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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year [C]

3rd July 2022

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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

✠ You Say - God Says

You say: "It's impossible" God says: All things are possible
(Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired" God says: I will give you rest
(Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me" God says: I love you
(John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on" God says: My grace is sufficient
(2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out" God says: I will direct your
steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it" God says: You can do all things
(Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able" God says: I am able (2 Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it" God says: It will be worth it
(Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself" God says: I Forgive you
(1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"
God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)



Prayer for Serenity

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world

as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right

if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life

and supremely happy with Him

forever in the next.

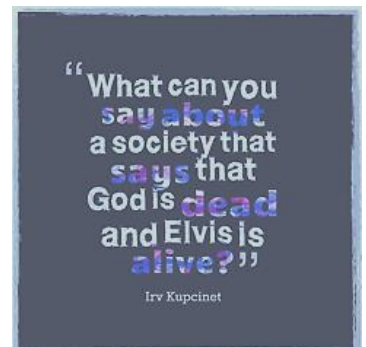
Amen.

Fourteenth Week of the Year [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's	
Saturday 2 nd July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Marie Clare (S), Pauline McMillan (SI), Michael Ferguson (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	
Sunday 3 rd July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 4 th July	14th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Boyle (A), Beryl Meechan (S)</i> Funeral Service at 12.30pm for James Carroll				
Tuesday 5 th July	14th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anthony McEwan (SI), Elizabeth Scoular</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 6 th July	Memorial of St Maria Goretti Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie Burns (RD), Isabel Swanson (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 7 th July	14th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Carroll (RD), Dr Francis Balmer (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 8 th July	14th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael Fisher (RD), Jean McLellan (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 11am (L) Michael Taylor	
Saturday 9 th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for the Intentions of George & Anne McGrattan on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	

Galloway Diocese Synod Summary now available

In September 2021, a Diocesan Synodal Team was formed, consisting of three lay women, one lay man, and one diocesan priest whose primary role was to provide spiritual direction to the lay team. A period of intense preparation followed as the format of synodal encounters was prayerfully decided on and developed, facilitators for these encounters were identified and trained, and the ten thematic nuclei provided by the Vatican were circulated with short reflective videos to encourage participation across the diocese. The Summary of all the hard work and efforts is now available on all our websites. You can download the document there. If you need paper copy, please ask in the Sacristy. Thanks!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Morag Munroe, Lois Andrew, Beryl Meechan.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Marie Burns, Isabel Swanson, Jim Carroll, Dr Francis Balmer, Michael Fisher, Elizabeth Higgins.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Margaret Fisher 2005, Thomas Magee 1995, John Boyle 2021, Rosetta McKay 1994, Ian Moran 1975, Lavinia (Bunty) Orr 2011, Patrick Tourish 1986, Andrew Toner 2010, Sadie Carrino 2019, Richard Graham 2012, George Cameron 1980, Ryan Fleming 2002, Raymond McLaren 2014, Teresa Usher 2006, Joseph Armstrong 1998, Clare Cameron 1985, Mary Chapman 2009, Anthony Da Prato 2016, Eugene McMahan 2021, Father Harry Farrell 1998, Martha Murphy 2001.

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

► **ST BRIDE'S SSVV VILLAGE LARDER COLLECTION** The Larder is pretty well stocked at present but they do have a shortage for 100ml Jars of Coffee. (100ml is easier for a weekly shop, which is what they offer their clients) There will be a box at the back of the church until Sunday 17th July 2022 for this collection. *Thanks everyone!*

► **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** Our congratulations and prayers go to Simon Hall and Rachel Patrick who married last Friday at St Peter's. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JAMES CARROLL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James Carroll who died on 23rd June, aged 89 years. His Funeral Service will be on Monday, 4th July at 12.30pm, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to George and Anne McGrattan on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 8th July.

The Gift of the Eucharist – "I offer it in prayer to someone else"

When I was younger and used to complain about the bullies at school, my dad used to tell me to pray for them. As a kid, I was annoyed that he would even suggest such a thing; they were mean kids, after all. 'Why would I pray for someone who hurt me?' He continued with the same message as I grew older. I remember early on in my career, working full time as a reporter, I complained how some people at work were toxic. He would, once again, tell me to pray for them. Finally, I got upset and I asked him why he would tell me to pray for them. These were not good people, I declared. 'That's the point,' he said. He asked me a question that I still think about today: If they had peace in their hearts, would they hurt me? It was one of the earliest epiphany moments in my life that I remember. God calls us to pray for those who persecute us. I've experienced many adverse situations over the years. Today, the world is very divided and with social media, meanness seems to have increased ten-fold since I first encountered the bullies on the playground. As I grew older and my faith grew, I prayed more for these people. I would dedicate a Rosary to them or pray for them in adoration. However, I began to see the most profound changes when I started to offer my Eucharist in Mass for such people. For several years, there were two people who I prayed for the most while offering my Eucharist for them. Over time, my relationship with one strengthened, and the other one is no longer part of my everyday life. It was as if God was showing me the kindness in the one person who I grew closer to while he moved the other person right out of my life. Every time I receive communion, I offer it in prayer for someone else, particularly someone who upsets me the most. This practice has given me such peace. Although I was praying for others, it was my own heart that was healing. My hope at every Mass is that my prayers offer peace to those for whom I offer up the Eucharist.

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Special Collection (Peter's Pence): £239.14

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Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"Bethlehem Hospital" - Or Bedlam was founded in 1247 as a hospital for people with mental illness, under the care of a religious order whose main house was near Bethlehem. It still exists today as a hospital and so it has come down from our Catholic past.

Golden Jubilee of Fr Archie

The Golden Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood falls on 8th July. I would wish to mark this milestone in my priestly ministry, mindful of all the people who have supported me, in a relatively quiet manner. In order to offer humble thanks to God for the many blessings given to me over these past 50 years, I intend to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 8th July at 7pm At Our lady of the Assumption in Troon. I extend an open invitation to all to join me at that Mass. At the end of Mass, before everyone departs for home, I will offer a special blessing on those present and their extended families, by way of expressing my profound gratitude and calling on God to bless you all. (the whole event will take place in Church)
Fr Archie

And finally... some Humour

Recently reported in the Lawyers' Journal, the following are questions actually asked of witnesses by lawyers during trials and, in certain cases, the responses given by insightful witnesses:

Q: "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?"

A: "No."

Q: "Did you check for blood pressure?"

A: "No."

Q: "Did you check for breathing?"

A: "No."

Q: "So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?"

A: "No."

Q: "How can you be so sure, Doctor?"

A: "Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar."

Q: "But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?"

A: "It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere."

Q: "You say the stairs went down to the basement?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "And these stairs, did they go up also?"

Q: "How was your first marriage terminated?"

A: "By death."

Q: "And by who's death was it terminated?"

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