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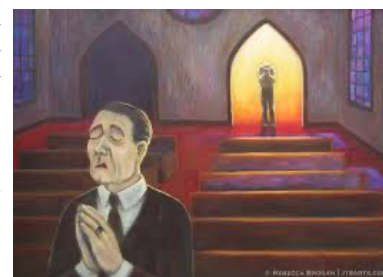
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The Awful Prayer of the Pharisee



Today, Jesus gives a very strong, but very consoling, teaching about prayer. It involves a Pharisee and a tax collector. Right away, we should note something important to remember. To better understand the example Jesus uses, we should put ourselves in the first century AD. A faithful Jewish person would assume without question two things: A Pharisee is a very holy and devout man. A tax collector was a traitor to his people and a public sinner. Thus, while today we have a negative view of the Pharisees, this was not the case in the time of Jesus. In this light, the example Jesus uses was incredibly shocking to his listeners. The Pharisee's Three Problems: While the Pharisee can be praised for taking time to pray and to go up to the Temple, there is a fundamental issue with his prayer. -He Prays to Himself. At its heart, the Catholic Catechism (2558) tells us what prayer is by taking a quote from St. Therese of Lisieux: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Prayer reaches out to God. It is turning oneself toward heaven. It is love. But the prayer of the Pharisee lacks any relationship to God. In fact, Luke wants us to know that he "prayed to himself". And so, while the Pharisee is going to the Temple to pray, he is still all alone. God is not involved in this moment. -He is Boastful - Another issue with his prayer is how awfully boastful and conceited it is. He is sort of merely looking in a mirror, admiring his self-proclaimed virtue. He should be looking toward heaven and not himself! This spiritual narcissism, a self-love that destroys his soul, is fundamentally changing everything about his spiritual life, and not for the better. -He is Competitive - Another issue with his prayer is that he spends time looking around him at others. He wants to make sure he is "ahead of the rest". It reveals that the Pharisee's spiritual pursuits are actually a game, a competition. He wants to see if he can get first place, to prove he is better than the rest. This feeds his arrogance and conceit. He can't look at his neighbour with mercy. Rather, he loves looking down on them and judging them, as if somehow this was pleasing to God. We turn now to the tax collector. Jesus says this man was justified, despite his public status. It makes sense when we hear Jesus explain his main point: "Everyone who exalts himself is humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14) We are all called to be like Jesus, who humbled himself to die on a cross. This is ultimately why humility is so great a virtue. It is the virtue of Jesus! The tax collector only stays at the back of the Temple. Unlike the Pharisee, he is at least living in the truth. Unlike the Pharisee, he has a humble opinion of himself. For a Jewish person of the time, closeness to God and the Temple was reserved for only those ritually clean. Many things could make a person unclean, such as touching blood or eating the wrong foods. This tax collector knows he is unclean. He knows he is far from holiness. He does not feel worthy to walk up to God, but rather keeps his distance, out of humility. But the man also knows he needs mercy. He wants that from God. Honestly, we do not know this man's life story. We don't know how he ended up as a tax collector. Only God does.



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Liturgy of the Week - Thirtieth Week of the Year

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS <i>RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention</i>	ST BRIDE'S <i>Fr Duncan McVicar Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Elizabeth Macrae (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 30th Sunday of the Year (C) Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>John Higgins (A)</i>			Funeral Mass for Daniel Hunter at 10am
TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER Feast of Ss Simon and Jude Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Kathleen Long (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Patrick Cawley (RD)</i>		Prayers of Reception for Ian Robertson at 6pm	Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Mary Byars (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass for Ian Robertson at 10am	
FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 30th Week of the Year Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am Afterwards Refreshments in St Peter's Cafe	<i>Catherine and Alison Harkness (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER Solemnity of All Saints (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Father G. Burke CSSR (A)</i>		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS THIS COMING WEEKEND

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonisation occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. The feast of All Saints honours the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Archie Blades, Jim
McEwan, Peter Brawley,
Sean Connell, Margaret
Hanna, Monica Taylor,
John McKenna, Father
Jim Sweeney.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY Elizabeth Macrae

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Tommy Mulhern 1996, William Paterson 1963, Alice
Procter 1995, Samuel Cambridge 1979, Mary
Fleming 2012, Margaret Newell 2005, Douglas
Mayberry 2005, James Delahunt 1976, Harriet
Elizabeth Dorrian 2023, Kathleen Long 2024, James
McDermid 2003, John O'Neill 2012, Edna McKinnon
2023, Mary Brodie 1997, John Douglas 2023, Ellie
Graham 2016, Mary Haran 1995, Patricia Hyslop
2021, Daniel Mathieson 1962, Joseph McGoogan
2008, Catherine Ramsay 2012, Gloria Rosendale
2014, William Delahunt 1986, Bill Moore 1989, The
Christians martyred in the Cathedral of our Lady of
Deliverance in Baghdad 2010, Sadie Clegg 2011,
John Finnigan 2020, John Martin 1979, Daniel Brown
1988, Peter Hanratty 2013, Josephine Lundie 2007



▪Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

▪Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Macrae - St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Macrae, who died on 8th October, aged 95 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 3rd November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ Annual Safeguarding Report - this weekend

The annual Safeguarding statement will be distributed at the weekend Masses. Please make sure you get your copy. Sincere thanks to Myriame, Frances and George for all the hard work throughout the year.

▪ Thank you Notice from the Tarbet Family

Ross, Rena Tarbet and family extend their heartfelt thanks to Fr Duncan for conducting Mark's funeral and to all friends for Nass cards, sympathy cards, flowers, and messages of condolence received at this sad time. The love and support have been a great comfort.

▪ November Lists now available

Blank November Lists are now available at the back of the church and at the stall for Mass to be said for our deceased family members and friends.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ Annual Cemetery Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery

The annual Cemetery Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery this year will take place on Sunday, 16 November 2025 at 2:00 pm in Ardrossan Cemetery.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ Galloway Youth Evenings at St Peter's

This is just a quick reminder about the upcoming launch of the Youth Evenings in North Ayrshire on Sunday 26th October in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. The evening will begin with Mass at 5.00pm before continuing in the hall from 5.30pm. Margaret McGrath and I are working our way around North Ayrshire schools this week and the week after the October break to promote the evenings, but already we're seeing a real keenness and energy with a number of young people having registered from St Peter's primary (ahead of us visiting). We've had a great response from parishioners in the three towns with five volunteering to lead the evenings which is a great start, and once they're established we'll hopefully attract a few more.

▪ Refreshments after Sunday Mass - St Peter's

Please join us after Sunday Mass this weekend for refreshments and hot rolls. We are very grateful to the students of St Matthew's Academy who are supporting us this weekend.

▪ Knit-And-Natter at St Peter's

The Knit and Natter has restarted on Wednesdays. We meet in the Church Hall at St Peter's from 1 till 3 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

▪ Save the Dates at St Bride's

Please save the date for St Bride's Annual Christmas Dinner and Entertainment on Saturday, 13th December. More information to follow. Also Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday, 17th December at 7pm.

VERY IMPORTANT

▪ John Newton's Amazing Grace

John Newton, the author of Amazing Grace, lived a life marked by rebellion and sin before discovering God's love and his Christian faith. His conversion wasn't instantaneous, but rather it was a step-by-step journey. He realised God's love didn't demand perfection all at once. Instead, he began the long road of humility. Coming before God as a broken man, Newton found grace that "saved a wretch like me." He wrote the words to the hymn that made him famous. In it, he reveals the truth of his life: God's love meets us in our sin, requiring only a humble heart to receive it. Newton's life teaches us that no sin is too great for God's redeeming grace. We are all sinners like the tax collector and the Pharisee. All of us are saved by "Amazing Grace".

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The "Find the way through the crowd after Mass"

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JUST FOR A LAUGH



A woman told her Parish Priest, "I'm so sorry my husband walked out of your sermon." "It did confuse me," the priest replied. "He meant no disrespect," she said. "He's been sleepwalking ever since he was a child."

A Parish Priest was repainting the church. They started to run out of paint, so they decided to add some paint thinner to the can. They continued painting, but noticed the thinned paint looked different. They wondered aloud what to do. A voice came from the sky and said, "Repaint and thin no more!" (Repent and sin no more!)

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