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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year [B]

7th July 2024

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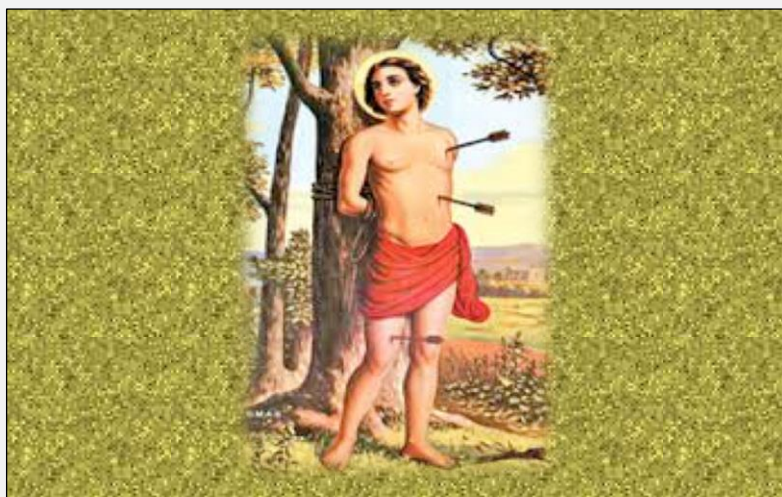
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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!

Mustard Seeds

✠ The Martyr's Crown

In their apparent failures, the martyrs achieved their greatest successes. St Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes, was one of these. He was a Christian soldier serving in the Roman army late in the third century. He was a member of the Imperial Guards who lived in Rome and took care of the Emperor and the Palace. During the many persecutions, he would secretly encourage the Christians whom he was supposed to be persecuting. He would visit them in prison, protect them, provide for them - he even harboured the pope and some aristocratic converts inside the imperial palace itself. Eventually, though, his moment of trial came. He was denounced and condemned to death by arrows. As they tied him to a pillar, St Sebastian exhorted his executioners to believe in Christ. Then a dispatch of soldiers shot him full of arrows and left him for dead. At that point, a Roman noblewoman who was also an undercover Christian took custody of his body. When she realized that he was still breathing, she had him brought to her residence and nursed him back to life. As soon as he was strong again, she encouraged him to escape into the countryside. But instead, St Sebastian went back into the imperial palace and took up his old guard post. As the Emperor passed him by, the saint once again encouraged him to abandon his idolatry and believe in Christ. The enraged Emperor ordered the other soldiers to club him to death immediately. It was apparent failures like these that ended up converting the entire Roman Empire to Christianity. In fact, the whole history of the Church has followed a similar pattern: cross, then resurrection. So we shouldn't be surprised when we find ourselves on the same path.



Fourteenth 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 6 th July	14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jack & Anne Allen (Golden Wedding), Winnifred O'Neill (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 7 th July	14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 8 th July	14th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Marie Lang (SI), Edward Clarke (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 9 th July	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Michael Fitzpatrick (A), Karen Fitzpatrick (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Mary McKenzie
Wednesday 10 th July	14th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for John Mitchell (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 11 th July	FEAST OF ST BENEDICT, ABBOT Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Margaret (SI)</i>			Mass 10am (L) Prayers of Reception 6pm John Mitchell
Friday 12 th July	14th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Joe Howie</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am (L) John Mitchell
Saturday 13 th July	15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Matthew Webster (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Edward Clarke, John Mitchell, Matthew Webster,
Winnifred O'Neill (McQuade).*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*George Cameron 1980, Ryan Fleming 2002,
Raymond McLaren 2014, Teresa Usher 2006,
Joseph Armstrong 1998, Clare Cameron 1985,
Mary Chapman 2009, Anthony Da Prato 2016,
Eugene McMahon 2021, Father Harry Farrell 1998,
Martha Murphy 2001, Donald William Newall 1998,
Andrew McVeigh 2000, Alexander Quigg 1999,
Catherine Teggart 1998, John H Giebler 1991,
Mr and Mrs Francis Breslin 1976, Jeannie Brown 1995,
Father Donal Burke, Julie Kelley-Holland 2005,
Margaret McAteer 1992, Alice McMahon 1981,
Agnes Anne Conaghan 2002, Annie O'Kane 2001,
Stella Reid 2009, Margaret Wyllie 2015.*

Notable Date

6th July 2003 - Ordination of Father Stephen McGrattan.

Top Ten Favourite Excuses

That People Give For Not Going To Church

Here's the Sixth One: Mass and Church Is Unrelatable To My Life - Yeah? No it's not. Eastenders, Big Brother and Game of Thrones is unrelatable to your life. Gossip magazines and celebrity antics are unrelatable to your life. Mass is about who we actually are. We are reminded that we are children of God, brothers and sisters, and how we should be in relationship with one another. It's belonging to a community that cares for one another, who share values. Mass—the prayers we pray together, the readings from Scripture, the quiet time with Jesus—puts us more in touch with who we are meant to be. We fail, we make mistakes, but Mass is where we are unconditionally loved by God, and invited into a deeper union with Him so that we can live more in a more fulfilled, loving way every day.

Number 7 Excuse next week!

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

- ▶ **WEDDING AT ST PETER'S** We are delighted to announce the Wedding of Melissa McKie and Thomas Armstrong, on Friday 12th July at 12.30pm. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".
- ▶ **SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AT ST PETER'S** Thanks to our SVP Teams, we will be re-starting the Refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Peter's - after the Summer Holidays - on Sunday 1st September, and then the first Sunday of every month. This is a great opportunity for our Parish Community to get together after Mass. A big "thank you" to Marade and her team for organising the Refreshments on St Peter's Day last week.
- ▶ **SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AT ST BRIDE'S** A big "thank you" to our various teams at St Bride's for the Sunday refreshments. They will start again after the summer holidays. Please make sure you get the rota, which is available from this weekend.
- ▶ **DONATION TO ST BRIDE'S** We have gratefully received a donation of £1000 from the Archbishop Eyre Fund towards the running costs of St Bride's Church. *Thank you.*
- ▶ **DONATION TO ST PETER'S** We have received an anonymous donation of £500 towards the cost of our new lectionaries. *Thank you for your support and generosity.*
- ▶ **DONATION TO ST PETER'S** The Knit and Knatter group have kindly donated £230 to St Peter's. *Many thanks.*

**SOMETIMES WHEN
YOU'RE IN A
DARK PLACE
YOU THINK YOU'VE
BEEN BURIED,
BUT ACTUALLY YOU'VE
BEEN PLANTED.**

Mummified Man Watching Television

To take up our role as coworkers with Christ doesn't mean we all have to become missionaries to the four corners of the world - God will certainly call some of us in this building to follow that path, and if he is calling you, don't be afraid, he knows what he's doing. But Jesus wants us to be his missionaries first of all right here: in our families, in our neighbourhoods, in our work places. Jesus doesn't want anyone to miss out on his grace and salvation. And he has appointed us to be his hands and his feet: if we don't bring his message to those around us, the message may never arrive. A few years ago, a newspaper published a story illustrating how close to home this mission can really be. Someone reported a burst water pipe on a residential street. Police came to the area and knocked on the door of house near the burst pipe. There was no answer. They heard the television blaring inside, so they kept knocking. Still no answer. The police decided to enter the house. They made their way to the living room, and there they found the mummified remains of the resident, a 70-year-old man who had been dead for more than a year, sitting right in front of the blaring TV. The man, Vincenzo, appeared to have died of natural causes. No one had visited that man's house for an entire year, even though he lived in a crowded neighbourhood. This is why Jesus sends out his disciples, this is why he sends us out - to make sure that the men and women he died for aren't abandoned.

Revival of Faith in the Eucharist

The greatest gift of our Lord to us is his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. St Thomas Aquinas once wrote that in every Sacrament we experience the "power of Christ", but in the Eucharist we experience "Christ himself". We call this the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. At every Mass, the bread and wine are transubstantiated into Jesus' actual Body and Blood, but we hear again and again that many self-professed Catholics don't believe this basic teaching of our faith. So what can we do? There are lots of possibilities, but might I suggest a concrete first step? Take stock of your own belief in the Eucharist by committing to Mass every week and Benediction of Fridays at St Peter's. Spending time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration can have a profound effect on our prayer life and the way we experience the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, we are all united as members of the Body of Christ.

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe will be open from 10am-3pm on Wednesday, July 10th for all families in our community who require uniform for the new school year. There is a wide range of new and pre-loved uniform available: black trousers, black skirts, white shirts, black jumpers, blazers and shoes. Please contact Louise Stevenson at the school on 01294 606680 for more information.

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Offertory Cash Collection 30th June 2024: £448.44
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ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 30th June 2024: £167.05
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Many thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Jack were sitting together in church. Jack giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk (and especially out loud) in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Jack asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers 😂😂😂"

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