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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

20th September 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 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Reflection

Our Gospels recently have really been hammering home the teaching about the generosity (almost the foolish generosity) of God's mercy, and today is no different. This parable is all about repentance and coming into God's kingdom – the vineyard of the story. Some people have been faithful believers for years, while some arrive at the last minute – or "at the eleventh hour" in the story. The challenging aspect of this parable is that God will forgive even at the last minute – if repentance is genuine. Perhaps something in us rebels against this – "I've been a good Catholic for sixty, seventy, eighty years – I deserve more than some new convert!" This is jealousy and envy, and it is denying God the love for every single person, whoever they are or whatever they have done. God's generosity is something that we have all received (see last week's Gospel!) and so we should never begrudge that mercy to another.

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.

Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

September 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 Brown</i>	
Saturday 19 th September	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Margaret McCabe (SI)</i> 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Ronnie Cairns (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
Sunday 20 th September	24th 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 21 st September	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for William (Billy) Sheehan (SI)</i> <i>Offered for Len Harley (SI)</i>					
Tuesday 22 nd September	25th Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Joe McIver (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 23 rd September	Memorial of St. Padre Pio Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for John Boyle (RD) (Ireland)</i> <i>Offered for Margaret Harvey (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am			
Thursday 24 th September	25th Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Joseph & Josephine Brady (A)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Friday 25 th September	Special Mass in Time of Pandemic Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Margaret Timmons (RD)</i> <i>(Dunfermline)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Funeral Mass			
Saturday 26 th September	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Alice Morgan (RD)</i> 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for David Farrell (A)</i>		First Holy Communion Mass 10am & 1.30pm	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 Brown New Number! 07907 389703		

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XVI

What happens in us when we receive Holy Communion? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1391-1401) tells us of five different fruits we receive with Holy Communion. For the next five Sundays, we will look at each one individually. 1) Holy Communion augments our union with Christ (#1391). The principal fruit of receiving Holy Communion is the intimate union with Christ. In his discourse on the Bread of Life, Jesus says: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him" (6:56). Paul sees this abiding in terms of putting on Christ, identifying with Christ, developing within ourselves Christ's outlook, attitudes and his commitment to the Father. Unless we abide in Christ, all our efforts are in vain (Jn 15:4). Hence, receiving Holy Communion entails a willingness to do all we can to have the same attitude that is also ours in Christ Jesus (Phi 2:5).

Reminder... Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass remains suspended for the time being and availability is restricted for those attending. Some of our parishioners are working during the week and can only attend at the weekend. Therefore, to make Holy Mass available to everyone we would be grateful if you wish to attend Mass and are able to attend on a weekday, please do so leaving seats for those parishioners working during the week. To book for Mass in St. Peter's please call the Parish Office:

01294 464063 BETWEEN 9AM – 11AM. MONDAY TO FRIDAY Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Frances Stalker, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie, Jeanette (Scott) Burry (Canada).

✚ Those who have died recently:

Alice Morgan, John Boyle (Ireland), Margaret Harvey, Margaret Timmons (Dunfermline).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Ronnie Cairns 2018, Greta Foran 2002, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Catherine McLaughlin 1998, Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005, James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017, Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michellini 2002, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Helen Steele 2012, James Tomelty 2011, Margaret Donnelly 1997, George Logue 2011, William McNamara 2001, Patrick Breen 2015, Alice Docherty 2017, Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002, Colin James Boyle 2017, Jamie Clarke 2015, Margaret Gallacher 2016, Bert Gilmour 2017, Tom McGhee 2011, Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975, Bernard Boyce 2012, Cornelius Burke 1988, Malcolm MacDonald 1999, John Mackay 2002, Thomas McGrattan 1917, Daniel Murray 1981

St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Freya Patricia Martha Reid who will be baptised on Saturday and also Mary Clara Loi who will be baptised on Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and Godparents.

► **ARDROSSAN CHURCHES GROUP** Latest News and Updates: The Park Church will welcome a new minister by the end of the month - Marianne Howie; the Kirkgate Church will also welcome a new minister by the end of the year - Nigel Chikanya, originally from Zambia. We wish them both every blessing for a good start. The Remembrance Sunday Prayers on Sunday, 8th November at 1pm will go ahead as usual, however with only two representatives from each organisation and parish. The Christmas Carol Concert will have to be cancelled this year, owing to the COVID restrictions.

► **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** To get the live-streaming at St Peter's: Please visit our Website: saintpeterinchains.co.uk or Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.

► **VOTIVE LAMPS FOR OUR LADY'S MOSAIC** There has been a suggestion for the mosaic of Our Lady in the Church; namely to add two small hanging votive lamps on either side of the mosaic. Parishioners are invited to make a contribution if they wish: The Votive Lamps will be around £45 each, and the hanging arm brackets will be around £20 each. Any donations will be very welcome. Thank you!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had an open-heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment. She asked if he had health insurance. He replied, in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked if he had money in the bank. He replied, "No money in the bank." The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?" He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Send the bill to my Brother-in-Law then."

St. Bride's Notices

► **OUR NEW WEBSITE** Please have a look at our new website. www.stbrideschurch.co.uk We would be delighted to have your comments or any suggestions to: joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com

► **PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES** The latest Parish Council news and updates can be found on the new Parish Website. Have a look!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 13th September 2020: £802.19
Second Collection (Building Fund) £110.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 13th September 2020: £138.00

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 Parishes Finances. 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. Also, Paul McNulty will be happy to provide a form for St. Bride's. *Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!*

Collection for our Retired Priests

A special collection will be coming up on the last weekend of September for our Retired Priests in the Diocese. Please collect the special donation envelopes. *Thank you for your support and generosity!*



Pope Francis' new encyclical, 'Fratelli Tutti'

Pope Francis will travel to Assisi on 3rd October to sign an encyclical on the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and therefore brothers and sisters to one another. The Vatican press office, confirming the pope's trip, said the document will be titled "Fratelli Tutti" in Italian. In English, the phrase could be translated as "Brothers and Sisters All," but apparently it is inspired by what is known as St. Francis of Assisi's "sixth admonition" to his friars. Conventual Franciscan Father Mauro Gambetti, custodian of the Assisi convent, said the document "will indicate to the world a style for the future and will give the church and people of goodwill the responsibility for building it together... The pope is clearly inspired by Francis of Assisi who, in following Jesus, recognised in fraternity, lived under the sign of mutual and loving service, the horizon of a fulfilled and happy humanity," Father Gambetti added. The encyclical is expected to echo many of the themes Pope Francis has been discussing in his general audience talks on Catholic social teaching in light of the pandemic: human fraternity, the equal dignity of all people, the preferential option for the poor, the universal destination of goods and the obligation of solidarity. Care for the environment and the virtue of peacemaking also are expected to be part of the encyclical.

Mustard Seeds

✠ An Interview with God

I dreamed I had an interview with God "So, you would like to interview me?" GOD asked. "If you have time," I said. GOD smiled. "My time is eternity... what questions do you have in mind for me?" "What surprises you the most about humankind?" GOD answered... "That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again." "That they lose their health to make money... and then lose their money to restore their health." "That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future." "That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived." GOD's hand took mine... and we were silent for a while. And then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?" GOD replied, "To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved." "To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others." "To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness." "To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them." "To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least." "To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings." "To learn that two people can look at the same thing, and see it differently." "To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves." "Thank you for your time," I said humbly. "Is there anything else you would like your children to know?" GOD smiled, and said... "Just know that I am here. Always."

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