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Solemnity of Christ the King [A]

22nd November 2020

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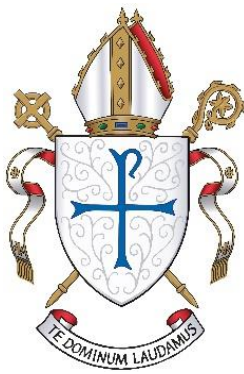
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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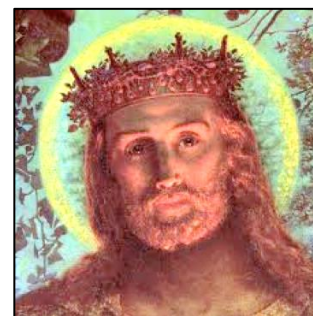
THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these readings to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these readings 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 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection

Absolute monarchy is not something our contemporary society is comfortable with – most monarchies in our world today are "constitutional" or limited in some way. When a leader starts behaving like an absolute monarch, warnings about civil liberty and the rights of the people begin to be raised. So it can seem strange that today we celebrate the most absolute monarchy you can imagine – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! That word "king" implies a "kingdom", and we know that Jesus frequently talked about the "Kingdom of God" or the "Kingdom of Heaven". His kingdom, as he himself pointed out to Pontius Pilate, is "not of this world". It is not a geographical kingdom, marked by borders and customs posts, but a kingdom of the mind and heart, the soul and spirit. We choose to be citizens of that Kingdom by our own behaviour, priorities and actions, as Jesus defines in today's Gospel. It is by our lives of mercy and kindness that we belong to His Kingdom, that we claim Him as our King, that we prepare to welcome Him in His glory.

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THE PARISH BULLETIN HOME
WITH YOU. THANKS!**

Thirty Fourth Week of the Year [A] 2020

November 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 21 st November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Ian Ayres (D)</i> Solemnity of Christ the King Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Ellen Bell (RD) and Anne Lafferty (D)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 22 nd November	Solemnity of Christ the King Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 23 rd November	34th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public) <i>Offered for Tommy Rae (RD), Barbara Allan (RD) and Catherine (Kay) Stranigan (A)</i>				
Tuesday 24 th November	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns (RD) Margaret Taylor (2020) and Mary Jane Hutson (A)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 25 th November	34th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public) <i>Offered for Theresa Loudon (RD) and Donald Dunn (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 26 th November	34th Week of the Year Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Sr. Roberta McLaren (RD), Louise Watson Fell (RD) and John Higgins (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Friday 27 th November	Mass in time of Pandemic Mass at 10am (Public) <i>Offered for Kenneth Donnelly (A), Nancy Flynn (RD) and John Maxwell (A)</i>	Mass at 12.00pm <i>Norma Donlevy (MM)</i>	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 28 th November	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for 'Wee' Joe McIver (2020)</i> First Sunday of Advent, Year B Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public) <i>Offered for Maria Reid (A) and K. Collins in Thanksgiving</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

St Peter's Parish Centre: Fiona Brown 07907 389703

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.



Prayer for November

We seem to give them back to thee,
O God, who gavest them to us.
Yet as thou didst not lose them in giving,
so we do not lose them by their return.
Not as the world giveth, givest thou, O Lover of souls.
What thou givest, thou takest not away,
for what is thine is ours also if we are thine.
And life is eternal and love immortal, and death is only a horizon,
and a horizon is nothing, save the limit of our sight.
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further;
cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;
draw us closer to thyself that we may know
ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee.
And while thou dost prepare a place for us,
prepare us also for that happy place,
that where thou art we may be also for evermore. (Bede Jarrett)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie, Maria Hilferty, Cathie Slimman.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Ian Ayres, Ellen Bell, Anne Lafferty, Barbara Allan (Glasgow), Tommy Rae, Kathleen Cairns, Theresa Loudon, Donald Dunn, Sr. Roberta McLaren, Louise Watson Fell, John Higgins, Nancy Flynn (East Kilbride) Norma Donlevy, John Finnigan, Jane McNeil.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Karen Sharon Byrne 2003, Patrick Gerald Burns 2003, John Carry 1997, Canon George McCafferty 2000, Nora Moore 2012, Janie Matthews 2014, Elizabeth McDougall 1948, Mart Toland 2015, Father John Walsh 2009, Monsignor Frank Duffy 2000, Mary McNally 2004, Ian Mitchell 2011, Declan Kelly 2016, Mary Higgins 1992, Jim Brodie 2011, Kenneth Donnelly 2008, Hannah Kirk 1989, John Maxwell 2002, Sarah McNamara 1980, Liz Berti 2018, Shannon Elizabeth Byrne 2000, Sarah Heaney 1955, Jemima McAuliffe 2001, Eddie McNamara 2014, Lillian Paterson 2011, Maria Reid 2013, Peggy Dorian Smith 1991, Martin Vernon 2011.

St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Jack McLaughlin who was baptised on Saturday. We also welcome John Paul McMeechan, who will be baptised this coming Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JANE MCNEIL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jane McNeil who died on 9th November 2020. Her Funeral Service will be on Monday, 23rd November 2020 at 2pm at Clyde Coast Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** Repairs have been done to the attic doors in St Peter's Centre and also a new alarm system has been fitted. We still haven't found a solution to the leaks in the Church tower or in the back sacristy. The security camera around the Church have been serviced. Sincere thanks for all the hard work in the past weeks.

► **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** We have been asked to donate our used postage stamps to fund Medical Science. Please hand your used stamps in to the Parish Office or give them to Alfie Agostini.

MASS LIVE-STREAMING access by going on the Parish Websites. saintpeterinchains.co.uk - Click SERVICES on the red menu bar. Then MASS TIMES on the menu. Website: saintpeterinchains.net - Go to top right-hand corner of the screen. Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times" Website: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Click on Live Streaming button at bottom right of Home page.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 15th November 2020: £649.09
Second Collection (Building Fund): £240.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 15th November 2020: £127.00

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.

Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!

St. Bride's Notices

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** We welcome Father Hamill to St Bride's as he moves in this week. We hope that he really feels at home in our Parish Family. We are still waiting for the control panel for the heating system in the Church to be repaired - probably some time next week. Sincere thanks for all the hard work in the past weeks.

► **ST BRIDE'S ADVENT REFLECTIONS** The season of Advent is quickly approaching. But what does this mean for each one of us? Many people see Advent as an early Christmas filled only with the busyness of shopping, wrapping, baking, and traveling. However, Advent is about growing closer to our beloved one, Jesus Christ. We are preparing our hearts for His coming at Christmas. We're also preparing our souls for His second coming at the end of time. Even though we have many tasks throughout Advent, we can use this opportunity on the liturgical calendar to learn pray and reflect more and open our hearts to God's love and healing. Sixteen parishioners from St Bride's have prepared a series of Advent reflections that will guide you on your adventure. Our hope is that you will be able to slow down this Advent and turn your gaze to the infant in the manger. The Booklet is available in Church and a digital version is now available on our websites. May God bless you. And may this coming Advent prepare you for the wonder of the Incarnation at Christmas.

Emergency Call for Hospitals - Father Duncan will be on-call for the Hospitals this coming week. Please keep the sick and those in hospital at this time in your prayers.

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

Football tickets - England v Scotland - June 2021 - This may be of interest to one of you. A friend of mine has two tickets in a corporate box for England vs Scotland. He paid £300 each, but he didn't realise when he bought them that it was going to be the same day as his Covid 19 postponed wedding. If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place. It's at Hamilton Registry Office, at 2.30pm. The bride's name is Moira, she's 5'4", about 8 stone, quite pretty, has her own income and is a really good cook.

Mustard Seeds

✠ The Most Beautiful Flower

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree. Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown, for the world was intent on dragging me down. And if that weren't enough to ruin my day, a young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play. He stood right before me with his head tilted down and said with great excitement, "Look what I found!" In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight, with its petals all worn – not enough rain, or too little light. Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play, I faked a small smile and then shifted away. But instead of retreating he sat next to my side and placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise, "It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too. That's why I picked it; here, it's for you." The weed before me was dying or dead. Not vibrant of colours, orange, yellow or red. But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave. So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need." But instead of him placing the flower in my hand, he held it mid-air without reason or plan. It was then that I noticed for the very first time that weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind. I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun as I thanked him for picking the very best one. "You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play, unaware of the impact he'd had on my day. I sat there and wondered how he managed to see a self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree. How did he know of my self-indulged plight? Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight. Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see the problem was not with the world; the problem was me. And for all of those times I myself had been blind, I vowed to see beauty, and appreciate every second that's mine. And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose and breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose and smiled as that young boy, another weed in his hand about to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

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