

St. Peter's Hamilton

21st Sunday (A)

23rd 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 5.22am

It is so dark outside. I think Summer is coming to an end. We are moving into the the start of Autumn. Isn't that the circle of life.

Over the last week I have organised 5 baptisms, children of different ages. The Children are back at school. Young adults are going to university or out into the work place. Couples are getting married, there are married couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries, And sadly we are losing loved ones to go to heaven. The circle of life.

It doesn't matter what stage of life we are at, the one foundation we have is that God loves us and walks with us every step of the way. Isn't that a great gift that we have. God loves us uncondtionally.

Dates for your Diary

2nd September RCIA begins Chapel House at 7pm

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:

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

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader. In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is

credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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: John Logan

9.30am: P. Davies

11am: P. Barton

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: S. Boyle, A. Conway & A. Gebbie

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

11am: H. Govers, S. Russell & T. McKenzie

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:

Kirsty Houghton (Rugby), Janet Flynn, Ruth Leabody,
Patricia McKale, Gerry McDonald, Patricia Murphy,
Mary Lambrou, John Rafferty

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Anne Stanley Smith, Charles O'Donnell,
Elizabeth O'Donnell, Emma Ramsay,
Catherine Rundell, Tracey Archibald, Jean O'Donnell

Funeral Arrangements

Patricia Murphy

Monday 24th August Reception 6pm

Tuesday 25th August Funeral Mass 10am

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

