St. Peter's Hamilton

33rd Sunday (A)

15th November 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

6.10am

A wee bit later today, I didn't want to get out my bed this morning. It is so cold. But I'm here now.

I couldn't beieve yesterday hearing about all the bomb hoaxes sent to schools here in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland and Italy. What is the world coming to to scare staff pupils and parents of our schools. It is horrendous.

But here in the parish this week we had a baptism and a wedding so there is good news in our parish.
We have seven people in our RCIA programme wanting to join our Church. This is fantastic. So we have hope.

As Catholics there is always hope through our relationship with God. The hope is that he is walking beside us. He is

there for us. That is the reality of our faith in him. This helps us to face the reality of our lives. There is always hope. Let us believe this.

Catholic Education Week 16th Nov- 30th Nov 2026
21st November
Representatives of Holy Cross High
will speak to us about Catholic Education.
And on
29th November
Representatives of St.John Olgivie High
will speak to us about Catholic Education.

Holy Cross High School
Are being inspected by HMI starting this Monday 16th November. We ask you to pray for Mr. Stephen Brogan Acting Head Teacher, the staff and pupils of the school at this very important time. Monday is the feast of St. Margaret of Scotland and we ask St. Margaret to look after the school.

The Mass in the Side Chapel during the week is going well and it will probably be held in there till Ash Wednesday 10th February 2027.
Except for Funerals and when the children come to Mass.

Our Coffee Morning is held in the Dining Room every Tuesday. Please come along to have a wee chat in pleasant

surroundings. Next one 10th November

Funeral Arrangements

Robert Gallacher

Friday 20th November Funeral Mass at 10am.

Next Weeks Mass Programme

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday : 10am Mass

Wednesday: 10am Mass

Thursday: 10am Mass

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday: 10am Mass

This Week's Rota

Readers

4pm Vigil: S. Darragh

9.30am: P. Davies

11am: P. Barton

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: A. Conway, B. Cornes & E. Gold

9.30am: K. O'Neill, T. Kennedy & C. Bonnar

11am: M.McGuire, S. Cunningham & D. Lee

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, James Clark, Fr. Michael McLaughlin, Patricia Henderson, Joanna Maier (Connecticut USA), Therese Gilgunn Tressy Callaghan, Suzanne McMurray, Marie White,Lesley Watson (Spain) John McGuire, Jill Brown, Maureen McHugh,Margaret Burke, Paul Kearney,Kathleen Daly, Karen Pritchatt, Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Marie McGuire, James Morton, Thomas Daly, Andrew McCluskey, Margaret Loan, Premature Baby Vincent McDowell, Gudren Berk (Germany), Jaqueline McReynolds, Mary Morrison, Helen Howarth (Easterhouse), Avril McCluskey, Carol Corr, Margaret Park, Thomas Kennedy, Alana Hepburn, Michael Ritchie, Hugh O'Donnell, Mary Brandon, Michelle McDade, Pope Leo, Baby Matteo, Angela Hendry, Patsy McMenemy, James McLernon (Blantyre) Joan Daly, and all our sick.

Recently Dead:

Matt Bradley, Robert Gallacher, Jean Dougan, Paul Kearney,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Jim Smith, Rosemarie Burns, Joseph Lyons,

Kay Healy, Duncan McShannon,

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.

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus

taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service

of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Every Week from now on there will be a feast day of the week in the bulletin. This weeks is:

St. Margaret of Scotland 16th November

Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others. Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070. Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters. Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches. Margaret was not

only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies. Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults. In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband. Reflection There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations 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."

November Lists

Mass will be offered each day in November for those names included on the list.

Christmas Cards etc are available from in the side Chapel at competitive prices.

Breakfast with Santa

5th December

If anyone's workplace donate gifts for kids at Christmas please keep St. Peter's Church in mind as we are organising Breakfast with Santa for over 100 children in the area free of charge and any support would be greatly appreciated.... also tombola gifts ....give Anne Frances a message or hand in to the church.

Panto 2027

January 8th 2027

Goldilocks

Price £36 including Bus

Sign up Sheet in Porch

Scan the QR code on the notice board in the Church

Click on the following link as well.

St Peters Panto Trip Jan 2027 – Fill in form

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.

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