Jim Boyle 2022, Catherine Campbell 2003, James Duffin 1960, Margaret Logan 2013, William Loudon 1977, Joan McKnight 1976, Margaret Walsh 2015, Helen Burns 2022, Harry Kaye 2000, Susannah Kemp 1948, James Moore 1998, Florence Slavin 1998, Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Lorriane McManus 2024, Lillian Bonnar 2022, Cathie Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mary Otto 2008, Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKechan 1998, Bridget McLaughlin 1997.

▪ Refreshments after Mass - St Peter's

The SSVP will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday. Please come along and support if you can.

▪ 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 Peter's on Thursday, 17th September 2026 at 7pm. Please put the date in your diary for a good turn-out and let us pray for an "army" of vocations.

▪ Requiem Mass for Jim McEwan - St Bride's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of *Jim McEwan*, who died on 30th August, aged 89 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 10th September at 12 noon at St Bride's, followed by Cremation at the Clyde Coast Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ Requiem Mass for Bernadette McGill - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of *Bernadette McGill*, who died on 28th August, aged 67 years. She will be received into Church on Thursday, 10th September at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 11th September at 10am at St Peter's, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

▪ 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

▪ Season of Creation this September

Every year from 1st September to 4th October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) the Christian family unites in a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season when we acknowledge God as our creator and that we are all called to love and care for Creation. This year's theme is "Living Water," based on Ezekiel 47:9. In St Peter's and St Bride's, we will reflect on God's gift of creation to us and consider what we can do as individuals and as a community to protect our common home. One suggestion is that we help renovate the garden at St Peter's Primary School. The garden was created some years ago, but has fallen into disrepair. If you would like to help, contact Fr Duncan or the Parish Office. "God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters - what will be our answer, my dear friends?" - Pope Leo XIV

▪ Special Collection for our Retired Priests

We will take up the special collection for Retired Priest next weekend at St Peter's and St Bride's (12/13 September). As always, many thanks for your generosity.

▪ Organ Recital at St Joseph's Kilmarnock

Steven McIntyre (Director of Music, Dunblane Cathedral) will perform an organ recital in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, on Friday, 11th September at 7pm. All are welcome. Free entry with retiral collection.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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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