

St. Peter's Hamilton

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

SCIAF Sunday

Mothers Day

15th March 2026

Our Parish Mission

All are welcome in this place

Behold Love's amazing grace

All are welcome

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams

Mercy flows and love redeems

It is 6.30am, the mornings are getting brighter.

**It's a busy weekend ahead with it being SCIAF Sunday and
Mother's Day.**

**I know you will be as generous as you normally are with the
second collection for SCIAF.**

**We remember all our mothers this weekend. Those who are
still with us and those resting the arms of our loving Lord.**

We pray for all of them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who

came along to the Day of Prayer of Peace. It was well attended. A thank you to Danny who stayed with me most of the day and to Chrissy Rooney who led the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thank you to everyone I really appreciate your attendance.

Sundays Readings

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual

aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday morning from after 10am finishing with the Angelus at 12 noon. (Except the mornings of a funeral)
This is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord.

Live Stream

Hopefully the Lives Stream will be up and running again by this weekend, If not sooner

Defibrillator

A Defibrillator has arrived and will be installed in our front car park. The Scottish Ambulance service will give us training on how to use it. If you are interested contact Fr. Frank.

It will open to be used by the whole community.

Next Weeks Mass Programme

Monday 8.15am Mass

Tuesday : 8.15am & 10am Masses

Wednesday 10am & 7pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 8.15am & 10am Masses

Friday: 10am Mass & Short Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10am Mass

Sunday Masses: 4pm Vigil, 9.30am & 11am Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues-Fri 9.30am - 9.55am

Sunday Rota

This Weekend

Readers

4pm Vigil: J. McCluskey

9.30am: T. Kennedy

11am: M. McLaughlin

**We are looking for new readers for all the
Sunday Masses. If you wish to volunteer please
see Fr. Frank.**

Eucharistic Ministers:

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes, A. Conway & A. Gebbie

9.30am: C. Bonnar, M. Devanney & K. O'Neill

11am: H. Govers, M. McGuire & K. Grant

Weekday 10am Mass Readers Rota

Tuesday: P. Davies
Wednesday: B. Cornes
Thursday: P. McKeown
Friday: J. McCluskey
Saturday: A. Devlin

Please pray for the following:

Sick:

Margaret Callaghan Doreen Cleary, Neil Boyle,
John Rielly Molly Strang, James Clark,
Fr. Michael McLaughlin, Patricia Henderson,
Joanna Maier (Connecticut USA), Therese Gilgunn Tressy
Callaghan, Suzanne McMurray,
Mary Coyle, Lesley Watson (Spain) Maureen McHugh,
Margaret Burke, Marie White, Kathleen Daly,
John McGuire, Jill Brown, Karen Pritchatt,
Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Jill Brown,
Marie McGuire, James Morton, Paul Kearney,
Thomas Daly, Andrew McCluskey,
Premature Baby Vincent McDowell,
Bill Allan, Gudren Berk (Germany),
Jaqueline McReynolds, Mary Morrison, Helen Howarth
(Easterhouse), Margaret Loan, Avril McCluskey, Elizabeth
Miller, Carol Corr and all our sick.

Recently Dead: Michael Cassidy, Robert Burns, Geraldine
McAuley, Rosemary Conaghan, Moira McNutt, Kath

(Logan) Lawson,

Month Minds & Anniversaries: Jack Craig,

Francis Loan, Phyllis McKenna, Jimmy McKenna,

Ann & Hugh Rodgers, Margaret & James Lindsay,

Annmarie Egan, Christine Archibald, Frank Lyttle,

James Devlin, Jane Kennedy

Please if you could make sure all month minds and anniversaries are handed in no later than Wednesday Night. If they come in after that they will be read out at Mass on Sunday. If the recently dead come in after the Wednesday deadline they too will be read out at Mass on the Sunday.

Powerpoint Remote Control:

I am also looking for Volunteers to move the power-points on during the Sunday Masses, Vigil 4pm, 9.30am & 11am.

It is very easy to operate, if we get enough volunteers for each Mass we would put a wee rota together. It would take a wee bit of pressure off me.

The Food Bank are running short of the following items:

UHT Milk, Cereal, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Meat,

**Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Pasta Sauce, Jam, Diluting Juice, Toilet Roll, Toiletries
Easter Eggs for the children.**

Gift Aid

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid. It is a great way to help the parish financially, costing you absolutely nothing. If you wish to sign up contact myself or Doreen Lee and we will give you the form and hand it back as you can and we can get it organised. As I said it costs you nothing, but helps the parish so much.

**Baptism/Wedding Meetings: THURSDAY 6pm & 7pm. JUST
TURN UP**

The Bulletin is available by email

**I can't thank you enough for your generosity to the Parish. I really appreciate it. Please keep it up, Once again Thank
You.**

Fr. Frank

