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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Gospel, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Reflection

Remember last week, when Saint Peter got it right? Well, today he gets it very wrong! The strength of Jesus' condemnation ("Get behind me, Satan!") is almost excessive – something Peter said obviously "touched a nerve." Perhaps the answer comes in the last line of last week's Gospel – where Jesus gives the disciples strict instruction not to tell anyone he is the Christ. Did you wonder about that when you read it? Surely the whole point is to "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News!" But Jesus knows what people are like, and he understands his own temptations (remember them?) People will see the Christ – the Messiah – as a King, who will defeat the Romans, bring back the Kingdom, make Israel great again. He will be crowned and powerful and mighty – but this is not who the Messiah is, it is NOT who Jesus is. Just as Jesus rejected the devil's temptations, when he promised him earthly power, so now Jesus rejects Peter's desire for him to be the Messiah he is not. He is the suffering servant, the sacrifice that takes our sins away, the humble king who rides a donkey and who knows that he must die so that other may live.

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.

Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

August/ September 2020	St Peter-in-Chains Ardrossan <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St. Bride's West Kilbride <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St John's Stevenston <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Mary's Saltcoats <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Peter's Parish Centre <i>Fiona & Michael Brown</i>	
Saturday 29 th August	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Fr. Gerard Bourke CSSR (A)</i> 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Canon Gunning (A)</i> <i>Offered for James McGrattan (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
Sunday 30 th August	22nd Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am		
Monday 31 st August	22nd Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Mary Fraser (A)</i> <i>Offered for Angela Body (80th Birthday)</i>					
Tuesday 1 st September	World Day of Prayer for Creation Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Robert Kelly (A)</i> <i>Offered for Mrs Margaret Friel (A)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Wednesday 2 nd September	22nd Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Jack Campbell (A)</i> <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (A)</i>		Mass at 10am		9.00-11.00 am	<i>Slimming World</i>
Thursday 3 rd September	Memorial of St. Gregory the Great Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Margaret Swiercz (SI)</i> <i>Offered for Maria & Frank McEvoy (A)</i>			Mass at 10am		
Friday 4 th September	22nd Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Rona & James Taylor (A)</i> <i>Offered for Jean Fenn (A)</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am			
Saturday 5 th September	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Enis Delahunt (A)</i> 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Margaret Harvey (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm		
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A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XIII

This week, we'll consider the proper disposition for receiving Holy Communion. When it comes to receiving Holy Communion, we should remember the words of St. Paul: "Whoever therefore eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (1Cor 11:27). With these words in mind, we can say that two extremes are to be avoided. If we suffer from an overly scrupulous conscience, we might judge ourselves as never worthy of Holy Communion—unless we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation the day before. Such a scrupulous conscience brands God as a very demanding taskmaster who is never satisfied with us. In contrast, some people might casually approach the Table of the Lord without regard to their spiritual state as, for instance, when they carry a hardened heart that absolutely refuses to forgive a hurt or to pray for the grace of forgiveness. We should conscientiously prepare for the moment of Holy Communion. This means that we should be in the state of grace, and if we are conscious of a grave or serious sin, we must receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. We are also expected to fast from food and drink for at least one hour prior to the reception of Holy Communion. Even though none of us is worthy to receive our Divine Lord in Holy Communion ("Lord, I am not worthy...."), all of us must make every effort to be the least unworthy that we can be.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Margaret Harvey, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Bannon, Janice Connor, Lorraine Hayes, Karen Gilchrist, Ritano Betti.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Canon Eugene Dowd 2012, Sister Mary Peter 1999, James McGrattan 1982, John Stewart, Jim Duffy 2013, Sandra Rocks 2019, James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008, John Dundas 2014, Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Bert Kelly 2017, Grant Middlemiss 2005, Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985, Helen Mulhearn, Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989, Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006, Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015, Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, Margaret Nicol 2007.

St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** we welcome to the family of the church Arthur and Amelia Louise Shanks who will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** All our Celebrations of Mass and other Church services are live-streamed. You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites. To get the live-streaming at St Peter's: Website: saintpeterinchains.co.uk - Click SERVICES on the red menu bar. Then MASS TIMES on the menu. Then scroll down to "Click here to view Mass". Website: saintpeterinchains.net - Go to top right-hand corner of the screen. Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times" Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.
- ▶ **STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT** The Parishes have taken quite a "knock" through the Lockdown when public Mass was not available for sixteen weeks. This has had a huge impact on our Parish Finances. Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parish. Forms are available from the Parish Office. Thank you
- ▶ **CHURCH PIETY STALL** If you should require anything from our Stall, i.e. Mass Cards, religious items, etc. Please ask Betty Craig and she will organise it for you.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** The gutters from the Church and Presbytery will be cleared out this week; a tremendous amount of hard and time-consuming work has been done around the Church in taking out the weeds and moss between the individual path blocks. This is a huge task and is still ongoing; a problem has developed with some lights in the back Sacristy - this will be dealt with after the roof repair. In our Health and Safety Audit recently, we were asked to place fire-resistant mats under the two votive candle stands in Church - this will be completed this week; the fire extinguishers have been serviced in the Presbytery, St Peter's Centre and in the Church. Sincere thanks again to all our Parishioners for their time, commitment and for all the hard work in the Church and Parish.
- ▶ **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** Please donate your used postage stamps to fund Medical Science. Please hand your used stamps in to the Parish Office or give them to Alfie Agostini.

St. Bride's Notices

- ▶ **VOLUNTEERS** We are obliged to provide 2 Stewards for each Mass. If you can help out at any of our services, please get in touch. Contact: howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk. 01294 822320
- ▶ **100 CLUB** Subscriptions are due and still only £12 for the year (just a £1 per month). Please put your Club money in an envelope marked 100 Club with your name on it and put it in or beside the Pink Bucket as you leave the church. We appreciate your contribution to the 100 Club over the years and in this strange time, we really rely on it. Thank you.
- ▶ **SVDP** A big thank you to the congregation last Sunday for your generous donations to our funds. We have decided to put the box out each week on one of the tables at the back of the church! Your donations will enable us to continue providing support to needy individuals in the village either by ourselves or through organisations that we have a partnership with. Thank you again for your generosity. Bob Adams (Treasurer).

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Scottish whisky received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die." She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Whatever you do, don't sell that cow!"

Mustard Seeds

✠ Lord, remember me...

The main theatre in Moscow was getting ready for the opening night of an anti-religious play called "Christ in Top Hat and Tails". Schools, youth organisations and youth workers were required to include the piece in their programme for the year. The main part, portraying Jesus Christ was played by the famous actor and committed communist Alexander Rostowzew. The theatre was full, every ticket had been sold months before. The curtain opened to a scene with an altar in the middle, covered with empty beer bottles. Around the altar were actors, pretending to be drunken priests and monks. At the second act Rostowzew came onto the stage. In his hands he held a copy of the Holy Bible and wore a top hat and tails. The audience laughed and clapped, waiting for his humorous lines and superb acting. He opened the Bible and started to read: "Blessed are those who are poor before God, then theirs is the Kingdom of heaven; Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted..." The Director stood at the side of the stage, he knew that soon Rostowzew would break into dancing and the whole theatre would erupt with cascades of laughter. But nothing happened. Rostowzew continued reading: "Blessed are those who are peacemakers, for they will inherit the land..." The audience didn't move. They realised that something was happening in the heart of the actor. The theatre was completely silent, only the firm voice of Rostowzew could be heard. He continued reading, in fact, in read the complete forty-eight verses of the Fifth Chapter of St Matthew's Gospel. No-one interrupted him, no-one called out, everyone remained completely silent, listening to every word. He finished with the verse: "You should be perfect, just as your heavenly Father in heaven is perfect!" Rostowzew closed the Bible. It seemed that a chapter in his own life was also being closed. Very slowly he made the Sign of the Cross and repeated in a firm and clear voice the words of the repentant thief at the side of Jesus on Calvary: "Lord, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom". No-one protested, there were no whistles or booing. The audience slowly left the theatre in silence. The production was never repeated anywhere. After that evening, Alexander Rostowzew was never seen again.

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