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Eleventh Sunday of the Year [B]

16th June 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ A Father's Eyes

This teenager lived alone with his father, and the two of them had a very special relationship. Even though the son was always with the sport substitutes, his father was always in the stands cheering. He never missed a game of football. This young man was still the smallest of the class when he entered high school. But his father continued to encourage him but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice, and perhaps he'd get to play when he became older. All through high school the son never missed a practice nor a game. His faithful father was always in the stands, always with words of encouragement for him. When the young man went to college, he decided to try for the college football team. Everyone was sure he could never make it, but he did. The trainer admitted that he kept him on the list because he always puts his heart and soul into every practice, and at the same time, provided the other members with the spirit and enthusiasm they badly needed. The news that he had survived the tests thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his father. His father shared his excitement and was sent tickets for all the college games. This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in the game. It was the end of the football season, and as he walked onto the pitch shortly before the final game, the trainer met him with a terrible piece of news. The trainer told him: "I sorry, but your father died this morning. We have just received the news. I am so sorry!" The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son. And don't even plan to come back to the game on Saturday. Saturday arrived, and the game was not going well. During the second half, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football strip. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful teammate back so soon. "Sir, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man. The trainer pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this important game. But the young man persisted, and finally feeling sorry for the young man, the trainer gave in. "All right," he said. "You can play." Before long, the trainer, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before was doing everything right. The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, he passed, and played like a star. His team began to win the game. The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, this young man received a brilliant pass and scored the winning goal. The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you've never heard! Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the trainer noticed that the young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone. The trainer came to him and said, "Son, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Eleventh Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& 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 15 th June	11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for James Monan (RD), Jacky Johnson, Michael Collins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 16 th June	11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 17 th June	11th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Michael Leonard (A), Andrew Farrell (MM)</i>			
Tuesday 18 th June	11th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Marie Burns (A), Matthew Webster (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 19 th June	11th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Joyce McGonigle (SI), Baby Olly (S)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 20 th June	11th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ennis McHugh (MM)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 21 st June	MEMORIAL OF ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for William Ralston (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Café)</i>	Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Ignatius McAleavy</i> <i>(A)</i>	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 22 nd June	12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Collins & Upton Families</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day.
 You protected and cherished the Virgin;
 loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
 you rescued Him from the danger of death.
 Defend the Church, the household of God,
 purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials.
 May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error
 and wrestle with the powers of corruption
 so that in life we may grow in holiness
 and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.



May God bless you this Father's Day!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell,
 Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan,
 Grant Mitchell.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

William Ralston, James Monan, Matthew Webster.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*David Brodie 1994, Agnes Hunter 1956,
 Sheila Reilly 1987, Carol Stewart 2005,
 Agnes Cochrane 1998, Mary Theresa Dolan 1999,
 Catherine Robertson 2015, Bernard Kilbane 1986,
 Michael Leonard 2000, Father Tom Leverage 1996,
 Cardinal Thomas Winning 2001, John Malloy 2002,
 Marie Burns 2022, Sheila Kennedy 1996,
 Samuel McGonigle 1997, Andrew McPadden 2002,
 Joseph Pendleton 2020, Una Delahunt Rice 2005,
 Margaret Forbes 2006, Billy Harvey 2004,
 Father Alan Wilson 2012, Margaret Boyd 2005,
 Gertrude Cunningham 2008, James Lane 1995,
 Mary Bridget Magee 1988, Susan Watson 2002,
 Rosie Benson 1995, Agnes Delahunt 1936,
 Margaret Donnelly 1953, Mary Leishman 1997,
 Sylvia Kemp 2018, Ronald McKay 2008.*

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

► UPDATE FROM ST PETER'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

St Peter's Parish Feast Day will be on the weekend 29/30th June this year. There will be refreshments in the Hall after Mass on Sunday, organised by Marade, who will be looking for helpers for the day. The National Pilgrimage to Whithorn this year will be on Sunday, 25th August, with Mass on the beach at 4pm. There will be a special occasion at St Peter's on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm, when we will have an organ recital by Alessandro Bianchi on our Church's unique "Water Organ. The Parish SVdP hopes to restart the Sunday refreshments after Mass on 1st September 2024. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Thursday 5th September at 7pm.

► **DIVINE MERCY** Anyone interested in establishing a Divine Mercy Group in the Three Towns can contact Miriam on 07377457657 or contact the parish office at St Mary's 01294 463461.

► **HCPT** Lourdes Group 376 Lourdes water is still available at the stall.

► **USED STAMPS** Please save your used stamps and hand them in to St Peter's or to Alfie Agostini who is collecting them to raise funding for medical science.

Top Ten Favourite Excuses that People Give for Not Going to Church

Here's the Third One: Mass Is Soooooooooo Boooooooooring - Sometimes it is. I know. I've been to Churches where the preaching was less than stellar (not this parish, of course), and the music was more like a dirge (not this parish; we have the best music ministry anywhere), and the community might have been comprised of the un-dead. I was told when I was a child, that it's not what Mass brings to you, but what you bring to Mass—your attitude, your attention to the readings and prayers, the quality time you are spending with God, etc. That's certainly one way to look at it. But, what Mass brings to us is unbelievable, and transcends bad music and boring preaching—it's the True Presence of God in the Eucharist and a loving community.

Number 4 Excuse next week!

Organ Recital at St. Peter's

Recitalist: Alessandro Bianchi

Wednesday 19 June at 7 pm

St Peter in Chains Church,

1 South Crescent Road

Ardrossan, KA22 8DU.

Admission Free – Retiring Collection.

No booking required – Just come along.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 9th June 2024: £541.23

Second Collection (Building Fund): £281.76

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 9th June 2024: £159.40

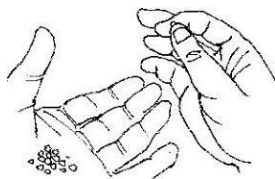
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Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office. ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a
Happy Father's Day



Mark 4:26-34

Just for a Laugh...

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come closer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "I would like to propose a toast to you! Darling, you have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. And you know what?" "What dear?" She gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. And her husband looked into her eyes and said, "I think you're really bad luck."



GOVERNMENT NOTICE

To help save the economy in this economic crisis, the government will announce - next week - that the Home Office and Immigration Department will start deporting Pensioners instead of asylum seekers, to lower welfare benefits and NHS costs.

Older people are easier to catch, and will not remember how to get back home.

Be sure to send this notice to all your relatives and friends, so they'll know what happened to you.

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