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Twenty-First Sunday of the Year [A]

27th August 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Church on a Hill-Top

Today I want to tell you the story of a church that was built way in the highest mountains of Switzerland. It was a beautiful church that had been built with great care by the villagers who lived nearby. But there was one thing that the church didn't have. Can you think of what that might have been? It didn't have any lights. You couldn't just go into the church and switch on the lights like we do here. Yet every Sunday evening the people who lived on the mountain-side opposite the tiny church saw something magic happen. The church bell would ring and worshippers would wend their way up the mountainside towards the church. They would enter the church and then all of a sudden the church would light up brightly. What do you think happened? Yes - you see the people had to bring light with them - so they brought lanterns. When they arrived at church they would light their lanterns and hang them around the church on pegs set in the walls, so the light would spread all around. If only a few people came to church the light would be very dim because there would only be a few lanterns. But when lots of people came to church there would be plenty of light. After the service the villagers would take their lanterns home. At this time, to those who watched from a distance, it was as if a stream of light poured out of the church and over the mountainside. For many it was a sign that all was well.

God's light was with them and in them. The only time the little church lit up was when people were there. That's when it truly became a church. That's when the light shone most brightly.



Re-Introduction of Chalice Communion next Weekend

Next weekend we return the practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Communion time at St Peter's and St Bride's. As we celebrate the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the Church, we recall "from the first days of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion consisted of the Lord's command to 'take and eat... and take and drink'"). Reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice is available to those who desire to receive in this way. Please remember that the reception of the Precious Blood of the Lord remains an option. The act of receiving Holy Communion is an act of faith. The person makes this act of faith in the total presence of the Lord whether in receiving Holy Communion under one form or under both kinds. (#14-15 Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds).

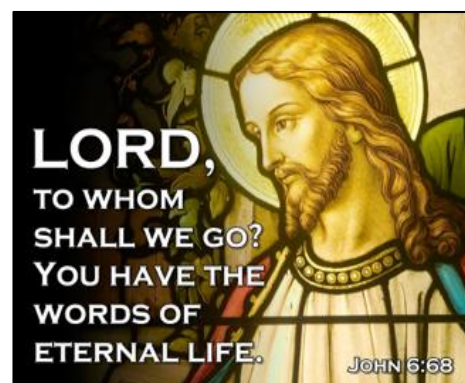


21st Week of the Year 2023 [A]

| St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change. | | <i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i> | www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> | |
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| | | St Bride's | St. John's | St. Mary's |
| Saturday 26 th August | 21st Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Bridie Maher (A), Taylor & McCann Families (A)</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 27 th August | 21st Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i> | Mass at 12.15pm | Mass at 11.30am | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Monday 28 th August | Memorial of St Augustine Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gilbert Templeton (RD), Tony Fraser (A), Ian Howie (3MM)</i> | | | |
| Tuesday 29 th August | Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Eddie Ford (RD), Mrs Anne Ward (BR)</i> | Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter Grant (RD)</i> | | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Wednesday 30 th August | 21st Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ian Monan (MM), James McGrattan (A)</i> | | Mass at 10am (L) | |
| Thursday 31 st August | 21st Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ronnie Cairns (A), Mary Gibson (RD)</i> | | | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Friday 1 st September | 21st Week of the Year (World Day of Prayer for Creation) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret (T), Janice Sullivan (S)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am | Mass at 10am | Mass at 10am (L) | |
| Saturday 2 nd September | 22nd Sunday of the Year (Beginning of Vocations Awareness Week) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Gordon Stirling (RD), Kenneth (Kenny) Brawley (RD)</i> | | | Nuptial Mass at 1pm Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK NEXT SUNDAY

"On this rock I will build my Church" The Church still needs men and women of faith and courage to lead it and to serve it, in priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. The Awareness Week has been held each year in September, as a way of inviting the whole Catholic community in Scotland to pray for and think about the importance of vocations to priesthood and religious life, and to encourage those considering a vocation to serve in the Church to come forward to reflect more intently on it. To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life



but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. Are you thinking about becoming a priest?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Irene Coby, Harry Sammons.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Mary Gibson, Kenneth Brawley, Peter Grant, Gilbert Templeton, Eddie Ford, Gordon Stirling.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987, Michael Pollock 2008, Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969, John Kelly 2004, Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006, Canon Eugene Dowd 2012, John Stewart, Sister Mary Peter 1999, James McGrattan 1982, Jim Duffy 2013, Sandra Rocks 2019, James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008, John Dundas 2014, Bert Kelly 2017, Grant Middlemiss 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985, Helen Mulhearn.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We welcome the Children's Liturgy group restarting today after their summer break. If you attend Sunday Mass and would like to join our team of volunteers you would be very welcome. Please speak to Father Duncan or call the parish office.

► **ST BRIDE'S 50-50 MONTHLY DRAW** So far 41 parishioners have signed up, this is a prize of £20.50. Remember you can buy more than 1 ticket and even buy for your family who have happy memories of attending St Brides in their young days. A thank you to those who said give the change to SSVP. £14 has been handed to SSVP. Kate Kelley

► **KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting back at 1pm on Wed. 6th Sept. in St Peter's Centre Snug. Looking forward to seeing our old members and perhaps some new members at the start of another fruitful and fun year.

► **THANK YOU** Kathleen Quinn would like to thank everyone who attended or supported the Fundraiser for Dementia Research on Sunday 20th August 2023. A fantastic £1,144 was raised!

FILM NIGHT IN ST PETER'S

You are invited to a screening of the film
'The Letter'

Venue: **St Peter's Parish Centre**

Date: **Tuesday 5th September 2023**

Time: **7pm**

'The letter' introduces us to people from different parts of the world who came together in Rome to meet Pope Francis, and discuss how climate change is affecting their communities. They do so at the invitation of the Pope and in response to his encyclical, of 2015, Laudato Si. The theme of the encyclical and the film is 'care for our common home.' It calls on all peoples of the world to take action to care for our environment. What actions, large or small, can we take here in Ardrossan to 'care for our common home?' Tea, biscuits and time for discussion included.



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20th August 2023: £546.20

Second Collection (Building Fund): £255.94

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20th August 2023: £96.00

ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND

Cash Donations £649, Just Giving £200, Total £849

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

POPE FRANCIS URGES EUROPE TO RECOVER ITS 'YOUTHFUL HEART'

Pope Francis urged Portuguese officials to return to their maritime roots by setting sail toward new horizons of hope and helping build a Europe "capable of recovering its youthful heart." The Pope posed a question to Europe: "Where are you sailing, if you are not showing the world paths of peace, creative ways for bringing an end to the war in Ukraine and to the many other conflicts causing so much bloodshed?" He repeated his question to the West in general, "On what course are you sailing?" he asked, noting its "highly sophisticated weapons, which do not represent investments for the future but a depletion of its authentic human capital: that of education, health, the welfare state." Speaking off-the-cuff, the pope said an economist recently told him that the "best" investment one can make is in arms manufacturing. "There is more investment in arms than in the future of children," he said. "Where are you sailing, Europe and the West, with the discarding of the elderly, walls of barbed wire, massive numbers of deaths at sea and empty cradles?" he asked. He also criticised the "hasty but mistaken remedies" to life's problems offered by Western societies, "like easy access to death, a convenient answer that seems sweet but is in fact more bitter than the waters of the sea." The pope lamented the developed world's "creeping utilitarianism" which abandons the unborn and elderly, recalling "the great challenge of welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating those who come from afar and knock on our doors, and the isolation felt by so many families that find it hard to bring children into the world and raise them." "Lisbon," however, "gives us a reason to hope," the pope said.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 23 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least two times a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 20th September at 7.15 pm. When a new bishop is appointed to Galloway Diocese it will be the task of the choir to support the singing at the bishop's ordination Mass. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact:

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JUST FOR A LAUGH... A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure.' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks. Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'

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