

St. Peter's Hamilton

25th Sunday (A)

20th September 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

5.46am

Another Thursday again, sitting in my office, thinking about
how lucky I am to be here in St. Peter's.

I look at how generous you are, with the food bank, any
special collection we have. How welcoming you are to
everyone who comes to Mass.

I share in your happy occasions, Baptisms, First Confessions,
First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings etc.

Then in the sad times, journeying with people who are sick
and those who have lost a loved one.

It's an honour and privilege to journey with you through all
these times.

More importantly, you are my family and I am so lucky to be
here among you. So thank you for everything and for being
you. Remember you are loved by God. And I thank God for

you every day.

A New Holy Water Font:

has been donated to the parish by a parishioner, to be placed at the emergency exit going into the back car park.

The plaque underneath will read:

In Loving Memory
Of all babies,
Miscarried, stillborn
or taken too soon.

The font will be put up today the plaque will be put up at a later date.

I want to say thank you to the parishioners who donated it.

Wrap Up Lanarkshire Appeal

Donated your spare winter coats or anoraks to The Rotary Club of Hamilton, helping us to support many local charities and community organisations which care for people who are homeless, escaping domestic violence, living in poverty, refugees.

No money donations thanks, just drop off your coat(s) in the box whilst at Church

Donate a coat during the month of October & sincere thanks

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him.

Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms

that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Funeral Arrangements

Rosemarie Burns

Weds 30th September Reception 6pm

Thurs 1st October Funeral Mass 10am

800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis:

From Friday 25th September to Sunday 4th October. St. Francis' Peace Prayer will be said at the end of every Mass.

Monday 28th September

A Parish Mass for St. Peter's in St. John Olgivie Church 7pm.
Veneration of Relic of St. Francis' at the End of the Mass.

I will celebrate the Mass.

Bus will be available to take you to St. John Olgivie's if you do not have transport.

List at back of the Church.

Sunday 4th October

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of Pets

After 11am Mass

Thursday 24th September Morning Mass will be at 9.30am. I have a medical appointment at 10.30am

Coffee Morning Every Tuesday starting from 29th September in the Side Chapel after the 10am Mass. Looking for volunteers to help with this. It is a great way of getting together.

Dates for your Diary

24th October Mass of the Sick 10am Mass

7th November Annual Mass for the Dead 10am Mass

Next Weeks Mass Programme

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday : 10am Mass
Wednesday: 10am Mass
Thursday: 9.30am Mass
Friday: 10am Mass
Saturday: 10am Mass

This Week's Rota
Readers

4pm Vigil: J. Logan
9.30am: P. Davies
11am: D. Lee

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: A. Gebbie, A. Conway
& S. Boyle
9.30am: K. O'Neill, T. Kennedy
& C. Bonnar
11am: Marie McGuire, H. Govers
& S. Cunningham

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, Marie
White, Lesley Watson (Spain) John McGuire,
Maureen McHugh, Margaret Burke, Kathleen Daly, Jill Brown,
Karen Pritchatt, Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Marie
McGuire, James Morton, Paul Kearney, Thomas Daly,
Andrew McCluskey, Premature Baby Vincent McDowell,
Gudren Berk (Germany), Jaqueline McReynolds,
Mary Morrison, Helen Howarth (Easterhouse), Margaret
Loan, Avril McCluskey, Carol Corr, Thomas Kennedy,
Margaret Park, Alana Hepburn, Michael Ritchie,
Hugh O'Donnell, and all our sick.

Recently Dead:

Rosemarie Burns, Thomas McNutt,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Betty King, Ann
Durnian, Elizabeth & Stuart Johnston, Aldo Valente,
Maureen Sheridan, James Whyte,
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

