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23rd Sunday of the Year [B]

5th September 2021

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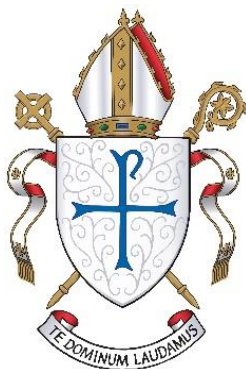
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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

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and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Who packs your parachute?

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. Charles Plumb, a US Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy lands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience. One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today." Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: A white hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. His experience reminds us all to prepare ourselves to weather whatever storms lie ahead. As you go through this week, this month, this year ... recognise people who pack your parachute!



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. **THANKS!**

Year of
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Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

September 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</i> <i>(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>		
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 4 th September	23rd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Phyllis Doherty (A), John Boyle (RD)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 5 th September	23rd 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 6 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Betty Craig (SI)</i>				
Tuesday 7 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Agnes Monahan (RD), Forgotten Souls in Purgatory</i>	Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 8 th September	Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Betty Craig (SI), Edward Pllu (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 9 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Cecelia McGrath (RD)</i>				Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 10 th September	23rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Sarah Wright (A), Pauline & Giuseppe (SI)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)		Memorial Mass at 11am (L) for Anne Hughes
Saturday 11 th September	Baptism of Alessio Orlandi at 12 noon. 24th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Isobel McCulloch (RD), Michael Howie (RD)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)



Prayer before Mass

God our Father,
 You have called us today
 to join in the offering of Jesus Christ,
 your divine Son In this Mass.
 Grant that every action we do,
 every word we say, (every note we sing),
 may unite us more closely in our love for you
 and for one another.
 Help us to offer this Mass
 With love and attention, we ask this through
 Christ our Lord
 Amen.

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, Peter Brawley, Margaret Brawley,
 William Robinson, Kirsty Maher.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Valerie Bickers, Vera Gray, Peter Lloyd-Holt, Bob Houghton, Isobel McCulloch, Agnes Monahan,
 Cecelia McGrath (Glasgow) Edward Pllu, Michael Howie, John Boyle,*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Enis Delahunt 1996, Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, Margaret Nicol 2007,
 Margaret Brodie 1964, Mary McGlynn 2010, Frank Morrison 2004, Jimmy Mulhearn 1992, Rona McNamara 2005, Marie
 White née McManus 1997, Ellen Vance 2012, Catherine Campbell 2003, James Duffin 1960,
 Margaret Logan 2013, William Loudon 1977, Joan McKnight 1976, Margaret Walsh 2015, Harry Kaye 2000,
 Susannah Kemp 1948, James Moore 1998, Florence Slavin 1998, Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Cathie
 Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mary Otto 2008.*

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Alessio Orlandi who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** There will be a special collection next weekend, 11th/12th September for the Retired Priests Fund.
- ▶ **KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting again on the 22nd September. Our meetings will still be on Wednesdays from 1pm till 2.45pm but now in the small hall instead of the snug. Looking forward to seeing you all again and if anyone who likes to knit, crochet or just have a chat please come along you will be made very welcome. For more info call Fiona on 462470.
- ▶ **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES** A beautiful Novena of prayer for our families is available from our websites. Copies are also available at the literature stand in Church.
- ▶ **HOLY WATER** Parishioners have been asking about the availability of Holy Water. For the time being we still cannot use the fonts in church but small bottles to take Holy Water home are available from today,
- ▶ **WE NOW HAVE "QR CODES" IN OUR CHURCHES** St Peter's and St Bride's have now QR Codes in the entrance porches. His helps to register your name as you come to Mass. If you have a mobile phone you just photograph the QR Code, it takes you to the app and then you register. Easy!

MEMORIAL SERVICE A memorial service for Anne Hughes, who died on the 16th February 2021, will be held in St. Mary's Saltcoats on **Friday 10th September** with Mass at 11am. Anyone who knew Anne is welcome to attend.



The Chalice is inscribed EX DONO H. CARNAN MDCCLX
Which is 'By the gift of H. Carnan 1860'
Research shows that one Helen Ballantyne was married to a Robert Carnan in the Catholic Chapel of Dumfries on 6 January 1843 by Rev. William Reid. Robert Carnan was born in 1819 in Urr, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright and Helen Ballantyne in 1823 in Troqueer. Robert Carnan was a master baker and employer. He died aged 39 on 12 April 1858, leaving over £2000 to his widow, Helen. All of this circumstantial evidence points to the chalice being a gift to the Chapel in Dumfries by the widow Helen in memory of her deceased husband, Robert.

J.G.M. Walsh (8th August 2021)

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Tuesday, 14th September, is a special Feast Day when we remember St Helen finding the True Cross of Jesus. Please bring along to Mass the crucifixes from your homes and place them on the altar at 10am Mass at St Bride's and St Peter's. We will bless them on this special day of grace and ask for God's protection and love on our homes.

Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

Thought for the Week

What is the cost of being a Christian? Has our faithfulness to the Gospel ever cost us money, reputation, the possibility of advancement, property, or even family harmony? Most of us can think of someone whose belonging to Jesus cost them dearly. Oscar Romero and Dietrich Bonhoeffer spring to mind. Romero preached valiantly against the injustice in his country of El Salvador and throughout the world. He often criticised the wealthy and the powerful for having a "pocket God," a God they carried with them as a sort of talisman who approved of their greed and selfishness. Romero preached a God who was in the hearts of all and who "was closely present to those suffering, totally involved in their liberations" Bishop Romero's faith cost him his life. Murdered while celebrating the Eucharist on March 24, 1980, Romero's example calls forth our daring, our courage and our perseverance. Bonhoeffer was also martyred for speaking truth to power. Hung by Nazis on April 9, 1945, Bonhoeffer did not relinquish his belief that grace and authentic discipleship come at a precious cost. "Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. ... Costly grace *Thank you.*

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And finally some Humour...

A Primary School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the young boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

The rain was pouring down outside Hamish's Scottish Pub in Ardrossan. There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old man, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?" "Fishing" replied the old man. Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me." In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a smart Alec, cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?" "You're the 8th", replied the old man.

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