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# ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE



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### THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

#### Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

#### Reflection

Jesus uses parables to make us think. He challenges us to get to grips with his message by reflecting on the underlying message in the story. Here he shows his understanding of the real world, and human nature. We will all receive his Word differently – some of us with an initial enthusiasm that quickly wanes, some of us distracted by worldly things, but some of us putting that Word into action and producing a result. None of us is always the same – at different moments in our lives we can receive God's Word in different ways. Especially as we begin to emerge from lockdown, what "sort of soil" am I? Is the Word of God resulting in a harvest in my life? Can I turn my thirtyfold into a sixty, or even a hundred?

#### Just for a laugh...

A couple decided to go to Spain to get some sun during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon twenty years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Bolton and flew to Barcelona on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email. Meanwhile, somewhere in Blackpool, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He had died following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

**To:** My Loving Wife      **Subject:** I've Arrived      **Date:** October 16, 2008  
I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.  
P.S. It's really hot down here!

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

July 2020	St. Peter's	St. Bride's
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [A] - 10.30am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	—
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year [A] - 10.00am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Margaret Taylor (RD)</i>	—
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year [A] - 10.00am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Eddie Swierz (A)</i>	—
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church - 10.00am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Angela Ward (S)</i>	<b>11.30am - 12.30pm</b> Church open for Private Prayer
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 10.00am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Patricia Lamont (RD)</i>	—
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Votive Mass for Deliverance from the Pandemic - 10.00am Holy Mass - Public and Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Winifred Murray (RD)</i>	<b>12.00pm Holy Mass - Public</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Our Lady's Day - 10.00am Holy Mass - Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Margaret McCabe (SI)</i> <b>5.30pm Public and Live Streamed</b> <i>Offered for Robert MacRae (A)</i>	—

### A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part VI

After the Liturgy of the Word [see last week], we come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This week, let's look at the first part - The Preparation of the altar and the Presentation of the Gifts. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we ritualise four actions that Jesus did at the Last Supper: Jesus took bread and wine - the Offertory; Jesus gave thanks - the Eucharist Prayer; Jesus broke the bread - the Breaking of Bread; and Jesus gave it to them - Holy Communion. We pray that our lives may be taken, blessed, broken and ready to share with others. As we receive the Eucharist, we pray that our lives may become Eucharist for others. In the Offertory Procession, we present the gifts of bread and wine and bring them to the altar. The mixing of a little water with the wine reflects a table practice in the days of Jesus. Symbolically, the pouring of a little water into the wine now signifies our weak humanity being united with the Divinity of Christ. The washing of hands, in the early centuries, probably had a practical function. After receiving the gifts of food for the poor, the priest's hands were dirty and in need of washing. Today, the gesture means that the priest asks God to cleanse his heart before he offers the sacrifice of Christ. When the gifts are offered, the congregation responds: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church" - this calls to mind the twofold purpose of the Eucharistic sacrifice: the glory of God and the ongoing sanctification of his people. Good Practice Suggestion: As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, present the work of your hands to the Lord.

### Update of Mass Times and the Re-opening of our Churches

Sunday Mass at St Peter's at 10.30am; St Bride's at 12.15pm. The Vigil Mass at St Bride's won't start up again and the Vigil Mass at St Peter's will be at the normal time of 5.30pm. The weekday Masses at St Peter's will be Monday to Saturday at 10am. St Bride's will also have a weekday Mass, on Fridays at 12 noon. All Masses at St Peter's will be live-streamed, however, the Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am, on Saturdays at 5.30pm and on Sundays at 10.30am will be public Masses, starting next week. The Masses at St Bride's on Fridays at 12 noon, and on Sundays at 12.15pm will also be public Masses, starting next week. St Bride's will still have the Church open on Wednesdays, between 11.30am and 12.30pm for private prayer. With the mandatory social distancing, St Bride's can hold around 24 places for Mass, and St Peter's can hold around 60 places. Families and couples can sit together. The Bishops have suspended the Sunday Obligation until the pandemic passes. Places are very restricted, so if at all possible, please attend one of the weekday Masses if you can, and leave the Vigil and Sunday Masses for those who can only come at the weekend. We are strictly limited to the number of people allowed in Church at any one time.

The procedures for coming to Church are as follows: Wearing a face covering, using the sanitising wipes as we enter Church, the Stewards will allocate you a seat for Mass (please remain in this place during Mass), entering Church by the main entrance and leaving by the side exits. We are waiting clarification about the requirement to fill in our contact details. There are no toilet facilities available. If you should require wheelchair access, please let the Stewards know and they will assist you. The Parish Collection will be in the plastic buckets as we enter Church [Offertory Collection] and also as we leave [Building Fund Collection].

These measures cause a great deal of inconvenience, extra work and preparation. However, it is the price we will have to pay to return to our Parish Church and receive the sacraments as long as the pandemic endures. Please reassure any apprehensive Parishioners that the Church is safe for public worship; we have regular procedures for cleaning and the entire Church building is sanitised before and after use each time.

### Dial-A-Mass

The Knights of St Columba, in conjunction with Middlesbrough Diocese, have set up Dial-a-Mass for those who do not have the internet. For the cost of a local call someone can listen to the Mass which is recorded at 12.00 midday on Sunday, and available on the phone till 11.59 the following Sunday. To access the Mass phone 01642 13012

## St. Peter's News

► **TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND VISITS TO SAINT PETER'S WEBSITE** The 250000th visit to the SaintPeterInChains.net website was made on Sunday 5 July. The site, which was launched fifteen years ago on 13 July 2005, has over 3400 web pages, 1800 pictures, 850 bulletins between 1960 and 2020, 33600 links, some audio and video clips and been viewed in over 100 countries worldwide. Over 1600 of our deceased relatives and friends are remembered in our Anniversary List and some are featured in our Memoriam Cards page. The site contains many articles on past and present spiritual and community life in Saint Peter's. Father Duncan and the website author are very grateful to those who have accessed the site, lent photographs, passed on stories, identified errors, made suggestions and expressed compliments. The aims of the site are to make parishioners and others aware of current events and record our history. Over recent months, a new website, [SaintPeterInChains.co.uk](http://SaintPeterInChains.co.uk), has been developed and it is more compatible with smartphones and tablets. The old site will cease to be updated in the coming months but none of its content will be lost as it will be subsumed into the new site. Thanks to all who have visited the old site – over a quarter of a million times.

### Here's a Prayer to Help

How do you prepare for the incredible moment during each Mass when you are able to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist? Here is a prayer included in the Spiritual Exercises by St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will help get your heart ready for Our Lord:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you.

For ever and ever. Amen.

### Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic is a process of falling in love.

The person we're falling in love with, over and over again, more and more deeply,

is Jesus Christ. To become Catholic, you have to open your heart to the love Jesus has for you and return that love as best you can. It involves four things: A conversion of mind and heart, an

understanding of what the Church teaches, a loving heart, and a true desire to be received into full communion. We would love to hear from you!

## St. Brides's News

► **BULLETIN NEWS** if you would like to pass on any news, or tell us of a special occasion you have celebrated, please contact us by email: [howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone: 01294 822320.

► **CHURCH SERVICES** We can re-open our Churches for Holy Mass from Wednesday 15th July. Proposed time for Sunday Mass will be 12.15pm. St. Peter's will offer Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturdays and Sunday Mass will be 10.30am, which will also be live streamed.

► **100 CLUB** Our last draw for the year will be announced next week. I will then ask you to dust off your purses and pay your new yearly subscription, still only £12!! We will collect this when we return to Sunday Mass.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"What the Church needs is youth. Youthfulness is not about being young; it is about allowing courage to rule over fear; it's about enthusiasm. When the enthusiasm fades then pessimism begins to set in and people become old. As Christians our hope sustains our enthusiasm and our youth."

## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ God's Cake

Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, 'Absolutely mum, I love your cakes.' 'Here, have some cooking oil,' her mother offers. 'Yuck' says her daughter. 'How about a couple of raw eggs?' 'No way, mum!' 'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe some baking soda?' 'Mum, those are all horrible!' To which the mother replies: 'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!' God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God loves you unconditionally. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chose your heart.

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