



**ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN**  
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**ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE**



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
 between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**St. Bride's:** Friday  
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 And by request.

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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**

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Reflection**

The message of this parable is similar to last week: who is welcome in the Kingdom of God? Last week the image was the vineyard, this week the wedding feast, but the idea is the same: some self-righteous people who think their place is guaranteed will be disappointed, and the invitation will be extended to those who are excluded. Jesus turns things upside down – the invited are unworthy, so the unworthy are invited! This is addressed to the "holier than thou" chief priests and elders, but the message resonates to our time: as Pope Francis keeps reminding us, the Church is not a "club" or a "clique". We must ensure that the invitation to the Kingdom of God is universal, that no one is excluded, that every human being knows they are welcome at God's feast. It is not a free pass, though: once we come into the Kingdom we must live the life of the Kingdom – we must wear the "wedding garment" of goodness, integrity, faith and justice.

**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 Eighth Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

October 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 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Our Lady's Day</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for all those who prayed for Jean Conlan while she was in hospital (SI)</i> <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Cathie Sweeney (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Anne Lafferty (RD)</i>					
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Francis Stalker (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Kathleen Dean (Auchinleck) (A)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Mrs Ellen Teresa Donnelly (RD)</i> <i>(Falkirk, originally Hurlford)</i>		Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass Private		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Funeral Service for Katie Miller at 1pm - Private</b>					
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus</b> Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Christina Lawrence (SI)</i> <i>Offered for all Souls in Purgatory</i>					
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Eileen McNulty (Donegal) (RD)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Funeral Mass Private			
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Margaret Collins (SI)</i> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Mary McAtee (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
<b>Sallywags Aftercare</b> <i>[During Term Time]</i> Monday – Friday 3pm-6pm		<b>Sallywags Aftercare</b> <i>[during school holidays]</i> Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm		<b>St Peter's Centre Bookings</b> Fiona Brown New Number! 07907 389703		

## A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XIX

What happens in us when we receive Holy Communion? 4) The Eucharist commits us to the poor (#1397). The Catechism states: "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren." It then goes on to quote the challenging words from a homily of St. John Chrysostom, an Early Church Father: "You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognise your brother, ... You dishonour this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal... God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful." In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds them that in sharing the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, they were also called to care for the poorest members of the community (1Cor 11:17-34).

## NOVEMBER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The feast of All Saints on the Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November remind us that this is the month of remembrance and we pray for our departed loved ones. Our prayers invoke God to receive our faithful departed into his heavenly Kingdom. If you would like to have your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our Masses during this month, please take a sheet and envelope as you leave church, list their names on this sheet with a donation if possible and hand it in to the office or place in a pink collection bucket. Take a little time to remember and write the names so they should never become forgotten souls.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie,*

✚ **Those who have died recently:** *Katie Millar, Francis Stalker, Anne Lafferty, Eileen McNulty, Mrs Ellen Teresa Donnelly.*

✚ **Those who died at this time of Year:**

*Chrissie Ferguson 2006, Joseph Harvey 1998, Harry Kemp 1972, Shannon McTaggart 1996, Maureen Haddington 2002, Vincenzo Marchetti 1968, Mary McCarroll 1913, Ena Millar 1987, Mary Paton 2019, John Petrie 1966, Bruce Gallacher 1995, Robert Ireland 2008, James McKay 1992, Bernard Aspinwall 2013, John McGowan 2002, John McPolin 1944, Hannah Burns 2002, Dan Donnelly 1941, Andrew Howieson, Jim Sullivan 2005.*

## St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR KATIE MILLAR** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Katie Millar who died on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Her Funeral Service will be on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm, followed by Interment at The High Road Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites: [saintpeterinchains.co.uk](http://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](http://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 to purchase anything i.e. Mass Cards, Religious Items etc. It is important that we only admit **ONE** person at a time and a face covering must be worn. Please do not touch display items.

### NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MISSION

We celebrate next Sunday a Day of Prayer for the Mission. We will use for Mass the special Votive Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples.

### JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the word "Bible" means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

## St. Bride's Notices

- ▶ **SVDP** The new number to contact SVDP is 07585 656229.
- ▶ **PARISH LETTER** A letter was delivered to 40 St. BRIDE'S Parishioners. This letter provided information on the latest news from the Parish, including Mass Times and Live streaming of Mass. A copy of the letter is available on our website at [stbrideschurch.co.uk](http://stbrideschurch.co.uk).
- ▶ **OUR NEW WEBSITE** Please have a look at our new website. [www.stbrideschurch.co.uk](http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk) We would be delighted to have your comments or any suggestions to: [joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com](mailto:joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com)

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The Offertory Collection 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020: £577.58  
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### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020: £139.00  
Retired Priests Fund: £80.00

### 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](mailto: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!*

### HAVE YOU RETURNED TO THE EUCHARIST YET?

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world." This testimony of Pope St. John Paul II bears witness to what it means to be holy. We find the strength to live out of love for God only by allowing our lives to be immersed in His Eucharistic presence. Do we live as though our lives are completely dependent upon Him in the Eucharist? Do we desire to spend time with Him daily, to unite ourselves with Him at least in spirit when we are not able to receive Him physically? Do we make Mass and Eucharistic adoration a priority in our own lives and challenge others to do so? Whom in your life today could you invite back to the celebration of the Mass? On Oct. 10, Pope Francis will beatify Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia in 2006 at the age of 15. This teenage saint knew that his own holiness — and the holiness of all people — must flow from the Eucharist. In order to lead others more closely to Our Eucharistic Lord, Carlo created a website highlighting different Eucharistic miracles from around the world. It can still be viewed online today at <http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/>. Regarding the importance of having the Eucharist as the centre of our lives, he said, "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." Let us follow St. John Paul II's and soon-to-be-Blessed Carlo's examples of love for Our Lord in the Eucharist. Let us place Him as the very center, the very "source and summit" of our lives. May we take advantage of every opportunity we have to receive Him worthily and devoutly. And may we always seek to lead others to Him, as well.

## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock

The "Light of the World" was painted in 1853-54 by the English artist William Holman Hunt (1827-1910). The painting, which measures 125 x 60 cm, is currently at Keble College, Oxford in England. The painting is really a painted text, a sermon on canvas. In "The Light of the World" the allegory chosen for illustration is that beautiful one in the Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). On the head of Christ are two crowns: the earthly crown of his passion as well as his heavenly crown of glory - this crown begins to bud and blossom - symbol of new life and new beginning. The Robe of Christ is a seamless robe. It symbolises the unbroken unity of the Body of Christ, the Family of the Church today throughout the world. Then there is the lamp carried by Christ. It is the lamp which guides us throughout the journey of our lives. The scene is during the night. There are dangers and obstacles on our path - the light of Christ will guide us and show us the safest and best way. The door of the soul is beautifully rendered. It has been a very long time since it has been opened. The weeds have climbed where they never could have climbed had it been kept open; stains of rust are over the iron-work. We can see brambles, because a place overgrown with brambles is a place to which the gardener doesn't visit. The fruit the trees have borne has fallen to the ground - natural fruit, uncared for and untended. The sadness of the face of Christ is painful in the extreme, and the justification of this sadness is that Christ has knocked, and knocked in vain. Look how Christ's knocks on the door of our souls - his hand is half-open and he listens intently; he is patient, he will wait for as long as it takes. The door has no handle. It can only be opened from the inside. In other words, only we can open the door of our souls to Christ. It is our choice. Perhaps we might see in this painting the whole meaning of the life of Christ, and the whole story of our own neglected souls. The idea of painting the picture came from a sonnet entitled "Tomorrow" by Lope de Vega, from Spain: "Soul, from thy casement look, and thou shalt see how He persists to knock and wait for thee!" And Oh, how often to that voice of sorrow, "Tomorrow I will open" - I replied. And when the morrow came, I answered still: "Tomorrow!"



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