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Twentieth Sunday of the Year [B]

18th August 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ How to make the World right

There is the story of a businessman who was trying to get some important work done one Saturday morning with difficulty. His wife had gone out to shop and he was left with his young son who was restless and bored. To occupy his son for a while and free himself to finish his urgent work, he had an idea. He picked up an old magazine that had the map of the world on a page and tore that page into several little bits. He then scattered the little pieces all over the floor and told his little son to pick the pieces up and reassemble the map of the world. He figured it would take the boy a long while, buying him enough time to finish preparing his work. To his surprise, the boy came into his study within a few minutes with the puzzle reassembled. He asked his son, "how did you figure it out so quickly?" the boy replied, "It was easy. There was the picture of a man at the back of the map. I just put the picture of the man together and turned the paper around. I figured that if I got the man right, the world will be right"



Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic is a process of falling in love. The person we're falling in love with, over and over again, more and more deeply, is Jesus Christ. To become Catholic, you have to open your heart to the love Jesus has for you and return that love as best you can. It involves four things: A conversion of mind and heart, an understanding of what the Church teaches, a loving heart, and a true desire to be received into full communion. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the church should contact the parish office on 01294 464063 or Father Duncan by email: ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

We would love to hear from you!

Twentieth Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
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 17 th August	20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Phyllis Doherty (A), Mrs Pat McQuade (RD), Connie Lambert (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 18 th August	20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 19 th August	20th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass 10am <i>Offered for Hugo Harper (S), Desmond McGarvey (A)</i>			Funeral Mass 10am Danny Thompson
Tuesday 20 th August	MEMORIAL OF ST BERNARD Morning Prayer of the Church (Lauds) 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Maria & Frank McEvoy (A)</i> PRAYERS OF RECEPTION 6PM SANDRA CONVERY	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 21 st August	REQUIEM MASS 10AM SANDRA CONVERY		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 22 nd August	MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Anne McCallum (RD), Sara Jane Pope (RD)</i>			Mass 10am (L) Prayers of Reception 6pm Eamonn/Edward Reilly
Friday 23 rd August	MEMORIAL OF ST ROSE OF LIMA Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for the Forgotten Souls</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� after wards)</i>	Mass 10am	Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am Eamonn/Edward Reilly
Saturday 24 th August	21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Sweeney (RD), Margaret Pacewicz (A), Bridie Maher (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell,
George, Kenneth & Christine Slavincki, Michael McCulloch,
Francis Adie, Jim Donnelly, Hugo Harper, Rosemary Smith.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Sandra Convery, Mary Sweeney, Anne McCallum (Girvan),
Mrs Pat McQuade, Connie Lambert, Sara Jane Pope (England).*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Roberta Breslin 2011, Frank Campbell 2007, Bridie Maher 2015,
Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014, Stephanie Smith 1999,
Elizabeth Taylor 1951, Marietta Da Prato 1997, John Quinn 2015,
Beatrice Ketchen 2019, Tommy McCann senior 1976,
Desmond McGarvey 1986, Robert Watson 2004, Felix Quigg 1994,
Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004, Matthew McCabe 2002,
Maria McEvoy 2002, Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling,
Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981,
Ellen Tourish 1971, Frances Burns 2017, Josie Walsh 2003,
Father William McBurnie 1953, John McLaughlin 2014,
Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns,
Margaret McAuliffe 2023, Maureen Taylor 2019,
Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004, Jim McManus 1997.*

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 11th August 2024:
£534.64

Second Collection (Building Fund): £270.93

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 11th August 2024: £96.10

STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

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!

"The reality is that a shallow life—one lacking in depth and focusing on externals in hopes of finding personal satisfaction—just doesn't deliver. A truly meaningful life results from helping others, putting them before one's own comfort and satisfaction."

TERESA TOMEO
Beyond Me, My Selfie, and I

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ALEXANDRIA CONVERY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sandra Convery, who died on 27th July 2024, aged 80 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Tuesday, 20th August at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 21st August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 28th August 2024 at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** We are delighted to announce the marriage of Roberto Narducci and Paula Gallagher at St Peter's on Saturday, 24th August at 1pm. We wish them a love for a lifetime.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Our second collection this weekend 17/18 August will be taken up for the charity LEPRO. The continued support from the parish is greatly respected and valued. Through your support it will be possible to change the lives of many people who are affected by leprosy.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The draw starts 1st September. Put the names and contact number of those buying a ticket on an envelope containing the correct money/cheque, £12 per person per year, give to Kate Kelley or Phyllis up to the end of August. You can buy as many tickets as you like. Half of all money collected goes to the Church, the other half in prize money. Thank you.

Notable Date

22nd August 1953, Father William McBurnie died.

St John's Parish Community Summer Fete

St John's Church Hall,
Hayocks Road, Stevenston.

Sunday 1st September at 12.30pm

Come along and join us for Home Baking,
Tea Room, Hamburgers, Tombola, Face Painting,
Hook a Duck, Wheel of Fortune, Raffles,
and much, much more...

Whithorn Pilgrimage

On Sunday 25 August, Mass will be celebrated close to St Ninian's Cave at 4pm with Bishop Frank Dougan as principal celebrant. Mass will also be celebrated in St Martin and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn at 4.45pm by Bishop Joseph Toal of Motherwell. If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church. **The bus leaves from St Peter's at 10.30am prompt. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £8/person to offset costs.**

Mary Is Our Star of Hope

In pre-Christian times, the pagan religions of ancient Greece and Rome had a very interesting insight into the human soul. Some of their myths described how great heroes from past ages used to do battle with the gods, either physically or through a contest of wits. And when a human being won such a battle, their reward would be to avoid death and hell (there was no belief in heaven) by being turned into a constellation of stars in the night sky. By becoming a constellation, they achieved a kind of immortality, because the divine stars, so they thought, never change. In that way, they also would inspire and guide future generations, because the stars were used to guide ocean navigation before the invention of the compass. This charming ancient sentiment was purely mythological and legendary, but it appealed to artists and poets for many centuries. It seemed to be in harmony with a basic human instinct: the instinct for heaven, and they felt the need for help to get there. When Christianity came around, this image from pagan poetry found its true fulfilment. The Blessed Virgin Mary, a human being just like you and me, conquered evil, with the help of God's grace, through her humility and obedience, undoing the ancient sin of Eve. And God rewarded her by assuming her, lifting her, into heaven. And from heaven, she is an inspiration and guide for us who are still traveling through the troubled waters of life on earth. And so from very early times, the Church began to call Mary the "Star of the Sea", "Stella Maris" in Latin. In the darkness and storms of life, her example and prayers will never fail to show us the way to follow Christ. Pope Benedict called this ancient tradition to mind in his second encyclical. He wrote: "With a hymn composed in the eighth or ninth century, thus for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as "Star of the Sea": Ave maris stella. Human life is a journey. Towards what destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by - people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her "yes" she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. John 1:14). [Spe Salvi, 49]

Just for a Laugh... 😂😂😂

- ◆ A devout old shepherd lost his favourite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."
- ◆ God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?" God says, "I think I'll call it a day."
- ◆ Mr. Andrew peered over his fence and noticed that the neighbour's little boy was in his backyard filling in a hole. Curious about what the youngster was up to, Mr. Andrew asked, "What are you doing, Jimmy?" Tearfully, little Jimmy replied, "My goldfish died, and I've just buried him." "That's an awfully large hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Mr. Andrew said. Patting down the last bit of earth, little Jimmy replied, "That's because he's in your cat!"

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