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"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"



Argentina gave Pope Leo XIV one of the largest public receptions of his pontificate, with an estimated three million people attending the Mass he celebrated in Buenos Aires on 9th November, followed the next day by another 650,000 in the city of Córdoba. The figures, which make the two celebrations extraordinary even by the standards of major papal visits, also offered a striking picture of a country eager to welcome a Pope. Leo used the occasion to place families at the centre of the Church's mission. He described the family as the primary setting in which faith, human virtues, a sense of work, respect for the elderly, defence of life and fidelity to one's word are handed on between generations. Against those who regard the Christian family as an outdated institution, he presented it instead as a source of stability amid social uncertainty, precarious employment, domestic violence, painful separations and addictions. Following the conclusion of his apostolic journey through Argentina, the Pontiff's plane was approaching Jorge Chávez International Airport in Peru for a homecoming of sorts. Once routine aviation procedures were completed, a controller working in the airport's tower delivered a heartfelt greeting on behalf of the nation: "Holy Father, from the control tower at Jorge Chávez International Airport, Peru rises up today to welcome you and say to you with joy, as Psalm 118 says: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We are expectant for what God will do through you, for the words that may touch many hearts, and for the message that will turn our gaze back to Jesus. May your visit strengthen our faith and encourage us to live a little more like Jesus," she said. As she neared the end of her message, emotion overwhelmed her and her voice broke as she offered a deeply personal farewell to the Holy Father: "Welcome home, my Father and Pope Leo XIV! Welcome!" According to local reports, the pilot responded to the tower shortly after, confirming that the Holy Father had listened to the entire message and was deeply moved by the warm reception.

Liturgy of the Week - Thirty-Fourth Week of the Year

ST PETER IN CHAINS *Father Duncan McVicar* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS *RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention*	ST BRIDE'S *Fr Duncan McVicar* *Fr Gerry Hamill*	ST MARY'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula,* *Sister Anna*	ST JOHN'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula,* *Sister Anna*
SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER **Vigil Mass** **at 5.30pm**	*Michael (SI)* *Reggie McAtee (RD)* *Stephen Munn (A)*		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER **CHRIST THE KING (A)** **Holy Mass at 10.30am**	*For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's*	**Mass at 12.15pm** *For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's*	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER **34th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Mairi Fraser (MM)* *Bishop John Keenan (S)*		Remembrance Mass at 7pm	
TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER **St Andrew Dung Lac** **Morning Prayer at 9.40am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Jim McKendrick (RD)*	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	Prayers of Reception **James McKendrick** at 6pm
WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER **34th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Grant Mitchell (A)* *Billy Giffney (RD)*			Funeral Mass **James McKendrick** at 10am Annual Education Mass at 6pm
THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER **34th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*John Aitken Clarke (A)* *Michael, Marie, Francis, and Michael Ferguson (A)*		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER **For a Happy Death** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am** **Benediction at 10.30am** *[Refreshments afterwards]*	*Kenneth Donnelly (A)*	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER **1st Sunday of Advent (B)** **at 5.30pm**	*Patrick and Mary McQuade (A)*		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



MEMORIAL OF ST ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS ON TUESDAY

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, and received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonised during the papacy of Saint John Paul II. When we think of Vietnam, we often only think of a 20th-century war. The cross has long been a part of the lives of the people of that country. The faith rooted in Vietnam's soil proves hardier than the forces that willed to destroy it.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Rt. Rev. Peter Moran, Bishop Emeritus of Aberdeen, Rena McLaughlin



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

Karen Sharon Byrne 2003, Patrick Gerald Burns 2003, John Carry 1997, Canon George McCafferty 2000, Nora Moore 2012, Janie Matthews 2014, Elizabeth McDougall 1948, Mart Toland 2015, Father John Walsh 2009, Monsignor Frank Duffy 2000, Mary McNally 2004, Ian Mitchell 2011, John Clarke 2020, Declan Kelly 2016, Mary Higgins 1992, Jim Brodie 2011, Kenneth Donnelly 2008, Hannah Kirk 1989, John Maxwell 2002, Sarah McNamara 1980, Liz Berti 2018, Shannon Elizabeth Byrne 2000, Peggie Duffy 2022, Sarah Heaney 1955, Jemima McAuliffe 2001, Eddie McNamara 2014, Lilian Paterson 2011, Maria Reid 2013, Peggy Dorian Smith 1991, Martin Vernon 2011.

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.

Parish Bible Study - St Peter's
The next Meeting for our Parish Bible Study is Tuesday, 24th November at 7pm in the Parish House. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in.

Sacrament of Baptism
We welcome to the Family of the Church Ollie Fairlie, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.

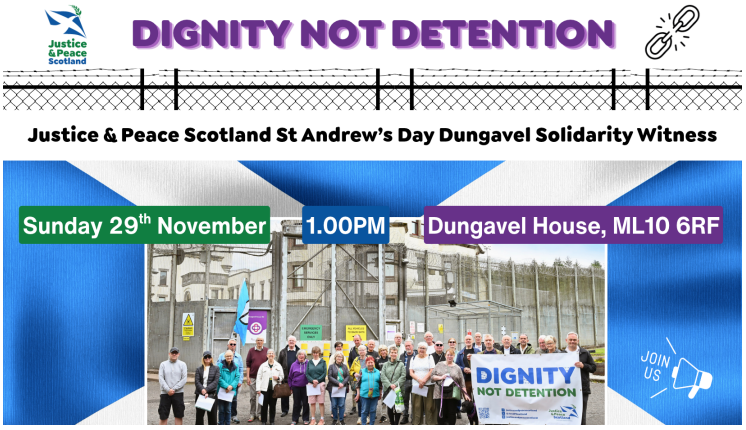
Refreshments next Sunday after Mass - St Peter's
Next weekend, St Matthew's Academy will be serving tea, coffee, and light refreshments after the 10.30am Mass. Please come along and support if you can.

Christian Christmas Cards in our Repository
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.

Three Minutes with God: Meditations on Hope
We draw strength from remembering the importance of hope in life. Hope is a virtue that is crucial for survival and that it is strengthened by faith in God. Hope is also a powerful motivator for positive change and that it can bring people together in a spirit of unity and cooperation. Will what I do during my lifetime make any difference? Maybe in the present, but what about years from now? Will the good fruit of love and justice I have borne really last? Jesus gave us the answer to that question: Yes! If our life is connected by faith, hope, and love, we will bear "fruit that will last" (John 15:16). Enjoy this reflection on hope! *Why do those people with real, genuine faith seem to be people of peace, people with peace? Because faith in God's unconditional love gives them hope. What is real hope? It's trust that God is right there, close, involved in our lives. The Bible reveals the absolute unconditional and irrevocable love God has for his children. This is shown in Christ who both died and rose again for us. St. Paul wrote: "He loved me, and gave himself for me." Through faith our hearts hold on to that truth and find great trust in God. The more I believe in his love for me, the more I enjoy God's presence. If you believe in God's unconditional, personal love for you, then you believe you can obtain everything from God. That's faith! Faith is the mother of hope, real hope, and from hope peace is born in the human soul. Prayer: Lord, strengthen my hope in you. Amen.*

Advent 2026 Reconciliation Service Dates
Our Reconciliation Services for Advent in the Three Towns are as follows: Monday, 14th December at 7pm at St Peter's; Tuesday, 15th December at 7pm at St John's; and Wednesday, 16th December at 2pm at St Mary's.



JUST FOR A LAUGH...



A Parish Priest visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

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