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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

25th October 2020

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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

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection

Every priest has probably experienced that moment when someone asks the profoundest question at the most inappropriate moment! Like asking about life after death at the supermarket checkout, or the meaning of life over the booming disco of a wedding reception! Sometimes people want a simple, short, snappy answer to the things that puzzle us, or challenge us most. All of us, in a sense, are searching for a simple answer to the question "What is life for? What's it all about?" Even though Jesus is asked this question by yet another band of opponents trying to catch him out, his simple answer resonates through the ages – from the Old Testament to ourselves. It's very simple, really: love God, love others. This is all we have to do. Of course, putting that into practice is the job of a lifetime, and will be filled with successes and failures, certainty and doubt, enthusiasm and lethargy. Let us pray that we may take these two simple commandments and "write them on our hearts" so that every single day, everywhere we go, everything we say or do, will spring from love of God and love of neighbour. And if you want a highly effective prayer for the end of the day, simply find a quiet spot, be in the presence of God and ask "Have I loved you today, Lord? Have I loved others?" Thank God for the ways you have, ask God's mercy for the ways you haven't.

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.

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 THE PARISH BULLETIN HOME
 WITH YOU. THANKS!**

Thirtieth 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 24 th October	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for all Missionaries</i> 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 25 th October	30th 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 26 th October	30th Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for William Paterson (A)</i> <i>Offered for Stephen (Tiney) Brennan (A)</i>				
Tuesday 27 th October	Requiem Mass for Kathleen Cairns at 10am - Private			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 28 th October	Feast of Ss Sion and Jude, Apostles Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Annmarie Dickie (RD)</i> <i>Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 29 th October	30th Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Robert Bryson (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass	
Friday 30 th October	Special Mass in Time of Pandemic Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Ennis McHugh (SI)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 31 st October	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Jake Reid (SI)</i> Solemnity of All Saints Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

St Peter's Parish Centre: Fiona Brown 07907 389703

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XX

What happens in us when we receive Holy Communion? 5) The Eucharist is our pledge of the glory to come (#1042-1405). This fruit was most recognisable at the Last Supper when Jesus said: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in my Father's Kingdom" (Lk 22:18). Whenever we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, we remember this promise of our Lord and turn our gaze towards him who is to come (CCC #1403). When we receive Holy Communion, we are publicly stating our willingness to stand with Jesus in his ongoing battle against all forms of evil and suffering in our world. The Calvary dimension of the Eucharist becomes real when we confront with love and courage the daily crosses and persecutions of life, such as difficult family and work situations, poor health, unjust structures of society that oppress and keep the poor in bondage. A central part of being sincere Eucharistic people is our willingness to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned (Mt 25: 31-46). After the distribution of Holy Communion, there follows a time of quiet meditation when we spend a few moments to contemplate on the meaning of Holy Communion and allow it to sink deep into our hearts. We may choose to either sit quietly in the presence of our Beloved or speak to him about the deepest concerns of our hearts. A medieval monk said: "While we rest in him, he works in us."

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Life on earth is hard. "Continuous warfare," as Job said (7:1). This world is fallen, filled with obstacles to justice, peace, and true happiness. As a result, the life of every Christian here on earth is a hard battle to stay faithful to Christ and to help others do the same. The Second Vatican Council, in its Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, taught: "For a monumental struggle against the powers of darkness pervades the whole history of man. The battle was joined from the very origins of the world and will continue until the last day, as the Lord has attested. Caught in this conflict, man is obliged to wrestle constantly if he is to cling to what is good, nor can he achieve his own integrity without great efforts and the help of God's grace" (Gaudium et Spes, #37). We know this, and we have accepted the challenge - that's why we are here today. And yet, we get tired of fighting, sometimes. We get worn out. That's why the Church gives us today's Solemnity of All Saints - to rekindle our hope! Contemplating these brothers and sisters in Christ should renew our strength, inspire us, and encourage us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie.

✦ **Those who have died recently:** Anne McEwan, Kathleen Cairns, Annmarie Dickie, Robert Bryson, Seamus Reilly Snr.

✦ **Those who died at this time of Year:** Terence Burns 1997, Henry Fitzsimmons 1959, Helen Grober 2008, Morvia Logue 2014, Tommy Mulhern 1996, William Paterson 1963, Alice Procter 1995, Samuel Cambridge 1979, Mary Fleming 2012, Margaret Newell 2005, Douglas Mayberry 2005, James Delahunt 1976, James McDermid 2003, John O'Neill 2012, Mary Brodie 1997, Ellie Graham 2016, Mary Haran 1995, Daniel Mathieson 1962, Joseph McGoogan 2008, Catherine Ramsay 2012, Gloria Rosendale 2014, William Delahunt 1986, Bill Moore 1989, Sadie Clegg 2011, John Martin 1979, The Christians martyred in the Cathedral of our Lady of Deliverance in Baghdad 2010.

St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR KATHLEEN CAIRNS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Cairns who died on 11th October 2020. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th October at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Erin Mary Walsh who will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites. 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.

Prayer to St Michael Archangel

"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle we are told about in the Letter to the Ephesians: 'Draw strength from the Lord and from His mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this scene when, at the end of the last century, he introduced a special prayer to St. Michael throughout the Church. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."
[Saint Pope John Paul]

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
by the Divine Power of God cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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
- ▶ **COMMUNICATION** Did you know you can now reach us on our Facebook page "https://www.facebook.com/stbrideschurchWK"
- ▶ **NOVEMBER LIST** Our month to remember family and friends. Please put their names into the Envelopes which are at the back of the church.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANN McEWAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ann McEwan who died on 13th October 2020. Her requiem Mass was on 23rd October. May she rest in peace and rise in glory! Please also remember her husband Jim in your prayers.
- ▶ **MISSIO SCOTLAND** A Special Collection will be taken up this weekend. A basket for donations is beside our Pink Bucket. *Thank you.*

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The Offertory Collection 18th October 2020: £423.72
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ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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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!*

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

Michael O'Leary, Chief Executive of Ryanair after arriving in a hotel in Manchester went to the bar and asked for a pint of Guinness. The barman said, "That will be £1 please, Mr. O'Leary." Taken aback, O'Leary replied, "That's very cheap," and handed over his money. "We do try to stay ahead of the competition", said the barman. "We have the cheapest beer in England". "That is remarkable value", Michael comments. "I see you don't have a glass, you'll need one of ours. That will be £3 please." O'Leary scowled, but paid up. He took his drink and walked towards a seat. "Ah, you want to sit down?" said the barman. "That'll be an extra £2. If you'd pre-booked it would have cost £1." O'Leary swore to himself, but paid up. "I see you've brought your laptop" added the barman. "That wasn't pre-booked either, that's another £3." O'Leary was so incensed and his face was red with rage. "I've had enough! I insist on speaking to a manager!" "Here is his e-mail address, or if you wish, you can contact him between 9.00 am and 9.01am every morning, Monday to Tuesday. Calls are free, unless answered, then there is a charge of only £1 per second". "I will never use this bar again".

Mustard Seeds

✠ Choosing Twelve Apostles

Who were these men and what qualifications did they have? Today companies screen people for management positions. And Church authorities also screen people for positions of leadership. Candidates are not admitted to the priesthood without first undergoing psychological tests. Let us imagine that the twelve apostles were sent by Jesus to a firm of consultants for similar tests. The following report, marked 'Private and Confidential', was sent back to him.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests. We have run the results through our computer, and also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologists and vocational aptitude consultants. The results of all the tests are included, and we advise that you study each of them carefully. It is the opinion of the staff that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. Besides, they do not have the team concept. We have found ample evidence of jealousy and rivalry among them. Therefore, we would recommend that you continue your search for persons of more experience and proven ability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper definitely not the man you would want to head your organisation. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership - he is just a follower and does what the others do. The two brothers, James and John, are too hot-headed and impulsive. Besides, they place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would undermine morale. Matthew, the tax-collector, is undoubtedly a man of ability, but would project the wrong image for an organisation such as yours. James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus have radical political leanings. Hence, their unsuitability. There is one of the candidates, however, who shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, good with people, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. That man is Judas Iscariot. We recommend him as your controller and right-hand man. We wish you every success in your new venture.

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