

St. Peter's Hamilton

Fourth Sunday (A)

1st February 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

All are welcome! All belong!

6.32am

It's Thursday Morning again, we are nearly at the end of January. Where has the time gone?

I go on holiday tomorrow Friday after the Funeral Mass for Frances Drummond.

I am going to a place called Alnwick, I am really looking forward to it. Fr. Davy Brown will be looking after you. He loves coming to St. Peter's and that is because of you. So, Thank You.

This Weeks readings

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-10

The Lord is faithful forever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint

for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Mass Programme

Monday No Mass

Tuesday : 10am Mass

Wednesday 10am Mass

Thursday 10am Mass

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday 10am Mass

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 9.55am

Sunday Rota
This Weekend

Readers

4pm Vigil: J. Logan

9.30am: T. Kennedy

11am: P. Barton

Eucharistic Ministers:

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes, J. McCluskey & A. Conway

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

11am: S. Cunningham, T. McKenzie & S. Russell

Sunday 8th February

Readers

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes

9.30am: P. Davies

11am: L. McIntosh

Eucharistic Ministers:

4pm Vigil: S. Boyle, M. Halbert & A. Gebbie

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

11am: H. Govers, K. Flynn & 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, Michael Ritchie, 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) Eugene McVey and all our sick.

Recently Dead: Frances Drummond, Mary McCrudden, Mary Mearns, Grace Hogg (Wishaw), Baby Lila Rose Kasap (2 months) Anne Marie Watson, Jean Murdoch,

Month Minds & Anniversaries: John Corns, Margaret

McCluskey, Helen Connolly,
Catherine, Patrick & James O'Donnell, Mary Lyons,
Margaret Mine, Marie McLaughlin, Jean & Mary Kane,
Mary, Pat & Margaret Cox, Edward & Margaret Rodden

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.

Funeral Arrangement

Frances Drummond

Friday 30th January 10am Funeral Mass

Mary McCrudden

Monday 9th February 6pm Reception

Tuesday 10th February 10am Funeral Mass

Dates For your Diary

Mass of the Sick

Saturday 14th February 10am Mass

Ash Wednesday

18th February:

Masses 7am, 10am & 6pm

Sacramental Meetings

Tuesday 24th February

St. Peter's & St. Mark's
6pm First Confession
6.30pm First Communion
7pm Confirmation
Meetings will take place in the Church

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

