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Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year [A]

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.

**St. Bride's:** By request.

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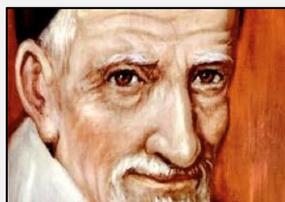
## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ A Prayer of Saint Ignatius

Because of our fallen human nature, we all have a strong tendency to follow the example of the scribes instead of the widow in today's Gospel. Just think about how hurt and angry we feel when we work hard to help or to please someone, and then they don't show any appreciation for our efforts. Or, to take another example, think about how sensitive we are when someone criticizes us or misinterprets our motives. We truly need to purify our hearts of the self-centred attitudes that make us more like the scribes than the widow. This is not something we can do on our own, nor is it something that usually happens from one day to the next. But we can make progress, under two conditions. First, we have to take small steps, being patient with ourselves as we gradually learn to do what is right out of a desire to please God, not other people. Second, we have to ask for God to help us. His grace is our secret weapon, and too often we keep it on the shelf simply because we don't ask for his help. A short prayer composed by St Ignatius of Loyola is particularly suited for growth in this type of heart-felt generosity. It goes like this:  
Dear Lord, teach me to be generous;  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil, and not to seek for rest;  
To labour, and not to ask for any reward -  
except that of knowing that I am doing your holy will. Amen.

Let's live it from our hearts, exercising our trust in his goodness and power, and offering our lives to him in thanksgiving for all he has given us.

### ✠ Freed from Anger



Generosity of the heart, true Christian generosity, frees us from the self-destructive shackles of anger, resentment, and vengeance. In 1995 a man was on trial for drunk driving. While he was driving drunk, he had collided with and killed two pedestrians. The case was a simple one, because the man pleaded guilty and was willing to accept his sentence. The man's mother came with him to be present at the trial. After the proceedings were finished, another woman came up to her. She introduced herself as the mother of one of the victims of the drunken accident. Then she said, "I just want you to know that I know you must be in great pain, and that I feel for you. I know your son didn't mean to do it. I just wanted you to know that." Instead of being blinded by her own pain and suffering, this woman was able to reach out and comfort someone else, someone related to the very man who killed her own child. That's the kind of interior strength and freedom that comes from a truly humble, self-forgetting, generous heart. As St Vincent de Paul used to say: "The most powerful weapon to conquer the Devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it."

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for all those suffering in war torn countries.</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>32<sup>nd</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 (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Requiem Mass for John Douglas</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>			
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Patricia Clarke (MM)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am with P4 & P5 pupils from St Anthony's PS
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Kathleen Fraser (A)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Vincent Quinn</b>	Remembrance Mass at 2pm in St Anthony's PS
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Requiem Mass for Edna McKinnon</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>			Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Sandra Cassidy</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Barbara Martin (A), Ian Howie (RD)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (World Day of the Poor)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Stephen Munn (A), Alice McGrattan (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Tony Smith.*

### ✦ Those who have died recently

*Edna McKinnon, John Douglas, Sandra Cassidy.*

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

*James Cox, Canon John Donnelly 2003, James Dorrian 1977,  
Mary McCabe 1998, Peter McCourt 2009, James McGrath 2010,  
Daniel Murray 2006, Moira Shaw 1995,  
Bartholomew (Barney) Coby 2012, Mary Dalziel 2006,  
Helen Mallon 1987, Daniel McDougall 1944,  
Margaret McIntee 2017, Alex Miller 1979, James Smith 1999,  
William Cassidy 2012, Julie Anne MacLaren 2006, William Reilly,  
Rose Floyd 1992, Vivien Friel 2004, Canon Patrick Gunning 1987,  
Mary Harrigan 2016, Karen Small 2015, Margaret Tracey 2020,  
Hugh Welsh 1986, Peter McCann 2019, Robert McGee 1996,  
Margaret Ogilvie 2016, Francis Brady 1943, George Hilferty 2013,  
Hugh Madine 1997, Letitia Smith 2001, Setti Cavani 1997,  
Catherine Keogh 2016, Margaret Lee 1984.*

## FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

Please come along and join us in the Parish Centre at 1pm on Thursday 16th November where we are having a flower arranging demonstration and we will be shown how to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary



using everyday things we have around our homes.

## ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 5<sup>th</sup> November: £525.54  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £260.34  
Standing Orders for October 2023: £3,827.00

## ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 5<sup>th</sup> November: £98.00  
Standing Orders for October 2023: £1,114.00

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Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office.  
ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk  
or call 01294 464063.

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

## NOVEMBER LISTS - AVAILABLE NOW!

Please make sure you get your November List after Holy Mass today. Record the names of deceased friends and family and put in in an envelope - with a donation if possible - and we will include all those in our November Lists in every Mass during this special month. They will be brought up daily to the altar at the Offertory.

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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Alfie Beau McKnight, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN CAMERON DOUGLAS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Douglas, who died on 29th October 2023, aged 91 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 13th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 29th November 2023. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR EDNA MCKINNON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Edna McKinnon, who died on 28th October 2023, aged 79 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 16th November at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, 28th November 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **"WHEN YOU PRAY" MEETINGS** Following the great success of the "Sycamore Evenings", you are invited to the second evening 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 14th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm at St Peter's and Wednesday 15th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm at St Bride's. Please invite others and come along.

► **REFRESHMENTS ON SUNDAY – ST PETER'S** There have been some initiatives to restart refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Peter's. Marade Griffin is hoping to get 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.

► **COMBONI SISTERS** The Comboni Sisters will be visiting St Peter's this weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The lovely calendars the Sisters' bring are very popular, and will be for sale in the church porch.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST PETER'S** Please put in your Diary: 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.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST BRIDE'S** Friday 8th December, Christmas Dinner with entertainment at West Kilbride Golf Club. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Carol Service at St Bride's. Full details coming soon.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – ST JOHN'S** Sunday 26th Nov Visit of Wayside club to St Johns. We are looking for donations: male & female toiletries, gloves/hats, new underwear/socks, items for our raffle (chocolate, sweets, gift sets etc) If you have anything to donate please contact Brenda 07812758415 or Michael 07813650411 or hand into the hall or back of church. Sunday 3rd Dec - St Johns Christmas Craft Fayre. To book a table to sell craft goods (£15) per table: contact Brenda 07812758415, Lorna 07833347035 or Michael 07813650411. Sunday 31st Dec - Hogmanay Ceilidh (8pm - 1am) in aid of HCPT 207 & the Ukraine appeal. Tickets are limited (£15 PP) these are limited so will be sold on a first come first served basis. Contact Michael 07813650411 or Lisa 07988607098.

► **CHRISTMAS CARDS** There is a wide selection of beautiful Christmas Cards available now at St Bride's & St Peter's stall. Also available are a wonderful selection of cards, candles, statues, Mass cards and gifts etc.

## PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.... The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire: As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offences can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead... Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

## BREAKING NEWS:

There's been a fight in a biscuit tin. A lad called



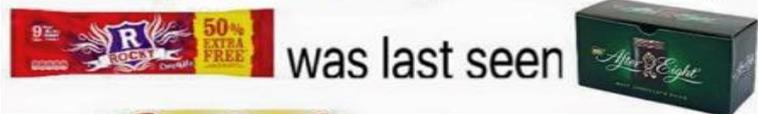
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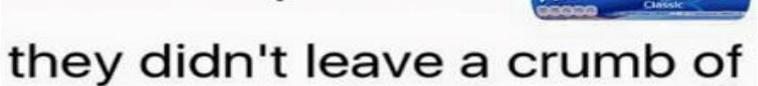
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