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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

2nd August 2020

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
 between 4.45pm-5.15pm.
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 between 11am-12noon
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 and St. Bride's,
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Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Reflection

Every miracle is a message. Jesus does not just teach by means of parables or discourses, but by his actions. Every miracle he works is proclaiming something about the Kingdom of Heaven, just as the parables we have been listening to recently. In the Kingdom of Heaven no one goes hungry; whatever their face or nationality, there is as much as everyone wants, with baskets to spare. As we contemplate this miracle – performed once, long ago, for one group in one place – we must think about the message of the miracle: Jesus proclaims there will be an end to hunger. But how will this happen? Only if we who believe are willing to "be the miracle" in our own day and age, to work for an end to hunger, to usher in the Kingdom of God in all its glorious perfection!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

- What time of day was Adam created? - *Just a little before Eve.*
- Who was the fastest runner in the race?
Adam. He was first in the human race.
- Does God love everyone?
Yes, but He prefers "fruits of the spirit" to "religious nuts!"
- Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible? - *Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.*
- How do groups of angels greet each other? - *Halo, halo, halo!*
- What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!
- How does Moses make his coffee? - *Hebrews it, obviously.*

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18th Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

August 2020	St Peter-in-Chains Ardrossan <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St. Bride's West Kilbride <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St John's Stevenston <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Mary's Saltcoats <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Peter's Parish Centre <i>Fiona & Michael Brown</i>
Saturday 1 st August	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori Mass at 10am – Live Streamed Only <i>Offered for Henry McKinney (Paisley RD)</i> 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 2 nd August	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 3 rd August	18th Week of Ordinary Time Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Michael McGill (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Cecilia & Brian McNulty (A)</i>				
Tuesday 4 th August	Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, priest Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Isabella Welsh (A)</i> <i>Offered for Ellen Neilson (A)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 5 th August	Requiem Mass at 10am for Agnes Anne Higgins		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 6 th August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Ellen Lafferty (A)</i> <i>Offered for Stephen Lawrence (SI)</i>				
Friday 7 th August	Special Mass in Time of Pandemic Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Michael McSorley (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Linda Joyce (RD)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 8 th August	Memorial of St. Dominic, priest Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Elizabeth McCrae (SI)</i> <i>Offered for Karen Gough (SI)</i> 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Lawrence Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sallyways Aftercare <i>[During Term Time]</i> Monday - Friday 3pm-6pm		Sallyways Aftercare <i>[during school holidays]</i> Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm		St Peter's Centre Bookings Fiona & Michael Brown 01294 606424	

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Next Sunday is the celebration of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven (transferred from Saturday, 15th August).

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part IX

After praying together the Lord's Prayer, we come to the Rite of Peace. In this prayer, the priest addresses Jesus, recalling his words at the Last Supper: "Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you" [John 14:27]. The peace Jesus offers is deeper than then peace that comes when the internal circumstances of our lives are going well, e.g.: good health, financial security, good relationships. As we know, all these blessings can go away overnight. The peace Jesus offers comes from a strong relationship with him and can sustain us even when the external circumstances of our lives are not good. This is the peace we offer to those around us at this part of the Mass. The gesture acknowledges that Christ who we receive in the Sacrament is already present in our neighbour, and expresses our sincere desire to forgive all hurts and to be at peace with all people.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

✚ Those who have died recently: Michael McGill, Michael McSorley, Linda Joyce

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Phyllis Doherty 2017, Geraldine Leadbeater 2016, Noleen McFadyen née Delahunt 2012, Cathie McLaren 2007, Leslie Aitken 2010, Joseph Barry 2013, Mary Harper 2012, Isabelle Rennie 2004, Robert Tumilty 1981, Mara Cheshire 2007, Brian Collins, Agnes Gorman 2016, Laurence Hamilton 1998, Ann Kennedy 2010, Margaret McGuinness 2004, William Tumilty 1980, Isabella Welsh (Brownlie) 2008, Helen Clarke 2016, Lawrence Tumilty 1993, Sean Paul Marshall 2013, Patricia Barry 2015, Sadie Hamilton 2007, Father Jack Kerr 2001, Ellen Lafferty 2019, Desmond McGarvey 1996, Giovanni Michelini 2015, Patrick Joseph O'Boyle 2009, Lauretta Salotti 1981, Alison Cook 1999, Frances Flynn 1990, James Gorman 1997, William McGillvary 2001, Margaret Pacewicz 2006, Henrietta Smith 2009, Kitty Woods 2013, Bill Barton 2008, Tina O'Pray 2012.

St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR AGNES ANNE HIGGINS**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Higgins who died recently, aged 85 Years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 5th August 2020 at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** We are grateful

for all the work going on at the Parish at the moment: The Church's live streaming is now up and running, the screens in St Peter's Centre have now been connected to the cameras in Church; Wi-Fi has been installed in the Centre; the statue of our Lady has been moved into the Sanctuary area and a small spot light has been connected; the pictures of St Peter, the Diocesan Cross and the Celtic Cross have been rehung in new positions; a small camera has been installed in the Sanctuary, the metal gate between the Church and the Presbytery has been repaired with new hinges and a new lock.

St. Bride's Notices

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR VERONICA CORMIE**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Veronica Cormie, aged 84 years, who died on 20th July 2020. Her Funeral Service will be at The Clyde Coast Crematorium on Monday, 3rd August 2020 at 2pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** We are

grateful for all the work going on at the Parish at the moment: A leak was repaired in the Presbytery, some worn pipes and a radiator will be replaced in the Presbytery next week; Lilian McPake has adapted a beautiful altar cloth to fit the altar and we have ordered some fabric to make a spare altar cloth.

► **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH** The Parish

Diocesan Quota has given a grant of £400 to St Bride's because of the lack of Parish income in the past sixteen weeks. We have also received an anonymous donation of £200 with a request for prayers.

► **VOLUNTEERS** We are obliged to provide 2

Stewards for each Mass. If you can help out at any of our services, please get in touch. Contact: 01294 822320 howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

► **100 CLUB** Subscriptions are due and still only £12

for the year! Please put your payment in an envelope, marked 100 Club, together with your name and put it into the Collection Box, as you leave the church. Thank you.

BOOKING FOR MASS

It is wonderful to see so many people attending Mass. However, due to the Scottish Government restricting the number of people attending church to a limit of 50 we will now need to ask you to book if you would like to attend Mass. You can book on a weekly basis, from now until further notice by calling the Parish Office **01294 464063**. Monday - Friday, 9am - 11am.

Mustard Seeds

✠ The Story of the "Praying Hands"

Many of us would have seen the picture of "The Praying Hands", but would almost certainly not have heard the moving story behind this popular picture. Here is the story.

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighbourhood. Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of the elder children, Albrecht and Albert, had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy. After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by labouring in the mines. They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg. Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works. When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honoured position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfil his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you." All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no." Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look ... look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ...for me it is too late." More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, watercolours, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office. One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands." The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, that no one - no one - ever makes it alone!

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