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*Meeting people where they are... leading them where God calls them to be!*



Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year [A]

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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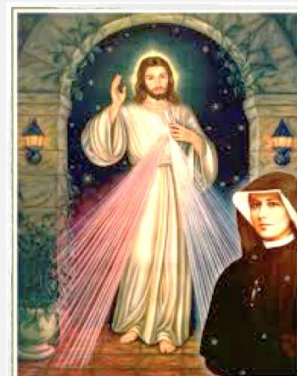


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### *Mustard Seeds*

#### ✠ Jesus at our Side

This burning desire of our Lord to walk by our sides, to be involved in our lives, is something that is reflected especially well in the lives of the saints. St Faustina Kowalska, for example, received a series of private revelations from our Lord, who constantly spoke to her of his eager desire to shower mercy on the lives of sinners. St Faustina lived in Poland between World War I and World War II. After joining a convent, she began to experience these private revelations, which gave rise to devotion to the Divine Mercy. Now, less than a hundred years later, the entire Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter Season. And the whole world is also familiar with the image that Our Lord asked St Faustina to have made. The Divine Mercy image shows Jesus dressed in a white robe, stepping forward, with rays of white and red light shining brightly out of his heart. That image is a symbol of God's desire to fill our lives with his grace and love, with his mercy. It's a desire that is based solely on his goodness, on his unconditional dedication to our happiness. That's what "mercy" means. It means that God wants to take our misery (our weakness, neediness, and sinfulness) and absorb it into his own heart, where he can heal it. Many times our Lord explained this to St Faustina, and she wrote down his words in her diary. "My soul was flooded with joy beyond understanding, and the Lord gave me to experience the whole ocean and abyss of His fathomless mercy. Oh, if only souls would want to understand how much God loves them! All comparisons, even if they were the tenderest and the most vehement, are but a mere shadow when set against the reality. When I was united to the Lord, I came to know how many souls are glorifying God's mercy. When I went for adoration, I heard these words [from Jesus]: My beloved daughter, write down these words... Tell the world about My mercy and My love. The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!" That's the kind of Lord we have come to worship today: a God who longs to stay at our side.



# 27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Lindsay Brown (A) Micheline McCluskey (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am in Church Hall	Mass at 10am (L) Prayers of Reception at 6pm <b>Peter Higgins</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for John &amp; Josie McPherson (SI), Joe McIver (BR)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Peter Higgins</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Maria Hilferty (SI), Jeanette Murray (SI)</i>	Prayer of the Rosary at 9.40am Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St John XXIII</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Michael &amp; Margaret Monaghan (SI), Jean &amp; Family</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jim McMenemy (S), Betty Craig (S)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Ann McEwan (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 12.30pm <b>Margaret McDermott</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for James McGraw (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Betty Craig, Jim McMenemy.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently

*Maretta Main, Micheline McCluskey (Greenock),  
James McGraw (Perth)*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year

*Ann Breen 2017, Alie Khan 1970, Peter Martean 1969,  
Catherine McHugh 1977, Catherine Nicol 1993,  
Joe Brady senior 1963, Vincenzo Carrino 1980,  
Alex Jamieson 2006, Bill Henderson, Mary Colvin 2000,  
Jane Coulter 1998, Dan Donnelly 1941,  
Chrissie Ferguson 2006, Joseph Harvey 1998, Harry Kemp 1972,  
Shannon McTaggart 1996, Maureen Haddington 2002,  
Vincenzo Marchetti 1968, Mary McCarroll 1913,  
Ann McEwan 2020, Ena Millar 1987, Mary Paton 2019,  
John Petrie 1966, Bruce Gallacher 1995, Robert Ireland 2008.*

## ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 1<sup>st</sup> October: £476.21  
 Second Collection (Building Fund): £262.04  
 Standing Orders for September 2023: £3862.00

## ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 1<sup>st</sup> October: £96.00  
 Standing Orders for September 2023: £1065.00

### STANDING ORDERS –

### PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office.  
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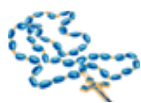
## SYNOD NEWS

Cardinal Grech, General Secretary of the Synod, insists that there can be no authentic Synod without prayer. The Synod is not a Parliament but a spiritual experience where the Will of God is sought. "For the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope."



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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Luke Oliver Razimbaud, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to the parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **WEDDING AT ST BRIDE'S** We are delighted to announce the wedding of Aimee Slater and Alexander Considine at St Bride's on Friday, 13th October at 1pm. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".
- ▶ **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023-2024** There will be a Meeting of all the parents who are bringing their children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Wednesday, 11th October at 3pm in St Peter's Primary School. The Meeting is for parents of the P3 and P4 Classes.
- ▶ **ARDROSSAN CEMETERY MASS** Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5th November at 2pm. We will offer the Mass for all our deceased loved ones, friends, and neighbours. Praying for the dead can invoke a great sense of solidarity with those who have died before us. As we're praying for them, we're kind of saying to ourselves, 'Well, I hope somebody will pray for me. Christ is our Saviour. Christ is the one who frees us from our sins. But since the Church is the Body of Christ, the Church also cooperates in that process. And that's why the prayer of Christians for the dead is so, so valuable and so important. Please come along if you can.
- ▶ **SOUP SUNDAY AT ST BRIDE'S** Soup Sunday will be on 22 October after Mass. Please bring family and friends to enjoy a bowl of soup and refreshments after Mass. All donations received will be sent to feed hungry people in so many parts of the world including the UK.
- ▶ **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY - ST PETER'S** There have been some initiatives to restart refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Peter's. Marade Griffin is getting some team together. If you would like to go on a rota and join a team, please get in touch with Marade or the Parish Office.
- ▶ **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST PETER'S** Please put in your Diary two important dates towards the end of the year: Remembrance Sunday on 12th November with an ecumenical service at the EU Church in Glasgow Street at 1pm, followed by closing prayers in the Garden of Remembrance. The Ardrossan Churches are also trying to restart the Christmas Carol Concert after COVID on Thursday 7th December 7pm in the EU Church in Glasgow Street.
- ▶ **MORNING PRAYER FOR ADVENT** The most important prayer of the Church is the Holy Mass. The second most important is the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary. We would like to reintroduce this beautiful prayer on the Tuesdays of Advent and Christmastime this year. Before the start of Mass at **9.30am in St Peter's** and **9.40am in St Bride's**.
- ▶ **"WHEN YOU PRAY" MEETINGS** Following the great success of the "Sycamore Evenings", you are invited to two evenings of thought and discussion on growth in our prayer life. "When you pray - Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of your Soul" will be on Tuesday evenings, 24th October and 14th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm at St Peter's and Wednesday evenings, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November, from 7pm until 8.30pm at St Bride's. Please invite others and come along.
- ▶ **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR ARDROSSAN FOOD BANK** Our last collection in October was a tremendous success and a real support for the Food bank in Ardrossan. This year we would do the collection again for the four Sundays of October. When you go shopping please buy an extra box of tea bags or small jar of coffee and place it in the baskets at the back of Church. The baskets will be brought down with the Offertory and placed in front of the altar. We will then pass on your donations to the Food Bank who are in desperate need of them. Please remember, strictly tea and coffee only. Thank you.



### **MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The month of October is the special month of the Rosary, and you are invited to come and pray the Rosary before weekday Mass at 9.30am in St Peter's and 9.40am in St Bride's.

### **NOTABLE DATES AROUND THIS TIME**

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1938, St Peter's was opened.  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1980, Canon Fischer died.

She doesn't know it's a statue and doesn't even know how much it weighs!  
She only saw a person who needed help...  
Look at the world with the heart of a child and life will become more beautiful every single time.



### **JUST FOR A LAUGH...** 🤡 🤡 🤡

A man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a priest baptising people in the river. He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the priest... The priest turns around and asks the drunk, 'Are you ready to find Jesus?' The drunk shouts, 'Yes, oi am.' So the priest grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him up and asks the drunk, 'Brother have you found Jesus?' The drunk replies, 'No, oi haven't found Jesus.' The priest shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, 'Have you found Jesus my brother?' The drunk again answers, 'No, oi I haven't found Jesus.' By this time the priest is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again --- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up. The priest again asks the drunk, 'For the last time have you found Jesus?' The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the priest, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'



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