

St. Peter's Hamilton
28th Sunday (A)
11th 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 5.40am

It was great to see on Sunday about 20 dogs coming to get blessed. This brought an end to our celebrations of the anniversary of the death of St. Francis. The blessing of the pets will take place every year around the feast of St. Francis.

I have or will be blessing our Primary Ones, this is a lovely wee service. Please keep them all in our prayers.

We have two important Masses coming up, the Mass of the Sick and the Mass of the Dead. The invitations to the families of those who had died in the last year will be sent out in the coming days. Please come along to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The Month of October, is dedicated to Our Lady and we ask our Mother to look after us. We are looking for donations of flowers for Our Lady's Altar.

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 from 7th October 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: L. McIntosh

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: S. Boyle, M. Kilpatrick & M. Halbert

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

11am: K. Flynn, S. Russell & K. Grant

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, Michelle
McDade and all our sick.

Recently Dead:

David Cunningham, Sarah Dunnron,
Daniel Coltrain (21yo)

Month Minds & Anniversaries:

Liz Hannaway (Blantyre), Tomosz Klary, Rose
Logan, Elizabeth Holton, Christie Archibald,

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

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as

a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who

refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to

accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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

St. Teresa of Avila 15th October

Saint Teresa of Avila lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. As a woman, Saint Teresa of Avila stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally

human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God. Teresa was a woman “for others.” Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In herself, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to

reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured. Reflection : Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate. **Saint Teresa of Avila is the Patron Saint of:**
Relief from headaches

Coffee Morning Every Tuesday.
Next one 13th October

Dates for your Diary

24th October Mass of the Sick 10am Mass

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

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 and selectoon boxesgive 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