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Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year – Education Sunday

17th November 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Carrots, Eggs, and Coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft and mushy. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardened egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its deep flavour and inhaled its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?" Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin, outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong? But with pain and adversity, do I wilt and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water - the very circumstance that brings the adversity, the pain, the hardship - into something quite wonderful. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you for the better. ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN? (Somehow, wake up and smell the coffee takes on a whole new meaning)



Thirty-Third Week of the Year [B]

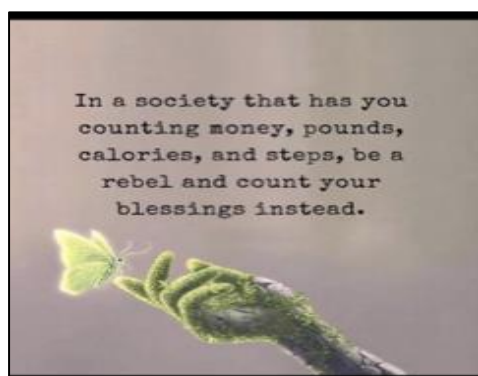
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		ST. BRIDE'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. MARY'S
Saturday 16 th November	33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) [Education Sunday] Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Stephen Munn (A), Susan Patrick (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 17 th November	33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) [Education Sunday] Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 18 th November	MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER AND PAUL Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary Hutson (A), Alice Lappin (RD)</i> Prayers of Reception Gerry Watt 5pm			
Tuesday 19 th November	REQUIEM MASS FOR GERRY WATT 10am	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Paul Devine (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 20 th November	33rd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Frances McVey (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 21 st November	MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ugo Pellegrini (MM)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 22 nd November	MEMORIAL OF ST CECILIA, MARTYR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Susan Patrick (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Café afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 23 rd November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Paul Devine (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.

Monday 9th December at 7pm
St John's, Stevenston

Tuesday 10th December at 7pm
St Peter's, Ardrossan

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm
St Mary's, Saltcoats



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
Rosemary Smith, Sr. Margareta, Wynter McNabb,
Alan & Margaret McDonald, Cathie Currie, Tommy Clark, Jim McEwan,
Grant Mitchell, Angela Clark, Francis Adie.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Gerry Watt, John Tracy, Mary Sammons, Frances McVey (Glasgow),
Susan Patrick, Alice Lappin, Paul Devine.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Jack Meighan, Francis Brady 1943, George Hilferty 2013, Hugh Madine 1997,
Letitia Smith 2001, Setti Cavani 1997, Catherine Keogh 2016,
Margaret Lee 1984, Linda Jackson 2009, Alice McGrattan 2013,
Stephen Munn 2011, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Alice Tomelty 2000,
Susan Hamilton 2009, Father Frank Kiernan 1989, Joseph Smith 2002,
Robert Stevenson 1962, Joseph McKeraghan 2020,
Matthew Ssenyondo, father of Father Charles 2015, Andrew Steven 1998,*



*Karen Sharon Byrne 2003,
Patrick Gerald Burns 2003,
Canon George McCafferty 2000,
John Carry 1997, Nora Moore 2012.*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR GERRY WATT AT ST PETER'S**

Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Gerry Watt who died on 4th November, aged 58 years. His Reception into Church will be on Monday, 18th November at 5pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 19th November at 10am, followed by cremation at the Clyde Coast Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **"SYCAMORE" MEETINGS AT ST BRIDE'S** Please join us for the first Meeting of "Sycamore" at St Bride's. The Meeting is on Wednesday, 20th November 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome!

► **FLOWER DEMONSTRATION AT ST PETER'S** Why don't you join us for a creative afternoon with the Flower Demonstration at St Peter's on Thursday, 21st November at 1pm in St Peter's Centre, entry £2. A warm welcome to one and all!

► **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair dance every Thursday, 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

► **SPECIAL COLLECTION** The annual special collection for Catholic Education will be taken up this weekend the 16th and 17th of November.

► **ST. BRIDE'S DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT**

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £25 Please come along and support our Parish. All welcome, friends and family and enjoy a fun filled night with a very special guest appearance!

► **TESCO FOOD BANK COLLECTION - IRVINE AND**

SALTCOATS This takes place on 28th, 29th and 30th November. If you can spare a couple of hours between 10am and 4 pm giving out leaflets and encouraging people to donate, please contact Anne on 07979 065564 for Irvine or Danny on 0797 954 2319 for Saltcoats. Thank you.

► **CHANA** (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) is teaming up again with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire Council. Last Christmas, Liz Brown of NAC wrote '169 gifts were provided, including gifts for boys & girls of all ages as well as particularly vulnerable or isolated adults who otherwise might not have received a present at Christmas'. If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at <https://www.nightbeforechristmas.co.uk/>

JUST FOR A LAUGH... 😄😄😄

◆ Mr. Green peered over his fence and noticed that the neighbour's little boy was in his back garden filling in a hole. Curious about what the youngster was up to, Mr. Green asked, "What are you doing, Jimmy?" Tearfully, little Jimmy replied, "My goldfish died, and I've just buried him." "That's an awfully large hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Mr. Green said. Patting down the last bit of earth, little Joey replied, "That's because he's in your cat!"

EDUCATION SUNDAY

A warm welcome to Pamela Durning, Depute Head Teacher at our St Peter's Primary School, and also Ally McGuigan, Depute Head Teacher at St Matthew's Academy at St Bride's on Education Sunday. We are blessed in Scotland to have so many people committed to the education of our young. "Yes, we can look around and see that all is not perfect in our schools or in our parishes. We can bemoan the fact that there are pupils, parents, teachers, whose commitment to the faith is not as strong as we would wish, and we can look at the threats to the Catholic education system coming from the secular world. But we should really rejoice that so many good people do so much good work in the field of Catholic education. That is why we are pilgrims of hope... We journey with hope, and we face the future with hope - because we put our trust in God. And we see the signs of hope in Catholic education. We see the seed of faith being sown. Yes, sometimes it lands on barren soil or is choked by weeds, but elsewhere it produces a harvest thirty, sixty, a hundredfold... We all need to educate ourselves continually in the faith, so that we can better understand and come closer to God. Our faith is a great blessing to us. We would all benefit from understanding it better. As we progress on our pilgrim journey, we need to keep the faith, but not keep it to ourselves. We need to share it, to pass it on. So that all generations can journey through life as pilgrims of hope"

[+ William Nolan, Bishop President for Education]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

When we celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we give honour and respect to the Purest Virgin, who is an example for all of us in our struggle for holiness. The Presentation of Mary is not found in Scripture. Instead, we learn about Mary's presentation from accounts that have come to us from apostolic times. What we know is found mainly in Chapter 7 of the Proto-evangelium of James, which has been dated by historians before the year A.D. 200. The celebration of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary grew slowly over the years. Pope Sixtus IV introduced the Feast to the universal Church. With this memorial, we celebrate the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a unique way. In response, she placed her whole self at his service. By our Baptism, God invites us, too, into his service.

SOLIDARITY GATHERING, DUNGAVEL DETENTION CENTRE, Sunday, 24th November, 1pm

Justice & Peace Scotland are among those involved in the Solidarity Gathering at Dungavel Detention centre next Sunday. The event will follow the format of a two-minute silence to show solidarity with the asylum seekers detained there. This will be followed by some short speeches and readings. There will also be an opportunity to hand in cards and some biscuits and sweets for those held in the facility. A warm welcome is extended to any groups or individuals who wish to attend. Please feel free to bring banners or placards.

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Offertory Cash Collection 10th November 2024: £561.99

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