# St. Peter's Hamilton

## 32nd Sunday (A)

## 8th November 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 is 5.34am. I'm in my office, just put my heating on. It is getting so cold.**

**Halloween was celebrated last Saturday it was great to see some of our children came to Mass dressed up. I must be getting old, I didn't know who they were dressed as.**

**I love to see so many children and young families at Mass every weekend. it is great for the parish. We need to encourage them. It doesn't bother me that they make some noise. They are the Church of the future. We need to support them and their parents in bringing them. Keep on coming. I love it.**

**Thinking about the fireworks that are going to go off**

**tonight. I feel so sorry for all the wee dogs. It must be terrifying.**

**The children from St. Peter's are coming tomorrow for the First Friday Mass. Then I will go up to St. Mark's for their Mass.**

**This Saturday the 7th November is our Annual Mass for the Dead. Invitations have been sent out to the families of those who lost a loved one in the last year. However, the Mass is open to anyone who wants to come and pray for their loved and to remember them by lighting a candle for them.**

**The Mass in the Side Chapel during the week is going well and it will probably be held in there till Ash Wednesday 10th February 2027.**
**Except for Funerals and when the children come to Mass.**

**Our Coffee Morning is held in the Dining Room every Tuesday. Please come along to have a wee chat in pleasant surroundings.**

**Funeral Arrangements**
**Robert Gallacher**
**No arrangements as yet.**

**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: L. Darragh
9.30am: T. Kennedy
11am: P. McKeown

### Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil:M. Kilpatrick, A. Gebbie & M. Halbert
9.30am: K. O'Neill, R. Gemmill & M. Devanney
11am: M. McGuire, K. Flynn & S. Russell

### 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, 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,
Patsy McMenemy, James McLernon (Blantyre) and all our sick.**

## Recently Dead:

**Robert Gallacher, Theresa Cahill, Jean Dougan,
Tom "Tosh" Gaffney**

## Month Minds & Anniversaries:

**John Corns, John Drummond, Matthew Fox,
Johnny Lyons, John Jamieson, Kenny Lee,
Jon Smith, Ada Quinn**

**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

***Wisdom 6:12-16***

**Wisdom will come to those who seek it.**

### Responsorial Psalm

***Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8***

**Our souls are thirsting for God.**

### Second Reading

***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

**(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)**

**God will raise all those who have died.**

### Gospel Reading

***Matthew 25:1-13***

**Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.**

### Background on the Gospel Reading

**In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family**

**members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.**

**As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.**

**In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?**

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

**St. Martin of Tours 11th November**

**Saint Martin of Tours' Story**

**A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptised when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, Martin of Tours refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified**

**enough for the office. Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."Reflection Martin's worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for "not to decide is to decide." Let us pray that we are able to journey this life of ours with the same passion and zeal as Martin of Tours. And let us hope that our efforts, however brave or futile, can convert hearts to God's overflowing grace. Saint Martin: Pray for us!**

**Saint Martin of Tours is a Patron Saint of:**

**Horses, Soldiers & South Africa**

**Coffee Morning Every Tuesday.**
**Next one 10th November**

**November Lists**

**Mass will be offered each day in November for those names included on the list.**

**Christmas Cards etc are available from 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**

**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**