

St. Peter's Hamilton

23rd Sunday (A)

6th 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

5.43am.

It's sooooo dark this morning, I can't believe it.
Tomorrow is First Friday, there has been a wee change of plan. St. Peter's will not be coming to Mass tomorrow but next Friday 11th September. I will say Mass in St. Mark's tomorrow at 11.15am.

RCIA began last night with four people beginning the course. it went well, please keep them in your prayers.

The word hope has been in my thoughts recently, I don't know why. It has made me think, throughout my life in my darkest moments, deep down there must have been hope to get me through them.

I believe that hope comes from belief in God. God is always with us in our good times and bad times. If we believe this then there will be hope.

So let us always turn to God knowing that he is there and

loves us.
This is where hope comes from.

Aid to the Church in Need

A representative from them will be here this weekend. The second collection will be taken up for them.

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.

Dates for your Diary

24th October Mass of the Sick 10am Mass

7th November Annual Mass for the Dead 10am Mass

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly.

The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present

with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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. Barton

Eucharistic Ministers

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

9.30am: K. O'Neill, T. Kennedy & R. Gemmill

11am: H. Govers, K. Grant & 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,
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,
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:

Leonard McKague, Andrew Henderson,

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

James O'Donnell Sylvia & William Mitchell,

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

