

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

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MARK 12:17



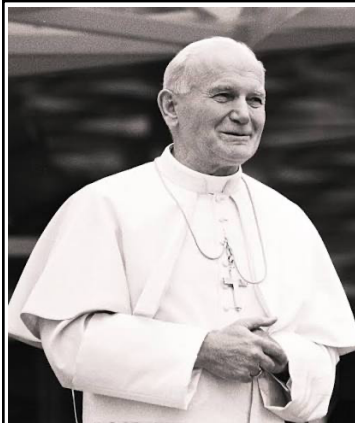
Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, and is always celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October. It is a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. If we think about it, two-thirds of the people alive — 5.5 out of 8.1 billion — still have no relationship with Christ or his Church. Bringing people to Jesus is the work of the Church, and all of us together have a part to play. The Gospel reading brings everything into sharpest focus. Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." And if these ancient coins once bore Caesar's image, then every baptised Christian bears the image of Christ. From early Christian times, we have understood our baptism as a time when we are "marked" as belonging to Christ. This is part of the symbolism of the sacred chrism that anoints our foreheads with the sign or "mark" of Christ: the cross. Belonging to Christ is the greatest blessing a person can receive in life. Our baptismal day is the greatest day of our lives, as we become adoptive children of God. Nothing can really compare to that! And so, helping as many people of the world to receive the image of Christ on their souls, and to belong to Jesus, is a task that we should all consider as central and paramount to our lives. Today, the Church reminds us that the mission of Christ extends far beyond our own parish or neighbourhood. In those places where the Church is flourishing, those Christians are called to help those places where the Church barely exists, or where she is too young, too poor or too persecuted to support herself.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Ninth 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, 17TH OCTOBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Mary McAtee (A) Billy Moore (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 29th 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, 19TH OCTOBER Requiem Mass for Ellen Carson at 10am	<i>Ellen Carson RIP</i>			
TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jillian McGlinn (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Funeral Service at 10am Prayers of Reception at 6pm for Anne Templeton	Funeral Mass at 10am for Sheila Kerrigan
WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For the Health and Recuperation of Pope Leo</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am for Anne Templeton	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER Memorial of St John Paul II Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For the success and safety of all Missionaries</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 29th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Betty Catanzaro (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 30th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>For the Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN PAUL II ON THURSDAY

"Christ is the centre of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope." Before John Paul II's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, hundreds of thousands of people had waited patiently for a brief moment to pray before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented. Presiding at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—then dean of the College of Cardinals and later Pope Benedict XVI—concluded his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing *urbi et orbi* ('to the city and to the world'). "We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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

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

Paul Devine 2024, Chrissie Ferguson 2006, Patricia Clarke 2023, Joseph Harvey 1998, Harry Kemp 1972, Shannon McTaggart 1996, Maureen Haddington 2002, Vincenzo Marchetti 1968, Mary McCarroll 1913, Ann McEwan 2020, Ena Millar 1987, Mary Paton 2019, John Petrie 1966, Bruce Gallacher 1995, Robert Ireland 2008, James McKay 1992, Bernard Aspinwall 2013, John McGowan 2002, John McPolin 1944, Hannah Burns 2002, Dan Donnelly 1941, Andrew Howieson, Jim Sullivan 2005.

• Pilgrimage to Rome 2027

St. Margaret's Cathedral will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of its 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.

• 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

• Annual Safeguarding Statement - still available

Pope Leo during his recent visit to France met with survivors of abuse and repeated his closeness to those who suffer the "wounds of abuse." He also spoke of the need to be courageous and determined in being committed to a culture of vigilance and safeguarding to prevent abuse in its many forms. It is good that the Universal Church addresses the issues of safeguarding, but as a Local and a National Church we too must be active and effective in this regard.

Refreshments from St Matthew's next Sunday - St Peter's

St Mathew's Academy will provide tea/coffee and light refreshments after the Sunday Mass on 25 October 2026. All proceeds will go towards their Malawi Appeal.

CHANA Christmas Appeal 2026

Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire is teaming up again with the "Night Before Christmas Charity" (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless and being supported by North Ayrshire Council. Last Christmas, Liz Brown of North Ayrshire Council's Homeless Unit wrote "Through your year-round help and generous donation to The Night Before Christmas we are able to make life easier and bring a little bit of joy to the lives of those who need it most in our communities." If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at nbcc.scot. Thank you!

COP31 Climate Summit

Come together to pray for all those taking part the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) and for the care of our common home. Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan to pray for the success of the COP31 climate summit in Türkiye. After Mass, join us for refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from CAFOD who will be reporting to us live from COP31. All are welcome. Date: Thursday 12th November 2026 - Time: Mass - 1:00pm | Livestream & Refreshments - 2:00pm - Location: St Andrew's Cathedral & Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.

Requiem Mass for Ellen Carson - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ellen Carson, who died on 27th September 2026, aged 85 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 19th October, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pastoral Council Meeting - St Peter's

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting is on Thursday, 22nd October at 7pm in the Parish House. If you have any items for the Agenda, please pass them on to any of the Pastoral Council Members. Thank you!

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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