



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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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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and by request.
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GOD INVITES - HE DOES NOT FORCE



By refusing the king's invitation, the invited guests fell into the sin at the root of all our sins: ingratitude. The invited guests were so busy enjoying the peace and prosperity that the king's well-run kingdom provided, that they forget to honour the king himself - even going so far as to abuse the king's messengers. In so doing, they cut themselves off from him. As a result, they also cut themselves off from the peace and prosperity that he was so generously providing. But there is also a second level to their ingratitude. In ancient times, you didn't send out just one wedding invitation, you sent out two. The first was a general announcement of the good news, but it didn't specify the date of the celebration. Then later, when all the preparations were made, the second invitation would go out, giving the specific day and place for the banquet. The guests who refused to come to the wedding were actually rejecting this second invitation. That means that they had already accepted the first invitation. Therefore, they are not only insulting the king by refusing to come, but they are also going back on their own word. The parable applies in a special way to the Jewish leaders at the time of Christ, who had accepted God's Old Testament promises, but were now rejecting their fulfilment by rejecting Christ. It also applies to Catholics and Christians who are baptised and grow up in the faith, but then later on in life, when Jesus asks them to put their faith into action, they refuse to take the risk. In both cases, what stands out is the mystery of human freedom. God respects our freedom; instead of forcing us to do his will, he invites us. God showers his gifts upon us, and yet when the time comes to show our gratitude, we so often prefer to honour the gifts more than the giver.



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and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
RC Diocese of
Galloway.
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Eighth 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, 10TH OCTOBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Betty and Tom Dorby (A) Elizabeth, Angus & Robert MacRae (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 28th 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, 12TH OCTOBER 28th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>James Cotter (RD) Anne Templeton (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER Morning Prayer at 9.40am 28th Week of the Year Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Tom McGrattan (RD) Collins & Upton Families (SI)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 28th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Claire Trainer (RD)</i>			Holy Mass At 10.00am
THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Gianni Orlandi (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service At 10.00am	
FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER St Margaret Mary Alacoque Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Carol Safranek (RD) Riccardo Lucchesi (RD)</i>			Holy Mass at 10.00am
SATURDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 29th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm [Mission Sunday]	<i>Mary McAtee (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE ON FRIDAY

Margaret Mary Alacoque was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realisation of the love of God symbolised by the heart of Jesus. Her early years were marked by sickness and a painful home situation. "The heaviest of my crosses was that I could do nothing to lighten the cross my mother was suffering." After considering marriage for some time, Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24. After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."



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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED RECENTLY
Ellen Carson, Bernadette
Quinn, Lorraine
Ballantyne.

† WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR †

Alistair Aitken 1995, Agnes Anderson 2001, Mary McAtee 2006, Margaret McHugh 2002, Michael McManus 1961, Michael Monaghan 1936, Ugo Pellegrini 2024, John Dorian 2009, Alice Hansler 2022, Cameron McCallum 2010, David McHugh 1967, Patrick McQuade 1998, Stephen Patrick Austin 2017, Lawrence Brennan 1981, Andrew Conaghan 2002, Michael Doherty 2005, Margaret Monaghan 1969, Hugh O'Boyle 2000, John Higgins 2001, Hugh McGoogan 2009, Mary Jane McKay 1952, Patrick McNamee 1918, Patrick O'Hare 2001, Tom Adamson 2006, John and Isabella Connor, Mary Ferguson 2015, Cecily Grant 1980, Christine McAteer 1988, Annie McConnachie 2016, Dougald McMurchie, Ellis Nesbit, Monica Ann Taylor née Reilly 2015, Jim Hainey 2019, Celia Hilferty 2001, Peggy McKay 1992, Kathleen Robinson 2012.

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.

Season of Creation

The donations at the SSVP teas on Sunday raised £260 for SCIAF Water projects. A cheque has been sent to SCIAF for that amount. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.



October is the Month of the Rosary

Is your life working? Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece: prayer. The Rosary is an extraordinary way to pray. It is a meditative prayer that honours Mary and asks for her intercession. There is just something about it that settles our hearts and minds. It puts everything in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful. You can pray the Rosary for a special intention. You can pray the Rosary to grow into a better person, employee, neighbour, citizen, and member of the human family. You can pray the Rosary to deepen your love and understanding of the Gospels. And it only takes about 20 minutes of your time! The Rosary works. But don't take our word for it. Try it yourself!

Mission Sunday Collection - TODAY

We will take up the annual special collection for Mission Sunday this weekend. Thank you for your generosity. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is a day when our Holy Father appeals to us all for both spiritual and financial support for overseas missionaries.

Afternoon Tea @ St Bride's and a wee something.

St Bride's are organising an afternoon tea & a wee something in the Church Hall in aid of Pulmonary Fibrosis on Wednesday the 28th of October 2026 from 2 - 4pm. Tickets are £5 and can be bought from Maureen Watson or Ann Barton. Please see the poster displayed on the notice board for full details.

Sincere Thanks for Donation

We would like to thank the anonymous donor for their kind donation towards the cost of our new Defibrillator. We hope the new Defibrillators will be coming soon to St Bride's and St Peter's.

Afternoon Tea @St. Bride's & A wee Something



In aid of Pulmonary Fibrosis

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.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

THE DAILY TOON

BY MARK LYNCH



→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

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