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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

Scripture Reading

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Reflection

It can be easy to forget that Mary was an ordinary human being just like us. Yes, there were some extraordinary moments of God's grace that touched her life, but she still had to face all the joys and sorrows of human existence just as we do. And yet she managed to triumph in trust of God, obedience to God's will and holiness! Mary's humanity is why this feast is so important: we celebrate that moment at the end of her earthly life (which we normally call "death") when she immediately shared in the resurrection – Mary has no tomb on earth, because her body was taken straight to heaven: we believe we will too, though for us it will not be immediate. We have to wait a while for our bodies to catch up with eternal life, as they sleep in the earth. But we will proclaim our faith in a moment, and we will say we believe in the "resurrection of the body." This is what Mary shows us today, that through Jesus, her Son, "all will be brought to life in Christ", in our bodies, in a new heaven and a new earth that will never end.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
 in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
 I love you above all things and I passionately desire
 to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
 come spiritually into my soul
 so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
 Amen.

20th 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 15 th August	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Robbie Reid (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 16 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 17 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Cathie Carroll (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 18 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for those suffering through addiction</i>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 19 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Helen Clarke (A)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 20 th August	Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Breda Doyle (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Jim Boyle (A)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Friday 21 st August	Memorial of St. Pius X Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Matthew McCabe (A)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 22 nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 10am – Live Streamed 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Bridie Maher (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sallywags Aftercare <i>[During Term Time]</i> Monday – Friday 3pm-6pm		Sallywags Aftercare <i>[during school holidays]</i> Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm		St Peter's Centre Bookings Fiona & Michael Brown 01294 606424	

Food for Thought

“When I was little if I was travelling on a train with my father he would hold on to my ticket and would only give it to me just as I was about to go through the barrier. Similarly, God will unfold his plans little by little and often supply your needs only a moment before you require them.”

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XI

At the Breaking of the Bread [see last Sunday], the priest then places a small portion of the Host in the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation. This mingling of the Body and Blood of Christ is an expression of our faith that the Body of Christ is not without the Blood of Christ, and the Blood of Christ is not without the Body of Christ, i.e. Christ is totally present in both the bread and wine. The congregation sings or recites a short litany - the “Agnus Dei” or the “Lamb of God” - “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.” In his First Letter, Peter reminds us that we are “saved, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a spotless, unblemished lamb” (1Peter 1:18).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Cathie Carroll, Anita Coyle, Breda Doyle.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Susan Garland 2011, James O'Neill 1998, Ronald Burns 2011, Kate Gribben 1994, Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011, Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981, James Thomas Taylor 1998, Johnny Thompson 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, David Walsh 1980, Roberta Breslin 2011, Frank Campbell 2007, Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014, Stephanie Smith 1999, Elizabeth Taylor 1951, Marietta Da Prato 1997, Beatrice Ketchen 2019, Tommy McCann senior 1976, Desmond McGarvey 1986, Robert Watson 2004, Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004, Matthew McCabe 2002, Maria McEvoy 2002, Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling, Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981, Ellen Tourish 1971, Frances Burns 2017, Father William McBurnie 1953, John McLaughlin 2014, Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Felix Quigg 1994, Josie Walsh 2003.

St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **ANITA COYLE RIP** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anita Coyle, who died on 9th August 2020. Her Funeral Service will be at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Wednesday, 19th August at 3.30pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** All our Celebrations of Mass and other Church services are live-streamed. You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites.
- ▶ **STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT** The Parishes have taken quite a "knock" through the Lockdown when public Mass was not available for sixteen weeks. This has had a huge impact on our Parish Finances. Could you consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parish. Forms are available from the Parish Office. Thank you
- ▶ **CHURCH PIETY STALL** If you should require anything from our Stall, i.e. Mass Cards, religious items, etc. Please just ask Betty Craig and she will organise it for you. We hope you can still support our Piety Stall.
- ▶ **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** We have been asked to donate our used postage stamps to fund Medical Science. Please hand your used stamps in to the Parish Office or give them to Alfie Agostini.

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."

St. Bride's Notices

- ▶ **VOLUNTEERS** We are obliged to provide 2 Stewards for each Mass. If you can help at any of our services, please get in touch. howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk or call 01294 822320
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **SKIAF WEE BOX APPEAL** We are still collecting for the 'Wee Box' appeal. If you have not returned your 'Wee Box' yet, please bring it with you when you come to church.

BOOKING FOR MASS IN ST. PETER'S

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 on **01294 464063. Mon - Fri, 9am - 11am.**

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Website: saintpeterinchains.co.uk

Click SERVICES on the red menu bar.

Then MASS TIMES on the menu.

Then scroll down to "Click here to view Mass".

Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.

Website: saintpeterinchains.net

Go to top right-hand corner of the screen.

Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times"

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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven, celebrated today, is one of the oldest in Church history. This wonderful summer feast, honouring Our Lady, was first celebrated in Palestine in the year 529 AD. It was such a strong tradition in the Church, needing no confirmation, that it wasn't until November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the faith. An ancient and beautiful legend about the Assumption of Mary tells the story this way: When Our Lady felt her time on earth coming to an end, she sent word to all the Apostles that she would like to see them for the last time on earth. They were out preaching the Good News of her Son 'to all the corners of the world' as Jesus had commanded them. When they received her message, of course, they paid their respects to their new congregations and disciples and left so as to hurry to her side. After long sea voyages and treks over land, they arrived just in time to say goodbye and pray with her one last time. Then she died. Only the apostle Thomas was late. He had been delayed by some way or another, and had been travelling day and night since to try and catch up. But he was too late. When he finally arrived, hot and travel-stained, he was grief-stricken to learn that she had been laid to rest in a tomb. He wept bitterly, and begged the Apostle's permission to open the tomb so that he could see her beloved face one last time. At first, the other Apostles were reluctant. After all, she had been dead for three days, and it was a hot country. Finally they yielded to his tears and rolled away the stone. To their amazement, the tomb was filled with flowers, all giving off a sweet fragrance. They felt happier and healthier just smelling the beautiful scent that came wafting out of that tomb. Where they had placed her body was now only her shroud, filled with more flowers. Her body had been carried up to heaven by her Son and the angels, to join her soul. Now, it must be remembered that after the great Fall, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the Fruit of the Tree of Life and were cast out of the Garden, all the flowers lost their scent, or perhaps we lost the ability to smell them. The herbs lost their healing powers too, and were only good for flavouring our food. Not that that's not a good thing mind you, but to be able to heal sickness and mend broken bones, well that's something more important than a nicely flavoured stew. It's only right that on the day of her Assumption, Our Blessed Lady's last gift to us should be the restoring of the scent of flowers and the healing power of herbs. In many European countries, on the Feast of the Assumption, they have the tradition of blessing herbs for use at home in Church.

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