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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year [A]

15th October 2023

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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Mustard Seeds

☙ Coffee Mugs?

Imagine that you are in a cafe holding a mug full of warm coffee. Now, you like coffee and are used to coffee, but in the back of your mind you are convinced that there may be something that will satisfy your thirst better than coffee. So you bring your mug up to the counter and ask for a drink of something more satisfying. The man at the counter says, "Sure! We have just the thing – a special brew. It tastes fantastic, fills you up with energy, and lasts the whole day long." But when he reaches for your mug, you hesitate. You have never tried this special brew, and you are a little suspicious: What if it's not as good as the man says it is? Maybe you should just stick with what's familiar. You can't have both, because you only have one mug. To get the special brew, you would have to pour out the warm coffee. That's the situation the young man from today's Gospel finds himself in. His mug is full of wealth and possessions. Jesus is offering him true, lasting wisdom instead, promising that it will give him the satisfaction his money hasn't given him, but he hesitates, afraid to take the risk. It's an image that helps us understand the nature of sin in general. Sin is putting something in God's place; putting something that ought to be second place into first place; filling our mug with warm coffee when God really gave us the mug so that we could drink his special brew. The Seven Capital Sins identify the seven most common "somethings" that we tend to put in God's place, seven brands of warm coffee, so to speak. These "somethings" are good in themselves, but they become obstacles to our happiness when we give them first place. Pride puts our own achievements in God's place, as if they were capable of giving us the meaning and fulfilment that only comes from God. Lust puts sexual pleasure in God's place. Gluttony puts the pleasures of food, drink, or drugs in the mug. Anger puts our own self-will in God's place ("my way or the highway!"). Envy puts our reputation or popularity before

God. Sloth puts our comfort before God. And greed, as in the case of this rich young man, idolises money. Unless we pour out the warm coffee, whichever brand it may be, we simply won't have room in our souls for the special brew that brings true satisfaction.



28th 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>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 14 th October	28th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for James McGraw (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 15 th October	28th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 16 th October	Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Conlan (MM), Maria & Frank McQuade (A)</i>			
Tuesday 17 th October	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for David Farrell (RD), Hamish Fraser (A), Alister Kane</i>	NO MASS TODAY	Funeral Mass at 10am Josanna Shaw	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 18 th October	Feast of St Luke, evangelist Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (RD), Mary V. McAtee (A)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Thursday 19 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ian Howie (RD), Michael Leonard (SI)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 20 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for David McCurry (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	NO MASS TODAY	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Saturday 21 st October	29th Sunday of the Year (Mission Sunday) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Anne Ward (A), Michael & Philomena Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Harry Sammons, Elizabeth Macrae.

✚ Those who have died recently

James McGraw (Perth), Maretta Main, Dr James Dalton.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year

James McKay 1992, Bernard Aspinwall 2013, John McGowan 2002, John McPolin 1944, Hannah Burns 2002, Dan Donnelly 1941, Andrew Howieson, Jim Sullivan 2005, Alistair Aitken 1995, Agnes Anderson 2001, Mary McAtee 2006, Margaret McHugh 2002, Michael McManus 1961, Michael Monaghan 1936, John Dorian 2009, Alice Hansler 2022, Cameron McCallum 2010, David McHugh 1967, Patrick McQuade 1998, Stephen Patrick Austin 2017, Lawrence Brennan 1981, Andrew Conaghan 2002, Michael Doherty 2005, Margaret Monaghan 1969, Hugh O'Boyle 2000.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 8th October: £484.39

Second Collection (Building Fund): £225.50

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 8th October: £134.00

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Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

NOVEMBER LISTS

"We have loved them in life. Let us not forget them in death" [St Ambrose]. An elderly lady once said: "always remember to pray for the forgotten souls." Lest we forget, the Church designates the month of November as a special time to remember and pray for those who have died and gone before us. Please record your deceased relatives and friends on our November Lists and place this in the envelope. If you can please include a donation in their memory. The list will be brought down during the Offertory Procession at the Masses celebrated in November. November Lists and envelopes will be at the back of Church from next Sunday.

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Freddie Stephen Walker, who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and to the Godparents.
- ▶ **PASTORAL COUNCIL - ST PETER'S** St Peter's Pastoral Council will meeting on Thursday, 19th October at 7pm in the Presbytery. New members are always welcome.
- ▶ **QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS - ST PETER'S** A Big "thank you" to St Peter's Social Committee for the fantastic success of the recent Quiz Night. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by one and all! Many thanks to our singers and our Quiz Master - George McGrattan and Michael McCulloch - and to those who prepared the Hall and served refreshments. Although this was not a fund-raising event, the Quiz Night was able give a donation of £350 to St Peter's. Thank you and keep going!
- ▶ **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 teams together. If you would like to go on a rota and join a team, please get in touch with Marade or the Parish Office.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** Congratulations to the winner of St Bride's monthly Draw for October: Margo Rochefort who wins £26.50.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S THANK YOU** The SSVP and the West Kilbride Village Larder would like to thank our parishioners for the Larder Collection. The Larder was delighted with all the provisions. The SSVP are very grateful for your regular support in this.
- ▶ **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 - ST PETER'S** 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. Please invite others and come along.
- ▶ **SOUP SUNDAY- NEXT WEEK AT ST BRIDE'S** Sunday 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.
- ▶ **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD BANK ARDROSSAN** 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 Sunday 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 when you come to Mass. The baskets will be brought down with the Offertory and placed in front of the altar. We will the pass on your donations to the Food Bank who are in desperate need of them. Please remember: strictly tea and coffee only. Thank you.
- ▶ **MISSIO APPEAL** The annual collection for Missio will be taken up next weekend the 21st and 22nd of October.

PERSONAL TRAINERS AND ST BEDE

Because of original sin, and the sins of other people that have wounded us, and our own sins, our souls are out of shape. The Holy Spirit comes to us at confirmation to be a kind of personal trainer, to help us get our souls back in shape, so that we can come to enjoy the spiritual health and fruitfulness we were created for. And, like every good personal trainer, one of the Holy Spirit's main jobs is to push us out of our comfort zone, spiritually speaking, so that we can exercise faith, hope, and wisdom, and thereby attain spiritual maturity. This is the common experience of every true



Christian. To reach new life in Christ, we have to leave behind, gradually and often painfully, our old, self-focused life. The saints too were led to spiritual maturity along this narrow path – they weren't born holy; God was demanding with them too, because he loved them. This is true even for someone like St Bede, the famous monk and abbot from eighth-century England, who spent his entire life (from the age of seven) in a monastery. At one point when he was a young monk, a plague devastated Northumbria, the part of England where his monastery was located. Rather quickly, this epidemic emptied out St Bede's community, until one day only himself and his Abbot were left to sing the Psalms in the monastery chapel. God didn't invent hardship and suffering – those are the result of original sin. But he has chosen to use them as instruments to help us grow in wisdom, courage, and every virtue.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... 🤡🤡🤡

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now." The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our Masses are consistently packed to the balcony." "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!" "Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"

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