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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

6th September 2020

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
 between 4.45pm-5.15pm.
St. Bride's: Friday
 between 11am-12noon
 And by request.

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 and St. Bride's,
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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 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Reflection

Two weeks ago we heard about Jesus establishing a "church" on the rock of Saint Peter's faith. The Lord knew well enough that this community of faith would not always work the way it should – it is made up of human beings, after all! So today he talks about what to do when things go wrong. There are three main points in this Gospel. 1. Jesus gives authority to the church on earth to sort out its problems, even to the point of heaven accepting the judgments of the faithful and responding to their prayers. 2. This authority is guaranteed by the presence of Jesus "where two or three are gathered" 3. The church must be persistent in seeking reconciliation – the door is not to be closed, but effort after effort must be made to bring people together again. Whether we identify with the Church at Parish, Diocese or a global level, we must remember that our community belongs to the Lord, and must welcome his presence and walk in his ways – even when we fall out with one another! One final point: in the developing response to wrongdoing, the climax is to "treat someone like a pagan or a tax-collector." While we may immediately think we understand what this is saying, just pause for a second and ask yourself: how did Jesus treat pagans and tax collectors?

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 Third 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 & Michael Brown</i>	
Saturday 5 th September	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Enis Delahunt (A)</i> 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Margaret Harvey (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
Sunday 6 th September	23rd 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 7 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for John Mullen (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Margaret Taylor (RD)</i>					
Tuesday 8 th September	Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Angela Holloway Friel (A)</i> <i>Offered for Gerry Bellew (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 9 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Margaret Bannon (RD)</i> <i>Offered for James Kent (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am		9.00-11.00 am	<i>Slimming World</i>
Thursday 10 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Janice Connor (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Anna Higgins (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Friday 11 th September	Feast of the Dedication of the Diocesan Cathedral Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Lorraine Hayes (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Karen Gilchrist (RD)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am			
Saturday 12 th September	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Geraldine Kent (SI)</i> 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Kevin Rennie (SI)</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 Brown 01294 606424		

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XIV

After the priest, deacons, and extraordinary ministers receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the Congregation process to receive our Divine Lord. Our Church tells us that it is desirable that all who are in a state of grace receive both the Body and the Blood of Christ. By doing so, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident. In ministering the host and the chalice, the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister utters the words "Body of Christ" or "Blood of Christ," as appropriate. On our part, we bow slightly before we take the bread and chalice (an act of reverence for our Divine Lord), then respond: "Amen" (Yes, I believe that you are fully present in the bread and wine.) Communion is a great moment of intimacy between the Lord and the members of his body. We come forward, not as isolated individuals, but as brothers and sisters in Christ. We come forward, not in a sluggish way, but with reverence and love for him who is the life of the world. By exclaiming our "Amen" to the minister's words: "The Body of Christ," we are really proclaiming: I believe, Jesus, that you are the bread of life - really and truly present in this piece of bread and chalice of wine. I believe, Jesus, that you are the power that can transform my life. I believe that these people are my brothers and sisters and part of the one Body of Christ. I accept, Jesus, the challenge to become your bread for others and to build up your Body in the world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Frances Stalker, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Sliman.

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Margaret Harvey, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Bannon, Janice Connor, Anna Higgins,
Lorraine Hayes, Karen Gilchrist, Ritano Betti, John Mullen, Audrey Orlege.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Margaret Brodie 1964, Mary McGlynn 2010, Frank Morrison 2004, Jimmy Mulhearn 1992, Rona McNamara 2005, Marie White née McManus 1997, Ellen Vance 2012, Catherine Campbell 2003, James Duffin 1960, Margaret Logan 2013, William Loudon 1977, Joan McKnight 1976, Margaret Walsh 2015, Harry Kaye 2000, Susannah Kemp 1948, James Moore 1998, Florence Slavin 1998, Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Cathie Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mary Otto 2008, Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKeachan 1998, Bridget McLaughlin 1997.

St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Freya and Charlotte Howie who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to their parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **DONATIONS TO ST PETER'S** The Parish received recently donations of £500, £100 and £50. Sincere thanks to Parishioners for their support and generosity in these difficult times.
- ▶ **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. 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". 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.
- ▶ **CHURCH PIETY STALL** If you should require anything from our Stall, i.e. Mass Cards, religious items, etc. Please ask Betty Craig and she will organise it for you.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** This week, two door-stoppers have been fitted to St Peter's Centre main doors, so that the door can remain open and will also make deliveries easier.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 30th August 2020: £833.39
Second Collection (Building Fund) £100.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 30th August 2020: £229.00

Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!

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. Thank you.

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. Contact: howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk. 01294 822320
- ▶ **100 CLUB** Subscriptions are due and still only £12 for the year (just a £1 per month). Please put your Club money in an envelope marked 100 Club with your name on it and put it in or beside the Pink Bucket as you leave the church. We appreciate your contribution to the 100 Club over the years and in this strange time, we really rely on it. Thank you.

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar." Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."

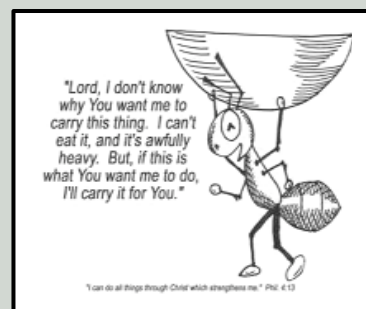
Food for Thought

"You came to me discouraged and began telling me about the problems in the world. Then, in the midst of our conversation you asked me, "Do you think the world will ever change?" I replied, "The world will certainly change. The question is, will it change for the better or for the worse? The world will change if you and I keep changing. While you and I keep changing for the worse, the world will change for the worse. But, when you and I start changing for the better, the world will change for the better."

Mustard Seeds

✠ **The Ant and the Contact Lens**

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of being scared, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey! Anybody lost a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it. Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You." I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



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