



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

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BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE WORLD



In what has become one of the most viral and tender moments of Pope Leo XIV's trip to France, the world is now learning about the little girl who was blessed by the Holy Father on his way to celebrate Mass at Place de la Concorde in Paris. Marie-Garance Noël wears Marian blue in the photo with Pope Leo, who is looking down on her with loving eyes. The young girl was adopted by a French Catholic family, known for their loving care and witness to children with disabilities. The brief moments of encounter such as this are a beautiful reminder of the Pope's constant call for the Church and society to recognise the dignity and irreplaceable value of every person — especially those who are most vulnerable or are often discarded. Adopted in 2016, Marie-Garance is one of nine children in the Noël family. Clotilde and Nicolas Noël are parents to six biological children and have also adopted three children with disabilities: Marie, who has Down syndrome; Marie-Garance, who has multiple disabilities; and Frédéric-Moïse, who has a cerebellar disorder. Marie-Garance's mother, Clotilde, has shared that her daughter requires significant daily care, including medication and feeding through a gastrostomy tube. Yet the Noël family's story is not defined by hardship alone. It is a powerful testimony to the joy of welcoming life, trusting God, and loving each child as a unique gift. "It was as if God were saying to me, 'I'm calling on you. You are the one I have chosen, have accepted that I have to trust Him and I receive incredible graces. Once you say 'yes' to God, everything happens naturally. He never abandons us.'" It is this raw, 'incarnate' love that was captured on the streets of Paris — a brief, heartfelt moment where Pope Leo XIV paused to bless little Marie-Garance, holding up her hidden, quiet fight as a beacon of dignity and hope for the whole world.



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Twenty-Seventh 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, 3RD OCTOBER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Jim Harper (RD) Steve Piaff (RD) Brian Douglas (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 4TH 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, 5TH OCTOBER St Maria Faustina Kowalska Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Grant Mitchell (MM) Father Jose Manuel Lopez (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER Morning Prayer at 9.40am 27th Week of the Year Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Ricardo Lucchesi (RD) Ellen Carson (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER Our Lady of the Rosary Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Bernadette McGill (RD)</i>			Holy Mass with P6/7 Pupils from St John's Primary at 10am
THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 27th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Tom McGrattan (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	Prayers of Reception for Amanda Monaghan at 6pm
FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER St John Henry Newman Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[Refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Paul Devine (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass for Amanda Monaghan at 10am
SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 28th Sunday of the Year (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Elizabeth, Angus and Robert MacRae (A) Betty and Tom Dorby (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ON WEDNESDAY

Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the Gospel. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. **We will bless our Rosaries on the Feast Day, 7th October. Please place your Rosary on the altar and it will be blessed at the end of Mass.**



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 †

Bill Andrew 2017, Adeline Hughes née McCann 2022, Gerry McGinn 2008, Robert Paterson 2004, Seamus Boyle 2021, Hugh O'Hare 2004, June Piacentini 2021, Charlie Scullion 2010, Kirsty Bell 2012, Elizabeth McKay 2005, Terence O'Neill 2002, Karen Marie Boulcott 2007, Greta Brennan 2017, William Cambridge 1990, John Goan 2012, James Martin 1997, Russ Otto 2012, Eunice Ward 2001, Ann Breen 2017, Alie Khan 1970, Peter Martean 1969, Catherine McHugh 1977, Catherine Nicol 1993, Joe Brady senior 1963, Vincenzo Carrino 1980, James Dalton 2023, Alex Jamieson 2006, Bill Henderson, Mary Colvin 2000, Jane Coulter 1998, Dan Donnelly 1941.

▪ **Refreshments after Mass this Sunday - St Peter's**
The SSVP will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. Please come along and support if you can

▪ **Season of Creation - Living Water**



The global Christian ecumenical celebration of the Season of Creation ends on 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This time has given us a chance to focus, through prayer, reflection and action, on our "common home," which is God's gift to each one of us.

St Francis in his Canticle said, "Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is useful, and humble, and precious and pure." He urges us to worship God and appreciate the natural world around us. So often we have neglected our duty of care to the earth and its resources. We all have an obligation look after our environment as individuals, parish or global community. In our local church community, the liturgy and music have celebrated the Season of Creation's theme of Living water. Volunteers are working on the renovation of St Peter school's Prayer Garden, and today, donations from our after-Mass teas will be sent to SCIAF for water projects. There are so many things each of us could, or should, be doing that sometimes the enormity and urgency of the task can seem overwhelming. But always remember, as Daniel J Berrigan SJ said "the difference between doing something and nothing is everything!"

▪ **Season of Creation - Closing Prayer**

Take a few moments of silent prayer, during this week, especially on this Sunday, with a glass of water in your hand., acknowledging it as a gift from God, that heals both the earth and the heart. We praise God and thank him for all the gifts of creation. We could pray: *"Your people yearn for clean water and the possibilities it brings. May their fears be wiped away and their hope restored. God of life, let waters flow and wash away injustice. Your people thirst for clean water and dream of a better future. May we be moved to join with them, to make this dream a reality. God of life, let waters flow and wash away injustice. Amen"*

▪ **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.

▪ **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 - available today**

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.

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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