

St. Peter's Hamilton
30th Sunday (A)
25th October 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 5.37am on a dark Thursday Morning.

There was great news last night Pope Leo doesn't need anymore cancer treatment. Thank God! Closer to home Baby Matteo a 4 month old parishioner who went through open heart surgery on Friday. Matteo got home on Tuesday. Thank God! What this shows me the power of prayer. So never give up when you think that things look bleak. Prayer can change this. Sr. Briege McKenna said "Miracles can happen!"

Mass of the Sick takes place this Saturday. It is a great opportunity to receive healing from the Sacrament of the Sick. If you know anyone you thinks would benefit from it, ask them to come along. The power of prayer!

Peace in our World: Please continue to pray for pace in our world. Our world needs to be healed of all violence and

wars. The power of Prayer!

The Mission Collection last weekend raised £1737. Once again thank you for your generosity.

Funeral Arrangements

Terence Cassidy

Friday 30th October 10am Mass

Next Weeks Mass Programme

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday : 10am Mass

Wednesday: 10am Mass

Thursday: 10am Mass

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday: 10am Mass

Week Day Mass will be held in the side Chapel, Except for Funerals and when the children come to Mass.

This Week's Rota

Readers

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes

9.30am: T. Kennedy

11am: P. Barton

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: M. Kilpatrick, M. Halbert & A. Gebbie

9.30am: K. O'Neill, R. Gemmill & C. Bonnar

11am: H. Govers, T. McKenzie & 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, 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, 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 and all our sick.

Recently Dead:

Mari Barclay, Marie Moulds, Garry McMorran,
Pauline DeCarlo, Frances Docherty, Paul Nicoll.
Bernadette Breslin,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Jimmy Connor, David Cunningham, Peter, Jean & Agnes
Ross, Rita Tierney, Edna Mason, Isabel Murdoch, Alex &
Sadie Foy, Tracey Archibald,
Brian McNutt Kielty, Jane Hailstones, Kate Burns, Betty
King, Jean O'Donnell, Catherine Hamilton, Catherine
Donnachie, Theresa Lewando,
Catherine Heard, Thomas Daly Snr, Betty Holton,
George & Jean Steven

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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to
the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4,47,51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred.

Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

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

Sts Simon & Jude 28th October
Saints Simon and Jude's Story

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called

“the Zealot.” The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and “collaborating” Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Reflection As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder,” and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Saint Jude is the Patron Saint of: Desperate Situations

Coffee Morning Every Tuesday.

Next one 27th October

Dates for your Diary

7th November Annual Mass for the Dead 10am Mass

November Lists

Will be available in the porch from this weekend.

Mass will be offered each day in November for those names included on the list. You may include an offering alongside the list in your envelope.

And from Tuesday there will be a box in the porch to return them.

Christmas Cards etc will be available from next week 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](#)

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

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

