

St. Peter's Hamilton

The Assumption

16th August 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's 5.54am.

The first e-mail for a wee while. I had a good rest while I was on holiday. However, it's good to be back I am a home bird. And I consider St. Peter's to be my home. And that is because of all of you.

The schools start back today and we pray for all the pupils and staff of our schools, St. Peter's, St. Mark's, St. John Olgivie and Holy Cross High.

Dates for your Diary

4th October Blessing of Pets (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)
after the 11am Mass

24th October Mass of the Sick 10am Mass

7th November Annual Mass for the Dead 10am Mass

800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis:
More details to follow how we are going to celebrate this to follow next week.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:10-12,16

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body

and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open

and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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: Betty Cornes

9.30am: T. Kennedy

11am: P. McKeown

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: M. Halbert, M. Kilpatrick & E. Gold

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

11am: D. Lee, 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,
Carol Corr, Thomas Kennedy, David Borland,
Margaret Park, Alana Hepburn, Michael Ritchie, and all our
sick.

Recently Dead:

Marion Blair, Michael Watson, Donnie Adams (Wishaw), Anne
Goddard Wilson, Betty Cassidy (Bellshill), Kathleen Glancey
(Bellshill),

Charlie Gordon, Kathleen Glancey (Mossend),
Elizabeth Anne McPhelamin (Nee Grady),
Paul O'Donnelly, David Bradley,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Tracey Archibald, Christine Archibald, Frank Lyttle, Robert
Daley Snr, Paul O'Neill, Paul Gerard McGilvary, Arthur
Hughes, Cathy Tedeschi, Mamie Brown,
Dennis Brown Snr, Dennis Brown Jnr, Billy McCaig, Tommy
Lavery, Cathie Lavery, Hugh McLyndon,
Agnes Lyons, Anne Flanagan, Delfina Quintiliani,
Ann & Hugh Rodgers, Margaret & James Lindsay,
Pat Dougan.

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.

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

