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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year [C]

24th July 2022

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

St. Bride's: By request.

**St. Peter in Chains,
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes
in the RC Diocese
of Galloway.
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Jesus is the Way

I always used to ask God to show me how to live faith. It's already a few years since I had a very significant dream, which is vividly imprinted in my mind and in my heart forevermore. No doubt it was an answer to my prayers, and it made me feel so deeply cared for and loved! The dream: "I climb up a rather high mountain together with many other people. We walk in silence on a narrow path, in a row. I understand that we are pilgrims, when I see a church far away high up on the mountain, beautifully "set" on the horizon. I am full of expectance. I love the mountains and I enjoy the view and the peaceful climbing. When we reach the church and when everybody is inside, I immediately notice a priest who shuts all the doors in what seems to me a definitive manner. He blocks the doors nailing pieces of wood on them. Instantly I feel claustrophobic and ask the Priest to please open the doors again. I don't like to be closed in, I feel uneasy, I want to go outside again, but there is no reply from the priest. I look around and there I see a staircase. I run up the stairs and indeed I find a little door which opens to a balcony, and I step out: What I see in that moment is so immensely moving! I see a beautiful green valley stretched before my eyes (it does not seem the same valley we have come from). At the end of this valley there is a golden city. Everything is so extremely brilliant and beautiful that my heart fills with a longing so strong that I can hardly bear it. I'm overwhelmed and stand there in utter awe for quite a while. Then I do not resist anymore. I cry out, I want to go there, I feel within my heart that the Place is like Paradise. It's as if from the shining town a voice called me, "come, come, here is beauty, here is love, here is peace". Then I hurry downstairs shouting: "How can I reach the place I've seen from the balcony? There is a golden city! Please open the doors..." Nobody answers and I feel deeply frustrated for being closed in. Then I find myself standing right in front of the Altar with a little golden Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is beautifully decorated. While gazing at the Tabernacle I suddenly become silent, and I feel at peace. In that moment I hear a beautiful voice saying, "You know the way, I am the way, there is no other way to reach the place you've seen... come through the Tabernacle, this is the only way". The Voice vibrated softly in my heart. My reaction to the "invitation" was strange. I thought "the Tabernacle is too small to get through, I'll never manage". The dream ended and I woke up just in that moment when I was doubting to make it "through" the Tabernacle. I remembered vividly everything and finally, my heart strongly pounding, I understood. JESUS had told me that HE WAS THE WAY! HE IS THE WAY to perfect joy! And I remembered the words He said to His disciples during the Last Supper "Do this in memory of Me". The Holy Eucharist! The Tabernacle! Since I had this wonderful dream I approach the Holy Eucharist in much deeper awareness that JESUS TRULY IS THE WAY.
[by Margherita Rueger]



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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Seventeenth Week of the Year [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> assisted by <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula and 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 23 rd July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Angus & Robert MacRae (A), Andrew Toner & Ryan Fleming (A), Mr & Mrs T Paterson (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	
Sunday 24 th July	Seventeenth 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 25 th July	Feast of St James Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Eddie Cunningham (A), Sarah Wright (A)</i>				
Tuesday 26 th July	Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne Special prayer for Grandparents Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie Burns (MM), Dick Garvey (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Brian McNulty</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 27 th July	17th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marian & Nigel (SI), Sadie Templeton (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 28 th July	17th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie Lang (A), John Welsh (A)</i> Reception into Church of John Quirk at 4pm			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 29 th July	Requiem Mass for John Quirk Mass at 10am	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am John Murphy		
Saturday 30 th July	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Alex, Bobby, Brian & Kenny (A), Kitty Woods (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	

When Prayer Seems Lethargic

In many parts of the country, summer's hottest days are upon us. As the heat rises, our energy and motivation to be active slows. A Parishioner commented, "I am too lethargic to do anything." Sometimes our prayer life feels lethargic. Our attempts to connect with God seem more tedious. We might drift in thought or even fall asleep. What we were reflecting on no longer holds our attention. This is a great time to breathe new life into our prayer life by trying something new. Several summers ago I read "With God in Russia" by Walter Ciszek, which tells of Fr. Walter's imprisonment in Russia for being a Catholic priest. Both thought-provoking and inspiring, his story is a tremendous tale of the human person's capacity to persevere and the necessity of hope in something—or more importantly, Someone—greater than ourselves. If you haven't met Fr. Walter, his story is worth reading, and if your prayer life is suffering a little lethargy, grab a good book about a great saint and immerse yourself in their adventure. Explore the lives of St. Francis Xavier, St. Thomas More or, a favourite this month, St. Mary Magdalene. Experience God through their eyes and hearts.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Dawson Lundy, Dawn Clark, Lois Andrew, Beryl Meechan, Hugh Conway.

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Aileen Bradley (nee Erskine), Sadie Templeton, Jean Clarke, John Quirk, Eileen Crombie (Glasgow),
 Brian McNulty, Patricia Gahan (Ireland), Richard Garvey.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Angus MacRae 2013, Julia Petrie 2009, Alex Quigg 1997, Annie Quigg 1972, Isabella Aldridge 2010, Eddie Cunningham 1992,
 Anne Higgins 2020, May Steele 2014, Elizabeth Fitzsimmons 1999, Angus McMaster 2019, Elizabeth Murray 2005,
 Annie Walsh 1969, Mary Carrick 2021, Elizabeth Byers 2009, Tommy Burns 1982, Eileen Mathieson 2003,
 John McQuaid 2004, Jordan Walsh 1998, Des Blanch 2017, Annie Cavani 2012, Alice Gibbons 1997, Desmond McGarvey*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN QUIRK** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John (Jack) Quirk [Kilwinning], who died on 13th July, aged 84 years. His Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 28th July at 4pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 29th July at 10am, followed by Interment at Kilwinning Cemetery. The Celebrant will be Father Gerard Magee. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **THANK YOU** The family of Marie Burns would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, Mass Cards and expressions of sympathy at Marie's recent passing. Thanks to Canon Matt, Fr. Duncan and all the Parish Community. We thank everyone for their generosity, a donation of £500 will be give to the local MS Club in memoriam.

► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** The annual Whithorn Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 28th August with Mass on the shore at 4pm. St Mary's and St Johns have booked a coach which will leave St Mary's at 10.45am then onto St John's for 11am. Return journey leaving Whithorn at 5.30pm. Anyone who would like to travel with them at a cost of £5/person (to offset costs), please contact Lorna at St Mary's (01294 463461) between 10am and 11am, Mon-Fri.

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 or Fr Duncan by email ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01294 464063. We would love to hear from you!

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

Nursery Rhymes - "Little Jack Horner, Sat in the corner, eating a Christmas pie; He put in his thumb, and pulled out a plum, and said, what a good boy am I!" - Jack Horner was a steward of Glastonbury Abbey at the time of the Dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. The Abbot had extended his kitchens, which was reported to be grander than the royal kitchens. Henry VIII was displeased, so to soothe his anger the Abbot sent him an enormous pie as a Christmas present, at the hand of his steward Horner. Within the pie were the Deeds of twelve rich manors. During the journey Horner investigated the pie and kept the Deed of the manor of Mellis for himself. Jack Horner not only cheated the abbot, but also ended up on the jury that condemned the abbot to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Such a "good boy am I" indeed!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 17th July 2022: £434.12

Second Collection (Building Fund): £221.57

Standing Orders for June 2022: £4046.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 17th July 2022: £82.00

Standing Orders for June 2022: £1061.00

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Other Roads

God, won't be guided,

God won't be led.

Graciously waiting,

follow instead.

Those nagging questions
that flow through the brain,
leave in abeyance,
'till he comes back again.

Don't hurry your Lord,
be patient instead,
not all of his pathways,
come straight to your head.

Wait to be guided
down those other roads too.
be patiently waiting,
when He comes back to you.



Just for a Laugh

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mummy, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

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