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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

23rd August 2020

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

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Gospel, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Reflection

This Gospel passage tells us something important about the ministry of Our Lord: it clearly shows that he wanted a community of faith to follow him – a church – and that he recognised it would need human leadership. The nickname bestowed on Simon – Peter, meaning "Rock" – might seem amusing, even ironic, given Peter's rather poor track record after this. But Peter's faith eventually became the firm foundation of the Church, like the "house built on rock" of another of Jesus' parables! It's easy to point to "bad" popes in 2,000 years of papal history (and in discussion with non-Catholic friends - or even family - you may find this coming up quite often!) But the humanity of Saint Peter, which was refined by the Lord's mercy, became the Rock on which we are still resting after all these centuries. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may overcome our frailties, and for our Holy Father Pope Francis, that he may be given strength to continue the mission entrusted to Peter.

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.

21st 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 22 nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Hamish Fraser (A)</i> 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Bridie Maher (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
Sunday 23 rd August	21st Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am		
Monday 24 th August	Feast of St. Bartholomew Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Sadie & Frank Hamilton (A)</i> <i>Offered for Anna Higgins (RD)</i>					
Tuesday 25 th August	Requiem Mass for Margaret Harvey at 10am			Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 26 th August	21st Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered in thanksgiving for Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots</i>		Mass at 10am		9.00-11.00 am	<i>Slimming World</i>
Thursday 27 th August	Memorial of St. Monica Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Desmond McGarvey (A)</i> <i>Offered for Brian Collins (A)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Friday 28 th August	Memorial of St. Augustine Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Catherine Carroll (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Patricia Milligan (SI)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am			
Saturday 29 th August	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Fr. Gerard Bourke CSSR (A)</i> 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Canon Gunning (A)</i> <i>Offered for James McGrattan (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		

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XII

At Communion time, the priest and the people take a solemn moment to prepare themselves to receive Holy Communion. Holding the large Host above the chalice, the priest says: "Behold the Lamb of God..." - These are the words used by John the Baptist (John 1:29) when he saw Jesus during his Baptism ministry at the Jordan. The Congregation responds: "Lord, I am not worthy..." These are the words spoken by the Roman centurion when he asked Jesus to heal his servant (Matthew 8:8). The centurion is a model of faith, humility and confidence for all of us waiting to receive Jesus, the Lamb of God, in Holy Communion. When the priest takes the bread and wine into his hands and elevates them for all to see, it is as if Christ is calling out to us and saying: "Here I am present in your midst under forms of life—bread and wine—to remind you that I am your life and you will have life forever if you come to me and learn from me to love the Father as I do. Here I am bread and wine to be shared—eaten—consumed so that I may become part of you, enter into your life and sustain you.... Here I am as a total gift—as a sign that to be like me, you have to be ready to give yourselves for others. Here I am sharing symbols of life and joy because I want you to live my life and share my joy... Here I am as a sign of life freely given, freely shared so that all might come and none be turned away. Here I am for you because I love you."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Fr. Con Botter, Anna Higgins, Margaret Harvey, Catherine Carroll, Anita Coyle, Ritano Betti.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns, Bridie Maher 2015, Maureen Taylor 2019, Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004, Jim McManus 1997, John Quinn 2015, Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Annie McCormick 1976, Giocondo Michelin 1959, Connor Collins 1978, Harry Currie 2008, John O'Donnell 2009, Mick Smith 1998, Patricia Sullivan 2006, Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987, Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969, Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006, John Kelly 2004, Michael Pollock 2008.

St. Peter's Notices

► **MARGARET HARVEY RIP** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Harvey who died on Friday, 14th August 2020. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 25th August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. 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. How to get the live-streaming at St Peter's: 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" Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.

► **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. Please 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.

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** A lot of small jobs have been undertaken recently: New spotlights in the Sanctuary, for the Baptismal Font and Our Lady's statue, replacing old flood lights; repair to the connecting door in St Peter's Centre; small kitchen re-ordered and open for use from the Snug for refreshments, etc. cables tidied up from the camera in the Sanctuary; a lot of work has been done in "tweaking" the sound system to improve sound quality in the Church and on live-streaming (very time consuming); repair to the clavivola piano has been completed; Presbytery Garage Door has been re-oiled. We have a series of roof leaks with water penetration in the choir loft, entrance to St Peter's Centre and the Altar Servers Sacristy - this will have to be looked at in the coming days. I would like to sincerely thank all those who have given their time and commitment. God bless!

St. Bride's Notices

► **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. howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk. 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. Thank you.

Food for Thought

"If you are to resist the ever-present pressures to dilute the Christian ideal of holiness that surround you at every level of society and in almost every environment, you need God's help; you need God's strength; you need God's encouragement. Pray and listen to the voice of God in your life."

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A priest and a bus driver both died and went to Heaven at the same time. They get to the pearly gates where Pope St. Peter greets them. He motions to the priest, and they both hop in a jeep and go out the back door. There are about 50 acres of rolling hills with a little cottage on the knoll. St. Peter turns to the priest and says "This will be yours for eternity. A perfect little cottage, right next to lovely pond, a lush little garden, and a library full of books." The priest says, "Thank you so much. This I shall enjoy!" St. Peter drops off the priest, goes back to the pearly gates and motions to the bus driver. They hop in a stretch limo and go out the front door. There are about 500 acres of land, with mountains and lakes and rivers. There is a huge 200-room castle on one of the mountains, and a wishing well that makes wishes come true. St. Peter says "This will be yours for eternity. You can live in that castle with servants to wait on you hand and foot, and you can have everything you want." The bus driver looks at St. Peter and says "Well, now, don't think I'm not grateful, but why am I getting so much more than the priest?" St. Peter just laughs and says "You brought more souls to Heaven! When the priest preached, everyone fell asleep. When you drove your bus, people prayed like mad!"

Mustard Seeds

✠ Satan's Garage Sale

Once upon a time, Satan was having a garage sale. There, standing in little groups were all of his bright, shiny trinkets. Here were tools that make it easy to tear others down for use as stepping stones. And over there were some lenses for magnifying ones own importance, which, if you looked through them the other way, you could also use to belittle others, or even one's self. Against the wall was the usual assortment of gardening implements guaranteed to help your pride grow by leaps and bounds: the rake of scorn, the shovel of jealousy for digging a pit for your neighbour, the tools of gossip and backbiting, of selfishness and apathy. All of these were pleasing to the eye and came complete with fabulous promises and guarantees of prosperity. Prices, of course, were steep; but not to worry! Free credit was extended to one and all. "Take it home, use it, and you won't have to pay until later!" old Satan cried, as he hawked his wares. One visitor, as he browsed, noticed two well worn, nondescript tools standing in one corner. Not being nearly as tempting as the other items, he found it curious that these two tools had price tags higher than any other. When he asked why, Satan just laughed and said, "Well, that's because I use them so much. If they weren't so plain looking, people might see them for what they were." Satan pointed to the two tools, saying, "You see, that one's Doubt and that one's Discouragement — and those will work when nothing else will."



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 **01294 464063**

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