

# St. Peter's Hamilton

## Easter Sunday (A)

5th April 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 5.57am

Sitting down to finish the bulletin  
We are entering the most important days in the life of the  
Church.

Holy Saturday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter  
Sunday.

You are very welcome to journey with us.  
We walk with the Lord through his death and resurrection.  
He did this because he loved us.

God the Father sent his Son to redeem and save us.  
I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy  
Easter. I ask the Risen Lord to continue to bless you and  
your families. And that the Risen Lord will bless our Parish  
that we can continue to be a welcoming community.

Bishop Toal has sent his Easter Message it will be available after all the Masses this weekend

### This Week's Readings

#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43*

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

#### Second Reading

*Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

#### Gospel Reading

*John 20:1-9*

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was

first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the

empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Next Weeks Mass Programme

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday : No\_Mass

Wednesday: 10am Mass

Thursday: 10am Mass

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday: 10am Mass

### Holy Thursday (Today):

10am Morning Prayer

11am Chrism Mass Motherwell Cathedral

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.30pm Night Prayer

### Good Friday (Tomorrow):

10am: Morning Prayer

12noon: Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion &  
Veneration of the Cross

3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6pm:Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion &  
Veneration of the Cross

### Holy Saturday:

10am: Morning Prayer

8pm: The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday:**

**9.30am & 11am Masses**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Weds-Thurs 9.30am - 9.55am**

**This Week's Rota**

**Readers**

**Holy Thursday 7pm:**

**Patrick Barton**

**Good Friday**

**3pm: T. Kennedy & A. Devlin (Passion)**

**Holy Saturday 8pm**

**T. Kennedy & P. Barton**

**Easter Sunday**

**9.30am: P. Davies**

**11am: D. Lee**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Holy Thursday 7pm**

**K. Flynn, M. Halbert & Laura De Marco**

**Good Friday**

**12noon: A. Conway, M. McGuire & 2 others**

**3pm: C. Bonnar, S. Boyle, M. Kilpatrick , D. Lee  
& E. Gold**

**6pm: A. Gebbie & C. Rooney**

**Holy Saturday 8pm**

**S. Boyle, M. Halbert & H. Govers**

**Easter Sunday**

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

**11am: K. Grant, S. Cunningham & M. McGuire**

**This Weekday 10am Mass Readers Rota**

**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, Elizabeth  
Miller, Carol Corr, Peter McGilvary,**

Robert Smith and all our sick.

Recently Dead: Helen Hilson, Andrew Ballantyne, Bridget Boyle, Carol Fallon, Jacqueline Mitchell, Hilda Byrne (Ireland).

Month Minds & Anniversaries: Helen Findlater,

Marie Hart, Joyce Smith,

Easter Remembrance: Kathleen & Hugh McRoberts

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 Arrangements:

Helen Hilson

Thursday 9th April Reception 6pm

Friday 10th April Funeral Mass 10am

Andrew Ballantyne

No arrangements as yet

Defibrillator

A Defibrillator has arrived and will be installed in our front car park. The Scottish Ambulance Service Training will take place on Tuesday 5th May 2026 from 6pm-8pm. If you are interesting in the training contact Fr. Frank asap.

It will open to be used by the whole community.

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.

**Bongo Bingo**

**Friday 24th April 2026**

**Price of Tickets £15**

**In aid of The John Fallon Fund for building a school in South Sudan.**

**This is a great charity to support. It will help so many children to get an education.**

**The school will be called "The 12th Lion."**

**See Anne Frances**

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**



