# ST PETER IN CHAINS ▪ ARDROSSAN
# ST BRIDE'S ▪ WEST KILBRIDE

*"Meeting people where they are - leading them to where God calls them to be!"*

Parish Bulletin ▪ 33rd Sunday ▪ 15th November 2026

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# BE A LIGHT FOR OTHERS



God wants us to sue our talents in the service of others. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was someone who learned this lesson perfectly. One of the many stories of how she impacted the lives of the poor illustrates beautifully what it means to use our God-given talents well. Once she was staying with a community of sisters working with the Aborigines in Australia. While she was there, she visited an elderly man who lived in total isolation, ignored by everyone; his home was disordered and dirty. She told him, "Please let me clean your house, wash your clothes and make your bed." He answered, "I'm OK like this. Let it be." She said, "You will be still better if you allow me to do it." He finally agreed. So she was able to clean his house and wash his clothes. While she was cleaning, she discovered a beautiful lamp, covered with dust; it looked like it hadn't been used in years. She said to the man, "Don't you light that lamp? Don't you ever use it?" He answered, "No. No one comes to see me. I have no need to light it. Who would I do it for?" Mother Teresa asked, "Would you light it every night if the sisters came?" He replied, "Of course." From that day on, the sisters committed themselves to visiting him every evening. Mother Teresa left Australia; two years passed. She had completely forgotten about that encounter. Then she received a message from him: "Tell my friend that the light she lit in my life continues to shine still." In a sense, our life-mission is to do precisely that: to invest our talents in such a way that we light as many lamps as possible, in as many different ways as possible, bringing the Good News of God's trustworthiness, forgiveness, and love to all the people who are sick and dying with loneliness, selfishness, and regret.

# Liturgy of the Week - Thirty-Third Week of the Year

| ST PETER IN CHAINS<br>*Father Duncan McVicar*<br>*Canon Matt McManus*<br>*Sister Ursula, Sister Anna* | ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS<br>*RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention* | ST BRIDE'S<br>*Fr Duncan McVicar*<br>*Fr Gerry Hamill* | ST MARY'S<br>*Canon Martin Poland*<br>*Canon Matt McManus*<br>*Sister Ursula,*<br>*Sister Anna* | ST JOHN'S<br>*Canon Martin Poland*<br>*Canon Matt McManus*<br>*Sister Ursula,*<br>*Sister Anna* |
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| **SATURDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER**<br>**Vigil Mass**<br>**at 5.30pm** | *Riccardo Lucchesi (RD)*<br>*Paddie Pugh (A)* | | Vigil Mass<br>at 4.30pm | |
| **SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER**<br>**33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**<br>**Holy Mass at 10.30am** | *For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's* | **Mass at 12.15pm**<br>*For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's* | Holy Mass<br>at 10am | Holy Mass<br>at 11.30am |
| **MONDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER**<br>**St Margaret of Scotland**<br>**Rosary at 9.30am**<br>**Holy Mass at 10am** | *Theresa Loudon (A)*<br>*Father Brian Logue (RD)* | | | |
| **TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER**<br>**St Elizabeth of Hungary**<br>**Morning Prayer at 9.40am**<br>**Holy Mass at 10am** | *Agnes McInally (RD)*<br>*For the Collins and Upton Families (SI)* | Morning Prayer<br>at 9.40am<br>Holy Mass<br>at 10am | Holy Mass<br>at 10am | Prayers of Reception<br>for Ina McIver<br>at 6pm |
| **WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER**<br>**Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul**<br>**Rosary at 9.30am**<br>**Holy Mass at 10am** | *Billy Giffney (RD)*<br>*Hugh Scott (RD)* | | | Funeral Mass for<br>**Ina McIver** |
| **THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER**<br>**33rd Week of the Year**<br>**Rosary at 9.30am**<br>**Holy Mass at 10am** | *Alice McGrattan (A)*<br>*Sarah, Joseph, Mary and Harry Sammons (A)* | | Holy Mass<br>at 10am | Remembrance Mass<br>at 7pm |
| **FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER**<br>**For a Happy Death**<br>**Rosary at 9.30am**<br>**Holy Mass at 10am**<br>**Benediction at 10.30am**<br>*[Refreshments afterwards]* | *Hugh Gilmour (A)*<br>*Pat Dixon (RD)*<br>*Margaret McCabe (SI)* | Holy Mass<br>at 10am | Funeral Mass for<br>**Joyce McKechnie**<br>at 10am | Eucharistic Service<br>at 10am |
| **SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER**<br>**Christ the King A)**<br>**at 5.30pm** | *For Michael (SI)*<br>*Reggie McAtee (RD)*<br>*Stephen Munn (A)* | | Vigil Mass<br>at 4.30pm | |



## FEAST OF ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ON MONDAY

There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organisations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Peter Brawley, Neil Watson, Margaret Hanna, Rosina Cooper, Teresa Clugston, Louise Milligan.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Billy Giffney.




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

Rose Floyd 1992, Vivien Friel 2004, Canon Patrick Gunning 1987, Mary Harrigan 2016, Karen Small 2015, Margaret Tracey 2020, Hugh Welsh 1986, Peter McCann 2019, Robert McGee 1996, Margaret Ogilvie 2016, Francis Brady 1943, George Hilferty 2013, Hugh Madine 1997, Letitia Smith 2001, Setti Cavani 1997, Thomas Clarke 2024, Catherine Keogh 2016, Margaret Lee 1984, Linda Jackson 2009, Alice McGrattan 2013, Stephen Munn 2011, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Alice Tomelty 2000, Susan Hamilton 2009, Father Frank Kiernan 1989, Joseph Smith 2002, Robert Stevenson 1962, Joseph McKeraghan 2020, Matthew Ssenyondo, father of Father Charles 2015, Andrew Steven 1998.

**Christmas Carol Concert - St Bride's**
You are warmly invited to our Christmas Carol Concert this year on Thursday 17th December at 7pm in the Community Room. Everyone is very welcome.

**Annual Christmas Party - St Bride's**
Our Annual Christmas Party will take place this year on Friday 18th December, at the West Kilbride Golf Club, 6.30 pm for 7pm. Please book your tables as soon as possible. Ticket price : £23. Come along and enjoy the evening.

**🎄 HCPT Lourdes Group 376 🎄**
Join us on Sunday 6th December 2pm in St Peter in Chains Church for a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music and entertainment featuring Theresa Morrison and Paul Hume. Tickets are £8 which includes afternoon tea. The bar will be open for refreshments; there will be craft stalls and a raffle. Please contact Esther Coulter on 07772 433070 to confirm attendance. Tickets also available on the door. Everyone welcome!

**Christmas Raffle at St Peter's**
We are having a Christmas Raffle again this year to raise funds towards church maintenance, we are looking for donations please, which can be left at stall at back of church on a Saturday or Sunday, or at parish house or given to Margaret Munn We hope to have as prizes: A Christmas Basket A child's basket Various bottles of wine Various toiletries Tins of sweets and others.

**Annual Education Mass at St John's**
This year the Annual Education Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Francis, in Saint John's Parish Church, Stevenston on Wednesday, 25th November at 6.00pm. I would also be grateful if you could place this notice in your weekly bulletin.

**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!

**Monthly Draw at St Bride's**
The winner of the November monthly Draw is number 32 - Erin Orr. Congratulations and thank you for all your support.

**Collecting for the West Kilbride Larder at St Bride's**
The SSVP will be Collecting for the Larder from Sunday 8th November until Sunday 29th November. Any groceries at this point are welcome if they find they need anything specific I'll put up a list in the church porch passing on the information. Thank you!

**New Year's Eve Ceilidh at St John's**
New Year's Eve Ceilidh will be on Thursday, 31st December, 7:30pm–12:30am. Our Annual Ceilidh will be held in St John's Church hall to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal. Tickets: £15 each includes tea and coffee – (Please bring your own snacks). For tickets or more info, contact: Michael – 07813650411

**Quiz Night at St Matthew's Academy for Mzuzu**
St Matthew's Academy is beginning fundraising for the next visit from our friends in our partner school, St Peter's, Mzuzu. We will hold a quiz night in St Matthew's on Thursday 19th November. Ticket prices are £5 for adults and £3.50 for under 18s. Doors open at 6.30pm. All are welcome. To reserve tickets please contact the school on 01294 606680. A small number of tickets will be available at the door on the night.

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

**Collection for Catholic Education this Weekend**
This weekend we will take up the annual special collection for Catholic Education. Thank you.

**Emergency On-Call for Hospitals**
Father Duncan will be on the emergency on-call this coming week. Please keep all the sick in your prayers.

**DIGNITY NOT DETENTION**

**Justice & Peace Scotland St Andrew's Day Dungavel Solidarity Witness**




# JUST FOR A LAUGH...




A poor man walking through a forest feels close to God. He asks "Lord, what is a million years to you?"God replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me." The man asks, "Lord, what is a million pounds to you?" God replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me." The man then asks, "So can I have a million pounds?" And God replies, "In a second."

**→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←**
Offertory for 8th November: £526.47
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