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ST TELEMACHUS BEATS THE GLADIATORS



This is one of the great differences between Christian saints and the wise spiritual heroes of other religions: the saints learn to be close to God, but they also learn to constantly go out of their way to serve their neighbours. One surprising example is the case of St Telemachus. He lived in Palestine around the year 400. From an early age he felt called to love God wholeheartedly by following a life of prayer and penance. For many years he lived as a hermit in the desert wastelands, doing just that. Eventually, however, the Holy Spirit entrusted him with a surprising mission to his neighbours. Even though Christianity by this time was the Roman Empire's official religion, the infamous and very pagan gladiatorial combats were still regularly held in the Roman coliseum. The Romans loved those "sporting events," which inevitably resulted in unjust, bloody, and cruel deaths for valiant men. Many gladiators were prisoners or slaves being forced to entertain the crowds by their gruesome combat, as if they were no better than savage beasts. It was a frontal assault against the human dignity of these men who had been created in God's image and redeemed by Christ. Driven by the Holy Spirit, Telemachus made his way to Rome when one such event was in full swing. He entered the amphitheatre, climbed down to the arena floor, and interposed himself between the primary combatants, who were engaged in their death struggle. This scrawny hermit did his best to separate them, invoking the name of the Lord. The fans, thirsty for blood, were furious. They hurled every manner of projectile at the unprotected monk, stoning him to death. Fortunately, the Emperor heard about the affair and took it as a sign from God. From then on, such beastly games were forbidden; Christian love had been victorious.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Thirtieth 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, 24TH OCTOBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Mirko Zambianco (SI)		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 30th 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, 26TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Anne Templeton (RD) Michael Leonard (A)</i>			
TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER Requiem Mass for Bernadette Quinn At 10am	Bernadette Quinn RIP	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER Feast of Ss Simon and Jude Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Agnes McNally (RD) Andrew Mitchell (A) Kathleen Long (A)</i>			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Margaret McCabe (SI) Mr & Mrs P. Dunne (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>John and Mary McCann (A) Marie Louise Paterson (SI)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER Solemnity of All Saints (A) at 5.30pm	Ellen Carson (RD)		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



FEAST OF SS SIMON AND JUDE ON WEDNESDAY

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

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
Bernadette Quinn,
Patricia Dixon.



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

Archie Blades 2025, Terence Burns 1997, Henry Fitzsimmons 1959, Helen Grober 2008, Morvia Logue 2014, Tommy Mulhern 1996, William Paterson 1963, Alice Procter 1995, Samuel Cambridge 1979, Mary Fleming 2012, Margaret Newell 2005, Douglas Mayberry 2005, James Delahunt 1976, Harriet Elizabeth Dorrian 2023, Kathleen Long 2024, James McDermid 2003, John O'Neill 2012, Edna McKinnon 2023, Mary Brodie 1997, John Douglas 2023, Ellie Graham 2016, Mary Haran 1995, Patricia Hyslop 2021, Daniel Mathieson 1962, Joseph McGoogan 2008, Catherine Ramsay 2012, Gloria Rosendale 2014, William Delahunt 1986, Bill Moore 1989, The Christians martyred in the Cathedral of our Lady of Deliverance in Baghdad 2010, Sadie Clegg 2011, John Finnigan 2020, John Martin 1979

Deanery Pastoral Council Open Meeting

There will be an Open Meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council of the North Ayrshire Parishes ("St Mary's Deanery") on Monday 26th Oct at St John's Church Hall, Stevenston, KA20 4DE. Bishop Francis will lead the meeting and give us all an update on how he sees us moving forward as Parishes, a Deanery and across the Diocese in the years ahead. Could all parish representatives on the DPC please do their best to be there, but the meeting is also open to any parishioners who wish to attend. The evening begins with an (optional) period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30pm with the formal meeting starting at 7pm.

Youth Meeting this Sunday - St Peter's

Our Deanery Youth Group will meet this Sunday beginning with Holy Mass at 5pm at St Peters, followed by the youth programme.

A Welcome Grant for St Bride's

The Trustees of the Quota Fund have decided to make a Grant of £400 to support St Bride's Parish.

Refreshments after Mass - St Peter's

St Mathew's Academy will provide tea/coffee and light refreshments after the Sunday Mass on this Sunday. All proceeds will go towards their Malawi Appeal. Next Sunday (1st November) The SSVP will be serving teas, coffees in the Parish Centre after the 10:30am Mass. Please come along and give your support!

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!

Bible Study Group - St Peters

The next Meeting will be Tuesday, 27th October at 7pm in the Parish House. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

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 Bernadette Quinn - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bernadette Quinn, who died on 23rd September 2026, aged 67 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th October at 10am,

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!

Ardrossan Cemetery Mass on 8th November 2026

Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be on Sunday, 8th November, starting at 2pm. "May our loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory". Please let friends and neighbours know and encourage them to come along.

Afternoon Tea - St Bride's

Please come along to a specially arranged Afternoon Tea at St Bride's on Wednesday, 28th October, from 2pm until 4pm, in the Community Room. Personal invites are always the best.

Christian Christmas Cards in our Parish Repository

Please come along and have a look at the Christian Christmas Cards available this year. Jesus is the reason for the season.

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.



George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing white robe with a long flowing white beard and flowing white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm. George W. approached the man and inquired, "Excuse me are you Moses?" The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling. George W. positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man continued to peruse the ceiling. George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Hey! Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes I am" George W. asked him why he was so uppity and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the wilderness!"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

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