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Solemnity of Pentecost [B]

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME



Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Reflection

Today is the birthday of the Church – that body of people of every race and nation, spread out through time, who seek to continue the Mission of Jesus, proclaiming faith in God and a way of life that leads to his Kingdom. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do this, that allows us to pray, that ensures the continuing presence of Jesus in Holy Communion, that ensures we remain true to His teachings as the centuries unfold. In the reading above, we hear of the miracle of Pentecost, also referred to in the Preface of Mass today: the Spirit "brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith." What is the language of the Church? Some would say Latin, while others would go back further and say Greek or Aramaic! But the language of the Church must be love: a love which breaks down barriers and unites all people in God's Kingdom. Let us pray that the Spirit may blow like a rushing wind through our world today, to fill us with the language of love in all that we say and do.

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THANKS!**



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May 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.	St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar	Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
Saturday 22 nd May	Solemnity of Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Benet Brodie (RD), Frank & Sadie Hamilton (A) Fr. Christopher Mroczek (A)			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 23 rd May	Solemnity of Pentecost Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for our parishes	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 24 th May	Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Margaret Thompson (A), Bobby McKee (RD), Patricia Woodcock (nee Leonard) (RD)			
Tuesday 25 th May	Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for Rosa Carrino (RD), Robert & Margaret Monan	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 26 th May	Memorial of St. Philip Neri Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Agnes McGonigle (RD), Bobby Milligan (RD)		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 27 th May	Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for James O'Hara (A), Baby Freddie			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 28 th May	Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Hugh & Tommy McEvoy (A), Ruth & Joanne (Dalmally)	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 29 th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Kenneth Breen (A), Little Family (A)			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

"Evangelisation takes shape essentially in three areas: 1. Ordinary pastoral care carried out in Christian communities. We include here those who preserve a deep and sincere faith, expressing it in different ways. Ordinary pastoral ministry helps believers grow spiritually and respond to God's love ever more fully in their lives. 2. The baptised whose lives do not reflect the demands of baptism, lack a meaningful relationship to the Church and no longer experience the consolation born of faith. The Church seeks to develop new language attuned to the different world cultures, proposing the truth of Christ with an attitude of dialogue and friendship. 3. Those who do not know Christ or have already rejected him. Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeking to impose new obligations they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and invite others to a delicious banquet." [Directory 28-42]



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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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt, Bill Holden, Valerie Bickers, Jean Brawley, Anita Smalridge.

✙ Those who have died recently:

Rosa Carrino, Patricia Woodcock (nee Leonard), Benet Brodie, Agnes McGonigle, Bobby McKee, Bobby Milligan, Alice Crow, Edward McLaughlin.

✙ Those who died at this time of Year:

Mary Brown 2013, James Cairnie 1953, Mary Kelly 2002, Sadie Welsh 2009, Meta McCulloch, John McKibben 2012, Patrick O'Hare 1973, Margaret McAuley 1953, Joe Peppard 1993, Christine Stevens 1996, Bobby Flood 2018, Joseph Higgins 2006, Robert and Margaret Monan 1977, Lily Peppard 2004, Georgina Akins 1961, Mary Lynn Beattie 1998, Bernard Little 1999, Sarah Ramsay 2000, Desmond Langan 2005, Jim Little 1945, Andrew McCarroll 1967, Hugh McEvoy 2016, William McNeil 2007, William Stewart 2006, Kenny Breen 2018, Gerald Kelly 2014, Des Madine 1982, Brian Towie 2013, Cameron Walsh 1987

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK** Our St. Peter's P3 Children will be making their First Confession on Wednesday, 26th May. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers that they may experience a day of joy, peace and healing.
- **STUDENTS FUND COLLECTION** Our annual collection for the students studying for the Priesthood will take place next Saturday/Sunday (29th/30th May). Your generosity is much appreciated.
- **ST. PETER'S PARISH 50/50 CLUB WINNERS LIST** Congratulations to our winners who each win £25. **January** – (17) Julie Henry, (152) Linda Swan, (121) Anne Hastings No.115 Patricia Dixon. **February**- No.228 Sheila Boyle No.111 Kate Dunn No.156 Betty Craig No.99 Nicola Convery. **March** -No.179 Margaret McAuliffe No.92 Donnie Brown No.102 Mary Lee No.109 Patricia McAuliffe. **April** - No.238 Phylliss Kennedy No.175 John McPherson No.126 Margaret Brawley No.202 Elizabeth Govan. **April Bonus Prize** of £100 to No.239 Aidan & Bethany McGrath. Well done and Good Luck in the next Draw at the end of MAY. We welcome new members at any time by contacting M. Sammons 01294 469006. Please notify your change of address ASAP as all prizes are posted out to our Winners. Can we remind a few members who still have to renew their membership of £15 for 2021. Your support of the Parish is appreciated.

Today is the Birthday of the Church

The Feast of Pentecost, originally the Jewish Feast of weeks commemorating the gift of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai 50 days after the Exodus, was the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out in the Upper Room upon the apostles and other disciples in the form of tongues of fire and a strong wind, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Somehow we can get the feeling that we have somehow missed the good news about Pentecost. OK, we Catholics celebrate the feast every year and talk about it in Confirmation, but lots of us evidently didn't "get it." Because if we "got it," we'd be different. Bold instead of timid, energetic instead of anaemic, fascinated instead of bored. Compare the apostles before and after Pentecost and you'll see the difference the Spirit makes. The gospel is Good News not just because we're going to heaven, but because we've been empowered to become new people, here and now. Vatican II insisted that each of us is called to the heights of holiness (Lumen Gentium, chapter V). Not by will-power, mind you, but by Holy Spirit power. Holiness consists in faith, hope, and especially divine love. These are "virtues," literally "powers," given by the Spirit. To top it off, the Spirit gives us seven further Gifts, making it possible for us to live a supernatural life - wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. These Gifts are standard equipment given in Baptism and Confirmation.

Just for a Laugh... Father Duncan walked into a pub in Ardrossan and said to the first man he met, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man replied, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then Father Duncan walked up to Hamish and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" Hamish said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" Hamish said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Letter to a Suffering Church from Bishop Barron now available

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralised about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Our parish wants to help, and that's why we've made available a downloadable version of a new book on our Parish websites. It's titled "Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis" by the well-known American Bishop Robert Barron. We invite you to download your free copy. I think you'll find it helpful and uplifting. Bishop Barron provides clear insight on the crisis and where we should go from here. So please make sure to take a copy of the book and know that the Parishes of St Bride's and St Peter's care deeply about helping you navigate these stormy waters. God bless you!

White Flower Appeal 2021

On Saturday, 22 May 2021, at Carfin Grotto, SPUC Scotland will display 14,000 white flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year, to create a 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display at 2pm. If you would like to sponsor a virtual flower, please visit www.whiteflower.org.uk or call SPUC Scotland (0141 221 2094) to make a donation. Thank you!

Mustard Seeds

✠ Sparrow at Starbucks

It was chilly in New York but warm inside the Starbucks shop just a skip up from Times Square. For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right. During our emotional rendition of "If You Don't Know Me by Now," I noticed a lady sitting in one of the lounge chairs across from me. She was swaying to the beat and singing along. After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologise for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked. "No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing up front on the next selection?" To my delight, she accepted my invitation. "You choose," I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?" "Well... do you know any hymns?" Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one." "Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one." "Okay," I replied. "How about 'His Eye is on the Sparrow'?" My new friend was silent, her eyes averted. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah. Let's do that one. She began to sing. "Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadows come?" The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. "I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow. And I know He watches me." When the last note was sung, the applause crescendoed to a deafening roar. Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert! I just came in here to get somethin' to drink, just like you!" But the ovation continued. I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!" "It's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said. "Why is that?" She hesitated again, "that was my daughter's favourite song." She grabbed my hands. By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual. "She was sixteen. She died of a brain tumour last week." I said the first thing that found its way through my silence. "Are you going to be okay?" She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hands. "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing his songs, and everything's gonna be just fine." Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular November night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to walk into that particular shop? Coincidence that of all the hymns to choose from, I just happened to pick the very hymn that was the favourite of her daughter, who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it. God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time, and it's no stretch for me to imagine that he could reach into a coffee shop in New York and turn an ordinary day into a revival. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting him and singing his songs, everything's gonna be okay.

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