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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year [C]

11th September 2022

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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and St. Bride's,
are Parishes
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Mustard Seeds

✝ The Vocations Crisis is over?

When I say this is a prophecy I don't want to suggest that I have had some sort of supernatural vision. This is not a prophecy in that sense, but a prophecy because prophets not only sometimes have supernatural revelations, but they are people who are also able to see the big picture, understand the times and circumstances and know the past so they can therefore predict the future. So here is my prediction: the vocations crisis in the Catholic Church is over. Here's why: Fifty years after the revolution of the Second Vatican Council we are moving on from the tensions it created. Those tensions existed because Catholics kept comparing the pre-Vatican II church to the post-Vatican II church. The ones who did this most were the folks who went through the Vatican II revolution. Everything was viewed through that lens. A pope, bishop, priest or theologian was therefore either "conservative" and "pre Vatican 2" and trying to turn the clock back or they were "liberal" in favour of the "Spirit of Vatican 2" and progressive. To be blunt, those people are old. Not only are they dying out, but their ideas are dying out. Their places are being taken by a younger generation of Catholics who do not remember the Vatican 2 wars. They're smart and they simply want to be Catholic. These are the young people who are filling traditional religious orders with young vocations. These are the young men who are going to seminary, and the reason their numbers will continue to grow is because of several other factors. First, cultural Catholicism is dying. People aren't Catholic now because they're Irish or Italian or Polish. They're Catholic because they believe the Catholic faith. While cultural Catholicism continues to die out committed Catholicism will continue to rise. Cultural Catholicism doesn't produce vocations. Committed Catholicism does. Second, faith is always stronger under fire. At this time Catholicism is in too many places fat, lazy and complacent. Our culture, however, is moving very rapidly to an aggressively atheistic stance. The Catholic Church will increasingly be in the firing line over a whole range of moral, political and financial issues. As it becomes difficult and dangerous to be Catholic the complacent and comfortable Catholics will quietly slip away. They are doing so already. Third, as it becomes difficult and dangerous to be Catholic more young men will stand up to be counted. Men like the militant aspect of being a priest. They want to stand up for what they believe in without compromise. They want to fight the good fight with all their might. The Church militant will make a comeback and an increasing number of men will step forward to be engaged in the spiritual battle. The Holy Spirit never moves back. Always forward. In the coming crisis it will be, as emeritus Pope Benedict has predicted, a leaner, stronger church. When I say the vocations crisis is over I don't mean that we will necessarily be flooded with many priests. But we will be supplied with good, courageous, and strong priests.

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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		
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 10 th September	24th Sunday of the Year (Vocations Awareness Week) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Trish Kavanah (RD), Euan Thomson (RD), James & Rona Taylor (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	
Sunday 11 th September	24th 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 12 th September	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Phia Boyle (RD), Janette Begley (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am Kathleen Langridge	
Tuesday 13 th September	Memorial of St John Chrysostom Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Fraser (A), Ann Lundie (RD)</i>	Adoration at 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 14 th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Blessing of Home Crosses) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (A), Sarah Wright (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 15 th September	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Matt Lunardi (RD), Alan Byrnes (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 16 th September	Feast of St Ninian Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Helen Burns (SI), Kate Cassidy (SI)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration at 9.30am Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 17 th September	25th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kathleen Langridge (RD), Beryl Meechan (SI) William & Elizabeth Louden (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	

A Teacher's Prayer

It is a blessing to be a teacher
 I give thanks each time I see
 a precious little child who comes
 ready to learn - from me!
 Let me share knowledge with everyone
 entrusted to my care,
 and help me prepare them for life ahead,
 this my daily prayer.
 The responsibilities are very great,
 the rewards are greater still.



I have hopes and dreams
 for all my students
 and I know I always will.
 The world may never
 know my name,
 wouldn't even recognise
 my face,
 but in my heart
 I'm confident
 I fill an important place...
 I am a Teacher. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Hugh Conway, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh, Tom McGreevy, Dawn Clark, Winnie McFadden, Gabrielle Cahill (West Kilbride), Morag Munroe, Helen Burns.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Matt Lunardi (Mr Wonderful) Companion of Katie Cassidy, Kathleen Langridge, Trish Kavanah (Dublin), Euan Thomson (Largs), Janette Begley, Phia Boyle, Alan Byrnes, Ann Lundie.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Cathie Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mary Otto 2008, Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Jim Vernon 2014, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKeachan 1998, Bridget McLaughlin 1997, John Burns 1997, Alberto Carrino 2009, Dolores Fairhurst 2014, Thomas Fernes 2011, James Love 1996, James Hughes 2010, Anne McCabe 1995, Sister Annette, Cross and Passion 2016, Joe Brady junior 1999, Joseph Brady 2006, Elizabeth Cawley 1997, Frances Giblin 2017, John Marshall 2000, James Lawson 1992, Joshua O'Neill 2017, Patrick Joseph O'Hare 1955, Thomas White 1995, George Hall 2007, Mathew Folan 1994, Walter Jones 1985, Kathleen MulIin 2012, Tom Howieson 2007, Hugh Donohoe 2008, Mary McLellan 2004, Frances McLaughlin 2008, Alison Lawson née Giebler 2015, Sarah Wright 1979, Victor and Charlotte Mitchell.

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

- ▶ **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION** The annual special collection for the retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 10th September and Sunday 11th September.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST BRIDE'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Audrey Grace Mulholland who will be baptised on Saturday at 2pm. Congratulations to her Parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** September Winner of the St Bride's Monthly Draw is Neil Watson. Anyone now wishing to join, it will be £11 for the remainder of the year.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND ST BRIDE'S CHURCH** I'm very grateful to all our Parishioners who have contributed to the maintaining of our Parish. The Notice Board at the front of the Church has been updated with the new information; the garden wall and fence will be repainted soon and the railing from the steps will be repaired. The damaged carpet at the bag doors has been repaired.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND ST PETER'S CHURCH** The door stoppers in St Peter's Centre have been repaired. The fantastic work in the garden is continuing with great success; the repairs and redecoration of the ladies toilet and the disabled toilet will begin on 3rd October.
- ▶ **JULIE CARSON DANCING CLASSES** Dancing classes have resumed here at St Peter's Parish Centre from 9.15am on Saturday mornings. Places available ~Intro to Dance~ ages 2 ½ years.
- ▶ **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place together with the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Tuesday 27th September, in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette. A coach will leave St Peter's at 9.30am, St Mary's at 9.45am and St John's at 10am. Due to onset of costs there will be a charge of £6. There is a list at the back of the Church for those wishing to reserve a seat on the coach.
- ▶ **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 25th September, in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette and will mark the Centenary of the Grotto. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Rt Rev Joseph A. Toal, Bishop of Motherwell.
- ▶ **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY – IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE** Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call the freephone number 0800 328 0006.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross this week

The Feast Day is on Wednesday, 14th September and we will bless our home crucifixes at this Mass. We will also pray for peace in Ukraine. Please place your crucifix on the altar before Mass for blessing.

Vocations Awareness Week

This special Week of prayer is a way of inviting the whole Catholic community in Scotland to pray for and think about the importance of vocations to priesthood and religious life, and to encourage those considering a vocation to serve in the Church to come forward to reflect more intently on it. We are invited to pray this pray from Pope Benedict every day this week: *"O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful. Give us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness. Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptised in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Relics of Saint Bernadette

This September, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time, including a stop at Carfin Grotto, Motherwell. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people across our Diocese to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. An exciting official trailer for the relic tour has now been released, which you can see on our website. Throughout the period in Carfin, parishioners will have the opportunity to visit the relics, in addition to joining us for a number of Masses, services, and other events.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 4th September 2022: £539.76
Second Collection (Building Fund): £230.73
Standing Orders for August 2022: £3996

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 4th September 2022: £79.00
Standing Orders for August 2022: £1069

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Catholic faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first £5 and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary priest who told about his work. I knew that I only had a £5 note and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole £5 to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today." He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him: "I dare you to do it again."

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