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21st Sunday of the Year [B]

22nd August 2021

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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.

**St. Peter in Chains,
and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Quilt

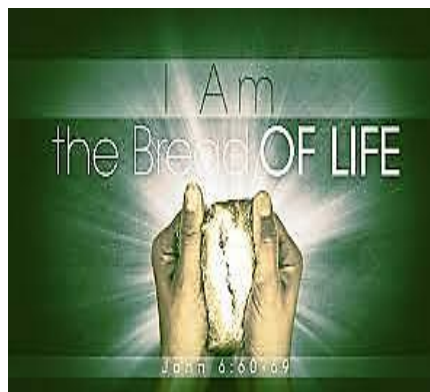
As I faced my Maker at the last Judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives, like the squares of a quilt, in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that was our life. But as my Angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares were. They were filled with giant holes! Each square was labelled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I had endured, (which were the largest holes of all). I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Others had a tiny hole here and there, other tapestries were filled with rich colour and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My Angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light and the scrutiny of truth. The others rose each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My Angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, death, and false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully; each time offering it up to the Father, in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it had been. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with eyes wide. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded through the many holes, creating an image: The face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you... Welcome Home My Child, welcome Home!"



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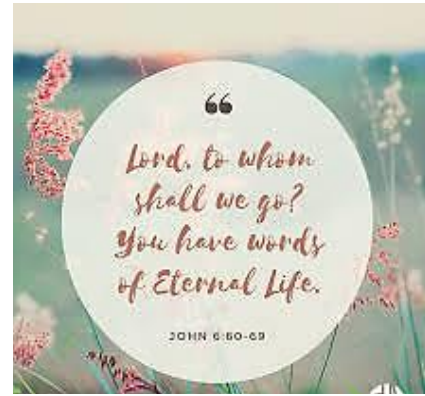
Twentyfirst Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

| August 2021 | St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> | <i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i> | www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> | |
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| | | St Bride's | St. John's | St. Mary's |
| Saturday 21 st August | 21st Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Brian Collins (A) and Special Intentions.</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 22 nd August | 21st Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i> | Mass at 12.15pm | Mass at 11.30 (L) | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Monday 23 rd August | 21st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Mary Carrick (RD), Margaret Johnston (SI), Frank & Maria McEvoy (A)</i> | | | Funeral Mass at 10am for Veronica Farrell |
| Tuesday 24 th August | Feast of St. Bartholomew Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for James Mullen (RD)</i> | Mass at 10am | | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Wednesday 25 th August | Votive Mass of St. Joseph Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Veronica Farrell (RD), Bobby Hughes (RD)</i> | | Funeral Mass at 10am for Edward Pllu | |
| Thursday 26 th August | 21st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Anne Ward (B)</i> | | | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Friday 27 th August | Memorial of St. Monica Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (A)</i> | Mass at 12 noon | Mass at 10am (L) | |
| Saturday 28 th August | 22nd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Anna Wanna Rungruangkanokkul (RD)</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |



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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Pat Breen, Harry Sammons, Jayne Adams, William Robinson,
Kirsty Maher, Hugh Wright (Southampton, Ontario).*

✚ Those who have died recently:

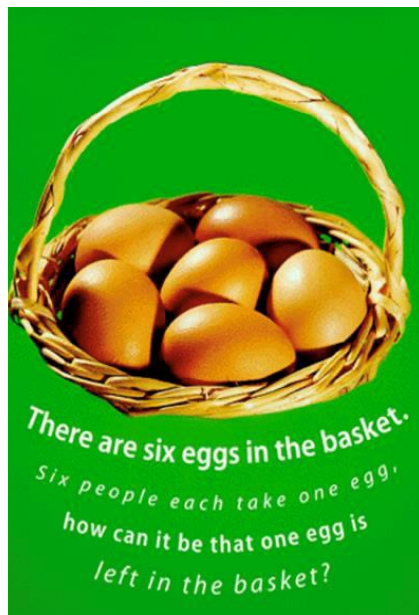
*Valerie Bickers, Vera Gray, Bobby Hughes, Mary Carrick, David Coia, James Mullen, Veronica Farrell,
Anna Wanna Rungruangkanokkul (Bangkok), David Coia.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Frances Burns 2017, Father William McBurnie 1953, John McLaughlin 2014, Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Felix Quigg 1994,
Josie Walsh 2003, Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns, Bridie Maher 2015, Maureen Taylor 2019,
Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004, Jim McManus 1997, John Quinn 2015, Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Annie McCormick 1976,
Giocondo Michelin 1959, Connor Collins 1978, Harry Currie 2008, John O'Donnell 2009, Mick Smith 1998,
Patricia Sullivan 2006, Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987, Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969,
Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006.*

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS** We pray for many blessings today on all the children who will receive the Saviour for the First time in Holy Communion. We ask the Good Lord to grant them and their families a day of blessing, joy and grace!
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ST NINIAN AT WHITHORN** There will be a coach leaving for Whithorn on Sunday 29th August at 10.45am prompt from St Mary's, Saltcoats. There are seats available. Please register your name at the Parish Office.
- **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Canon Matt has signed up to go on a five-day pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th). Flight from Edinburgh – travel restrictions permitting. Full details available from Northern Star Travel Ltd: www.northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115
- **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.
- **ST BRIDE'S SUPPORT BOOKS FOR THE SYCAMORE COURSE** St Pauls book shop now has the two books YOUCAT and the YOU PRAYER BOOK in stock. I have ordered the books for those parishioners who added their names to the order list. The cost of the YOUCAT book is £12.95 and the support YOU-PRAYER book is £7.95. If you cannot remember whether you order one or both books please contact me as I still have the list! LAURA 07717848262



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Answer to Lateral Thinking:

The last person took the egg with the egg in it

New Scottish Catholic Magazine

2021 is the first year in almost a century and a half Catholics in Scotland have been without a national publication. It's a loss that's left a void because our community needs a voice. A voice we can believe, that cuts through the gossip and the arguments so we can speak to one another and understand what we as Catholics are living through. The Scottish Catholic Observer did that. We still need it. Welcome to the launch of a new publication called The Scottish Catholic this autumn. The pandemic has shown that there is a real hunger among Scottish Catholics to engage with their faith in new ways, and this magazine will do that. The new venture has the backing of the Bishops of Scotland, including Bishop Nolan of our own diocese. Already parishes up and down the country have signed up to take the magazine which will come out every two weeks at the very reasonable price of £2 from October. Have a look at the sample Magazine on our website and if Parishioners like it, we can get a list to sign up in Church. £4 a month for two issues.

Just for a Laugh... Hamish drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-down. He rushes round to The Presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened round at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Fr Duncan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Fr Duncan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor. "Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that." "Well," Fr. Duncan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc." An investigation of some rigour is conducted, not only by priests of the Diocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however. It reads: 'It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Hamish's room, quite outside the normal run of the phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we declared no miracle. For it was possibly the result of Hamish buttering the toast on the wrong side.'

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