

**St. Peter's Hamilton
27th Sunday (A)
4th 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 5.43am

I was very happy with the number of people that came along to St. John Olgivie's Church on Monday night for Mass and the veneration of the relic of St. Francis. It was a great way to start the week leading up to the 800th Anniversary of his death this Sunday.

Don't forget on Sunday after the 11am Mass we have the blessing of Pets. St. Francis loved creation and the animals were attracted to him. So please bring along your pets to be blessed.

The coffee morning started this week. Thank you to everybody who came in and joined us. Every Tuesday Morning after Mass.

The Children of St. Mark's are coming along to Mass tomorrow and I'm going to St. Peter's for Mass at 11.15am. We pray for our children as they continue their academic year.

Today starts the Month of October, which is dedicated to Our Lady and we ask our Mother to look after us.

Week Day Mass from 7th October will be held in the side Chapel, Except for Funerals and when the children come to Mass.

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 5:1-7

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to

tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of

God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we

attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Every Week from now on there will be a feast day of the week in the bulletin. The first one is:

Our Lady of the Rosary 7th October

The Story of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to [praying the rosary](#). Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the

development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic.

One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

Reflection

The purpose of [the rosary](#) is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Our Fathers” remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and

Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

Funeral Arrangements

David Cunningham

Tues 6th October Funeral Mass 10am

800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis:

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

Sunday 4th October

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of Pets

After 11am Mass

Coffee Morning Every Tuesday starting from 29th September in the Chapel House dining room 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: 10am Mass

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday: 10am Mass

This Week's Rota

Readers

4pm Vigil: J. Logan

9.30am: P. Davies

11am: P. McKeown

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes, A. Gebbie & A. Conway

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

11am: K. Flynn, A. Leabody, & M. McGuire

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, May Brandon, and all our
sick.

Recently Dead:

David Cunningham, Vera McKale, Colin John
Lehan, Diane Gray, James McAnaw, Marie
Lavety,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

John Corns, Margaret Barton, Cathie McFadden, David Cunningham (Anniversary 8th October), Jimmy Hughes, Betty Hughes, Anne Cunningham, The Hughes, McGinn, Cunningham & Daly Families,

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**

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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