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Thirty Second Sunday of the Year [A]

8th November 2020

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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St. Bride's: Friday
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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

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Reflection

Remember how, when Jesus tells parables, everything "stands for" something else? This parable is obviously about being ready for the end – whether the end of our life or the end of time. We should be like the sensible bridesmaids, with plenty of oil for our lamps. But what does that oil stand for? Perhaps last week's gospel – the Beatitudes – can give us an answer. The oil is our store of meekness and kindness, compassion and peacemaking, search for justice, purity of heart and poverty of spirit. By living according to the Beatitudes, we store up this "oil", so that our lamps of faith are always lit, and always ready. Have a think about how much oil is in your lamp today!



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.

Thirty Second Week of the Year [A] 2020

October/ November 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 Brown</i>
Saturday 7 th November	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns (RD)</i> 32nd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Mary McGoogan (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 8 th November	32nd Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 9 th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for John Craig (A)</i>				
Tuesday 10 th November	Memorial of St Leo the Great Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Anne Ward (A)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 11 th November	Memorial of St Martin of Tours Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Theresa Loudon (SI)</i> <i>Offered for Cathie Sweeney (A)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 12 th November	Memorial of St Josaphat Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Josephine Etherson (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Friday 13 th November	Special Mass in Time of Pandemic Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Tommy Rae (RD)</i>	Mass at 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 14 th November	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Bob McNeish (D 2020)</i> 33rd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Mary Lindsay (D 2020)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

St Peter's Parish Centre: Fiona Brown 07907 389703

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XXII

We bring our series about the Mass to an end by looking at the connection between liturgy and life. It would seem that many people who attend Mass on Sunday see little connection between what happens in Church and what happens in their homes, neighbourhoods and workplaces. Too few people are aware that the time spent in the world can be a means of personal sanctification just like the time spent in personal and communal prayer. Such separation of worship and life, of the sacred and the secular, is a perennial danger in Christian spirituality. It is too easy for us to lose sight of the beautiful fact that the Jesus who leads us in worship on Sunday morning is also at work in the kitchens and offices of life, seeking to build there "a kingdom of truth, justice and peace." The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago once wrote: "The liturgy is not an extra something nice that may give us good feelings. It is our life, our very spirit. It is the source of our identity and renewal as a Church. When we let the liturgy shape us - from the ashes of Lent and the waters of Baptism to the broken bread and poured out cup at every Sunday's Mass - then we shall find what it is "to put on Christ".

The Season of Advent - starting soon!

The Advent Season offers us special graces and an opportunity to allow the Lord to transform our hearts with the joyful anticipation of the coming of his Son. Wouldn't you like your Advent to be different this year? How would you feel about an Advent that was more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful than ever before? This year, I would like to invite you to journey with the Holy Family through this special season. This year, prepare to welcome a person and not just a day.

The First Sunday of Advent is 29th November 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie, Maria Hilferty.

✚ **Those who have died recently:** *Tommy Rae.*

✚ **Those who died at this time of Year:** *Helene Adams 2016, Monica Fagan 1986, Jim McLaren 2005, John Craig 2012, Michael Dougan 2016, Joseph McAuliffe 2001, Jean McGowan 2010, Annie McNamara, Alice McWhinnie 2009, Elizabeth Mary Moultrie 2000, Lyndsey Thomas née McLardy 2014, Father Cornelius Burke 1972, James Cummings 2005, Father Paul Felix 2016, Anne Ward 2018, Vivien Goldie 1998, Helen Gurney 2004, David Kelley, Henry Mons McIlroy 1966, Alec Murphy 1998, Catherine Sweeney, Annie Tracey 2000, Thomas Walsh 2002, James Cox, Canon John Donnelly 2003, Mary McCabe 1998, Peter McCourt 2009, James McGrath 2010, Daniel Murray 2006, Moira Shaw 1995, Bartholomew (Barney) Coby 2012, Mary Dalziel 2006, Helen Mallon 1987, Daniel McDougall 1944, Margaret McIntee 2017, Alex Miller 1979, James Smith 1999, William Cassidy 2012, Julie Anne McLaren 2006, William Reilly.*

St. Peter's Notices

► **'CEMETERY MASS' IN NOVEMBER** Usually we celebrate a special Mass for our deceased loved ones at Ardrossan Cemetery in November. Due to the COVID Restrictions for outside gatherings, this won't be possible this year. Instead, we will celebrate a special Mass for the Deceased on Friday, 20th November at 10am as usual in Church. We can book for the Mass as usual. This date is exactly 30,000 days since the opening of St. Peter in Chains Church. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." (2 Mach 12:46)

► **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites. 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.

► **CHURCH PIETY STALL** We now have lovely **Christmas cards** in stock. If you should require to purchase anything i.e. Mass Cards, Religious Items etc. It is important that we only admit ONE person at a time and a face covering must be worn. *Thank you!*

► **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** We have been asked to donate our used postage stamps to fund Medical Science. Please hand your used stamps in to the Parish Office or give them to Alfie Agostini.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... After a morning Mass, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told her Parish Priest how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, the priest is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked!

Remembrance Sunday Services - The annual Remembrance Sunday Services will not go ahead as usual because of the COVID Restrictions. Representatives from the different Parishes and organisations will lay wreaths at the monuments and then depart.

St. Bride's Notices

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR NORMA DONLEVY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Norma Donlevy, who died on Saturday 24th October, aged 82 years. Her Funeral Service will be at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Monday, 9th November at 3.30pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **NOVEMBER LIST** Our month to remember family and friends. Please put their names into the Envelopes which are at the back of the church.

► **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** St. Bride's will be represented by Malcolm and Ellen Milne, who will lay a wreath at the War Memorial this Sunday at 12 noon. There will be no service this year due to COVID19. Please remember those who lost their lives, in your prayers.

► **100 CLUB WINNER** Congratulations to Jean Connor, our lucky winner this month. It would be great to have more members, our church wins, you win. Thank you

► **COMMUNICATION** Did you know you can now reach us on Facebook www.facebook.com/stbrideschurchWK

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The Offertory Collection 1st November 2020: £666.57
Second Collection (Building Fund): £190.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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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 Parishes Finances. 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.

Also, Paul McNulty will be happy to provide a form for St. Bride's. *Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!*

Mustard Seeds

✚ We Remember Them

He was very old now, but could still hold himself stiffly at attention before the monument. His war, the one to end all wars, now just a fading part of history. Very few could remember, first-hand, the savageness of the ordeal that had sent millions of young men to their deaths. Cannon fodder, they'd called them, sent before the guns to be mown down -- blown apart by chunks of metal which had decimated their frail bodies. The cream of a generation; almost wiped out. He was haunted by the faces of the boys he'd had to order into battle, the ones who'd never come back. Yet one nameless ghost was able to bring a measure of comfort to his tormented mind. At the sound of the gun signaling the eleventh hour he was mentally transported back to the fields of Flanders. The battle had raged for over two hours, with neither side gaining any advantage. Wave after wave of soldiers had been dispatched from the muddy trenches and sent over the top. So many had died already that day that he decided he could not afford to lose any more men before reinforcements arrived. Perhaps they'd give the remnants a few more days of life. There came a slight lull in the battle due to the sheer exhaustion of the men on both sides. During this interval, a young soldier came up to him requesting that he be allowed to go over the top. He looked at the boy who couldn't have been more than nineteen. Was this extreme bravery in the face of the enemy or was the soldier so scared he just needed to get it over with? "Why would you want to throw your life away soldier? It's almost certain death to go out there." "My best friend went out over an hour ago, captain, and he hasn't come back. I know my friend must be hurt and calling for me. I must go to him, sir, I must." There were tears in the boy's eyes. It was as if this were the most important thing in the world to him. "Soldier, I'm sorry, but your friend is probably dead. What purpose would it serve to let you sacrifice your life too?" "At least I'd know I'd tried, sir, he'd do the same thing in my shoes. I know he would." He was about to order the boy back to the ranks, but the impact of his words softened his heart. He remembered the awful pain he'd felt himself when his brother had died. He'd never had the chance to say goodbye. "All right soldier, you can go." Despite the horror all around them, he saw a radiant smile on the boy's face, as if a great weight had been lifted from his shoulders. "God bless you, sir," said the soldier. It was a long time before the guns fell silent for the last time and each side was allowed to gather their dead and wounded. The captain remembered the young soldier. He looked through the many piles of bodies. Young men. So many as to give an unreal quality to the scene before him. When he came to the makeshift hospital, he looked carefully through the casualties. He soon found himself before the prone body of the soldier, alive, but severely wounded. He knelt down beside the young man and gently laid a hand on his shoulder. "I'm so sorry, son. I knew I was wrong to let you go." "Oh no, sir. I'm glad you did and I'm glad you're here now so I can thank you. You see sir, I found my friend. He was badly wounded, but I was able to comfort him at the end. As I held him dying in my arms, he looked me in the eyes and said: "I knew you'd come." The young soldier faded between consciousness and oblivion for some time before he finally slipped away. The captain stayed by his side until the end, tears streaming quietly down his cheeks. Only in war could the happy endings be so terribly sad. As the bugle sounded "The Last Post", the old captain envisioned once again the young soldier's face. Looking up, he could almost hear the stone monument calling out to him: "I knew you'd come."

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