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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year [B]

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday between  
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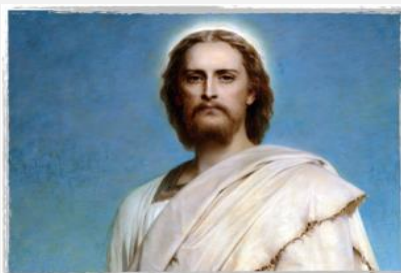


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and St. Bride's,  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✝ The "Real Jesus"

It's amazing that since the book "Da Vinci Code" still many people believe that Jesus was married and that the real "groom and bride" at the wedding in Cana (John 2) were Jesus and Mary Magdalene! They actually believe that the early Church, influenced by gnostic hatred of sex, covered up all this wedded bliss in order to promote a gnostic emphasis on asceticism and loathing of sex. The simple fact is, the whole of the Christian testimony on this subject from Christ's time down to the present is that Jesus remained unmarried. One good rule of thumb whenever one encounters a "real Jesus" who is radically at odds with the picture offered by the ordinary Tradition, Scripture and magisterial teaching of the Church is to examine the dominant fixations of one's own age. We live in a popular, celebrity culture that is obsessively fascinated with sex and with the sex lives (real and imagined) of the famous. By some unfathomable coincidence, that's just what this sort of speculation about Jesus resembles too. Similarly, "documentaries" on the tube are, of course, geared to appeal to that sex-obsessed culture first and only secondarily to accuracy (the goal of TV, after all, is to sell shampoo and beer, not to be tremendously accurate). In other words, this "real Jesus", tells us more about our current cultural quirks and obsessions than it does about anything substantial in the record. Further, the speculation about Jesus' imaginary marriage feeds a primal British habit of rejecting "the official story" (and feeding our pride as People Who Aren't Told What to Think by Sinister Vatican Officials). Catholics do not believe Jesus was a virgin because sex is evil any more than they believe Jesus distrusted money and possessions based on an atheistic theory of class warfare. On the contrary, for Catholics marriage is a sacrament and sex is therefore holy in the context of the sacrament. But as Jesus makes clear, though marriage is holy, virginity is holy too. Jesus chose the way of virginity as a sign of his consecration to the Church, his Bride. That was John's point in the story of the Wedding at Cana. It was John's point in speaking of Jesus as the Bridegroom, and it remains the Church's point today- a point preserved in the apostolic Tradition, Scripture and Magisterial teaching of the



Church for 2000 years. The only "real Jesus" is the one the Church has proclaimed since Pentecost. Accept no "real" versions. Painting by Thomas Francis Dicksee (1819-1895), "Christ of the Cornfield"

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.

THANKS!

# Fifteenth Week of the Year [B]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Matthew Webster (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>REQUIEM MASS 10AM</b> <b>TERESA WELDON</b>				
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>MEMORIAL OF</b> <b>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret Ann Stewart (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am	Prayers of Reception 6pm <b>Sheila Mason</b>	Mass 10am (L)	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) <b>Sheila Mason</b>		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Sadie Templeton (A), Irene Smith (A)</i>			Mass 10am (L)	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Ian Gargan (RD)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Funeral Mass 10am <b>John Taggart Jnr.</b>		
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for John Mitchell (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Marie Mitchell,  
George, Kenneth & Christine Slavincki, Jim Donnelly,  
Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Teresa Weldon, Ian Gargan, John Mitchell.*

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

*Jessie Hazelton 2007, James Jenkins 2005, Ellen Nielson 2011,  
Sadie Templeton 2022, Canon Eugene Matthews 2010,  
Sally Walsh 1957, Patrick Carry 1976, Eileen McCann 2013,  
Jackie McMurdo 2016, Brian McNulty 2018,  
Andrew Murphy 1979, Gavin Finnegan 2007,  
Robert MacRae 1986, Susan McDonald 2018,  
Annie McGrath 2002, Monsignor John Barry 2003,  
Peggy Clark 2011, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray 1993,  
Geoffrey Kelly 1906, Catherine McIntosh 2021,  
John McJay 1993, Brian Narducci 2000,  
Betty Cutland 2014, Charlie Gribben 2002, Julia Grogan 1971,  
Agnes McCourt 2000, Elizabeth Nicholson 2003,  
Jack Quirk 2022, Irene Smith 2015.*

## Notable Date

13<sup>th</sup> July 2005

St Peter's Parish website was launched.

## Top Ten Favourite Excuses

### That People Give For Not Going To Church

Here's the seventh One: I Can Pray At Home or I Am Spiritual - We are all "spiritual." It's how God made us. You sure can pray at home! And you should! But, if you are a Catholic, that is not enough. Jesus set his followers up to pray together, to be in community together, to go out to preach the Gospel together. He said, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20) This means that God (who, as a Trinity is Community) is more fully present to us when we worship with other people. And, Jesus gave us, with his own example, what that prayer should be. The Catholic Church has been doing Mass the same way since the 1st Century. Jesus taught the Apostles how, and we continue it. Number 8 Excuse next week!

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

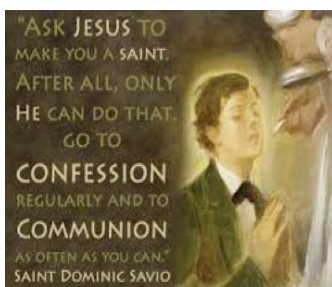
► **REQUIEM MASS FOR TERESA WELDON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Teresa Weldon, who died on 29th June 2024, aged 84 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 15th July at 10am, followed by cremation at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium at 12 noon. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** Congratulations to No. 15, Andy Mullen who wins £26.50 in the monthly draw for July.

► **PETER'S PENCE** We will take up our annual collection for Peter's Pence next weekend the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July.

### **St Dominic Savio's Simple Wisdom**

The Christian life has to be simple, because we are all called to be saints. If it were complicated, only the more intelligent of us would even have a chance to become a saint. But the facts show that even children, even the uneducated and unintelligent, can reach the very heights of sanctity and lasting happiness. St Dominic Savio is a perfect example. He lived a simple Christian life, but he lived it so energetically that soon after he died at the young age of 15, he was canonised a saint. Dominic heard the call to the priesthood while just a boy, living in northern Italy in the 1800s. He was encouraged to join a Catholic boys' school (called an oratory), which was being run by St John Bosco. There he lived a simple boarding school life, but he filled it to the brim with love for God and neighbour. He started a club called The Company of the Immaculate Conception, dedicated to daily prayers and to helping the oratory run smoothly. Club members volunteered to wash floors, to take care of classmates who were sick or had special needs, and to put up with the discomforts of boarding school life (heat in the summer, cold in the winter, sickness, the bothersome ways of other people) with a spirit of humility and faith - seeing in those discomforts a chance to share in the cross of Christ. St Dominic used to say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God." His personal motto, from the



time he received his First Communion at nine-years-old, was equally simple - just three words: "Death before sin!" That's the kind of simplicity we can all learn

### **The Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. This year's theme is "hope and act for creation". The CCO is hosting the Conference to allow parishioners from across the country to come together and explore how we may hope and act for creation in our own dioceses and parishes and how we can act on the message of Pope Francis to care for our common home.

The key details are:

Date: Sat 7th September 2024

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: St. Margaret's, Raploch, Stirling

Tickets (booking is essential but free):

[www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah)

The conference programme will include inputs from both J&P Scotland and SCIAF as well as a Keynote Address from Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement at SCIAF.

### **Survey on Assisted Suicide Bill in Scotland**

The Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is asking for views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. The short survey, which should take just a few minutes to complete, seeks your views on Liam McArthur's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. It is vital that as many people as possible engage with this consultation, pointing out the dangers of assisted suicide and showing MSPs that there is strong opposition to the proposals. Please do complete the short survey as soon as you can and invite family and friends to do the same. Read our online guide for more details, including key information about the proposed Bill and how to access the short survey. Please note the survey closes on 16th August. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR

code or by entering the following address in your web browser:



<https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024: £493.67  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £251.73

### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024: £151.10

**STANDING ORDERS –  
PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

*Many thanks for your support and generosity!*

**Just for a Laugh...** A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep." Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!!" "There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf." "That's right," said the little boy, "but Grandma is." 😂😂😂

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