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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [B]

13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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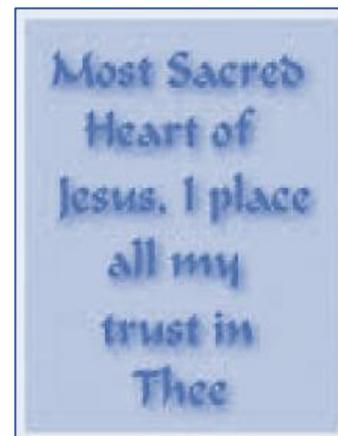
**St. Bride's:** Friday  
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## THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME



### Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34  
Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Reflection

From the Pastoral Letter of Bishops for Pentecost 2021 "Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation." They go on to say: "We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation."

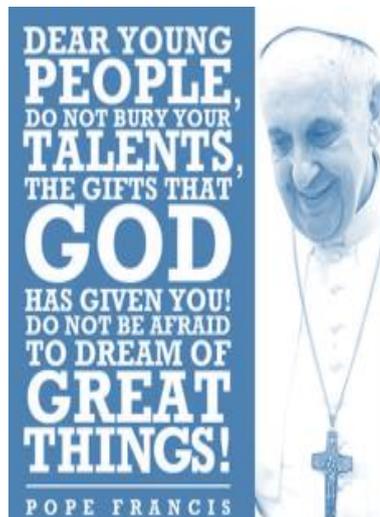


# Eleventh Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

June 2021	<b>BOOKING FOR MASS</b> St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.		St. Bride's West Kilbride: <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> St John's, Stevenston: <a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> St Mary's Saltcoats: <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a>		
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> Father Duncan McVicar		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McMamus (Retired)	
			<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Tom Atkins (A), Sheelagh Kelly (A), Michelle Bainbridge (RD)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>		Mass at 12.15	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Monsignor Brendan Murphy (A), Nan Donohoe (B)</i>				
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Leavers Mass for Primary 7</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Roisin Collins (SI), Tilly Docherty (A)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Votive Mass of St. Joseph</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Michael Collins (A), Linda Gorman (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Michael Leonard (A), Tom McKay &amp; John Dollan</i>				Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> (St. Peter's PS via Video Link) Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Joseph Micallef (Malta) (SI), Patrick Quinn (SI)</i>		Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Margaret Taylor (A), Ann McEwan (RD)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Feed Your Soul – Renewing our Parish Communities

The first proclamation, the task of every Christian, is based on that 'go' which Jesus gave as an instruction to his disciples and which implies going out, making haste, accompanying, thus becoming true missionary disciples. It cannot be reduced to the conveying of a message but is first of all sharing the life that comes from God and communicating the joy of having met the Lord. As Pope Benedict wrote: 'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.'



## 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, Valerie Bickers, Jean Brawley, Margaret McCabe, Cathy Garvey.

### ✦ Those who have died recently:

Annie Watt, Michelle Bainbridge, Linda Gorman, Ann McEwan, Jim Feeney, Liz Haveron (Renfrewshire).

### ✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Bobby Findlay 2014, Molly Monaghan 2008, Felix Murphy 1997, Catherine Carroll née Rice, Rita Kelly 2014, Sarah Sweeney 1997, Margaret Duffy 2000, Anthony Forbes 2002, Rena Freer 2010, Julia Petrie 1998, Edward Swiercz 1991, David Brodie 1994, Agnes Hunter 1956, Sheila Reilly 1987, Carol Stewart 2005, Agnes Cochrane 1998, Mary Theresa Dolan 1999, Sylvia Kemp 2018, Bernard Kilbane 1986, Michael Leonard 2000, Father Tom Leverage 1996, Cardinal Thomas Winning 2001, Sheila Kennedy 1996, Samuel McGonigle 1997, Andrew McPadden 2002, Joseph Pendleton 2020, Una Delahunt Rice 2005, Margaret Forbes 2006, Billy Harvey 2004, John Malloy 2002, Father Alan Wilson 2012.

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Canon Matt has signed up to go on a five-day pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th). Flight from Edinburgh – travel restrictions permitting. Full details available from Northern Star Travel Ltd: [www.northernstartravel.com](http://www.northernstartravel.com) or 0161 773 2115

### Novena to St Joseph for Families

Hi everyone! I've attached a beautiful and simple Novena to St Joseph for the Year of St Joseph. It is a nine-day prayer for the "Domestic Church" and for our families. The Novena begins on Fathers' Day on Sunday 20th June 2021. You are welcome to download the Novena and pray it for your families. You can download the Novena from our Parish websites.

### Scottish Bishops welcome Pope's call for Synod in 2023

"Recently the Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and our Lady at the very beginning, the birthday, of the Church. We gave thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that first Pentecost but also celebrated the ongoing gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Mindful of these gifts the Bishops of Scotland welcome the initiative of Pope Francis to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church, to the People of God, to listen to one another, and to make that Synodal journey together of communion, participation and mission."

### Free Booklet on the Meaning of the Eucharist now available

"God works through all these messy human realities and wants to encounter us at every Mass." The Lord wants to deeply encounter everyone in the Mass and especially in the Eucharist. However, it can be hard for us to recognise his presence. By learning about the deeper meaning behind what Catholics do at Mass, we left the veil between the human and divine. In this excerpt, Dr. Edward Sri (a founding leader of FOCUS and professor at Augustine Institute) discusses what the Mass is and the three ways that every Catholic should know the Eucharist. Learn about the Eucharist as

- the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross
- the real presence of Jesus
- Holy Communion with Our Lord

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ A Call from God...

One Saturday night, a Parish Priest was working late and decided to call the Presbytery housekeeper before he left for home. It was about 10.00pm, but the housekeeper didn't answer the phone. The priest let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to finish off a few last things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at the Presbytery - there had been no prior call. They both just brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways. The following Monday, the Parish Priest received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The priest couldn't figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer." The priest remembered the mishap and apologised for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call the Presbytery. The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Sacred Heart'. I was afraid to answer!" The Church that the priest attends is called "Sacred Heart Church".

### And finally... Just for a Laugh...

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him. An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed. Soon afterward, he died and showed up at the gates of heaven to greet St. Peter. St. Peter, seeing the suitcase, said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checked it out, came back and said, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through." St. Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?"

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