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Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year [A]

10th September 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Story of the True Cross

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity. According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden. Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross. In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life. In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem, and the Persian king Khosrau II captured the True Cross and took it back to Persia. After Khosrau's defeat by Emperor Heraclius II, Khosrau's own son had him assassinated in 628 and returned the True Cross to Heraclius. In 629, Heraclius, having initially taken the True Cross to Constantinople, decided to restore it to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and



and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius took Zacharias' advice, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church. We celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross on Monday, 14th September, when we bless the crosses that are in our homes and we also celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, 15th September - the month of September is dedicated to her - the Lady of Sorrows at the Cross.

23rd Week of the Year 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
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 9 th September	23rd Sunday of the Year (Beginning of Vocations Awareness Week) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Shannon Maughan (SI)</i>		Closed for Refurbishment	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 10 th September	23rd Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Sunday Mass at 11.30am in St John's Church Hall	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 11 th September	Requiem Mass for Irene Coby Mass at 10am			
Tuesday 12 th September	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sarah Wright (A), Sr. Ishbel SND. (B)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am with St Anthony's P7
Wednesday 13 th September	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, doctor Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Betty Craig (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Thursday 14 th September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Blessing of House Crosses) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ian Monan (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 15 th September	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret McAteer (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Saturday 16 th September	24th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kathleen Quinn (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

THIS WEEK IS VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK IN SCOTLAND

This year, Vocations Awareness Week begins on Sunday 10th September. During Vocations Awareness Week, the whole Catholic community in Scotland is invited to pray for (and think about) the importance of vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. It can also encourage those discerning a vocation to serve in the Church to come forward to reflect more intently on it.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, help the young men and women of our Parish Family to hear the call of Jesus Christ to follow him.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

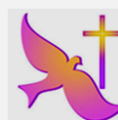
Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated holy priests, sisters, and brothers, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage, everyday sanctity and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Harry Sammons.



+ Those who have died recently:

Mary Gibson, Margaret McAuliffe, Ian Monan, Kathleen Quinn, Margaret McAteer (Aberdeen).

+ Those who died at this time of Year:

Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Lillian Bonnar 2022, Cathie Hilferty 2009, Mary Mitchell 2004, Gladys Moore 2006, Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Walter Jones 1985, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKeachan 1998, Bridget McLaughlin 1997, Mary Otto 2008, Sister Annette Cross and Passion 2016, John Burns 1997, Alberto Carrino 2009, Dolores Fairhurst 2014, Thomas Fernes 2011, James Hughes 2010, James Love 1996, Anne McCabe 1995, Joe Brady junior 1999, Joseph Brady 2006, Elizabeth Cawley 1997, Frances Giblin 2017, John Marshall 2000, Patrick Joseph O'Hare 1955, Thomas White 1995, Mathew Folan 1994, Tom Howieson 2007, James Lawson 1992, Kathleen Mullin 2012.

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR IRENE COBY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Irene Coby, who died on 28th August 2023, aged 77 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 11th September at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Thursday, 28th September 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Gracie Joanna Kean, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - ST BRIDE'S** The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th September at 7pm at Betty and Bob's House in West Kilbride.

► **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** There have been a few enquiries regarding resuming Sunday Teas. We are hoping initially, to have this on the first Sunday of each month. However, to enable us to create teams we will need volunteers. If you are available to help with this please contact the parish office on 01294 464063 or Marade on 07926 589619. All help greatly appreciated.

► **KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group started back at 1pm on Wed. 6th Sept. in St Peter's Centre Snug.

THIS WEEK - FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS



A special Feast Day for September is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Please bring any House Crucifixes and place them on the altar before the beginning of Mass. Our Home Crosses will be blessed during Mass on this special day.

I WILL NOT YELL IN CLASS.
I WILL NOT THROW THINGS IN CLASS. I WILL NOT HAVE A TANTRUM. ALWAYS BECAUSE I AM THE TEACHER. I AM THE TEACHER...
I WILL NOT TEMPER I WILL BE GOOD, I AM THE TEACHER...

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 23 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least two times a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 20th September at 7.15 pm. When a new bishop is appointed to Galloway Diocese it will be the task of the choir to support the singing at the bishop's ordination Mass. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact David on 07714 340854 or by email to:

david.robinson.mj@gmail.com

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 3rd September 2023: £530.82
Second Collection (Building Fund): £291.64
Standing Orders for August 2023: £3837.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 3rd September 2023: £80.00
Standing Orders for August 2023: £1067.00

ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND

Cash Donations £674, Just Giving £225, Total £899

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!

Galloway News now available!

The St Ninian edition of the Galloway News is printed and is now available Church and on the website. Lots of photos of the pilgrimages to Whithorn and Lourdes and of the World Youth Day. Please make sure younger your copy and also for friends and neighbours.



Galloway Diocese at World Youth Day
Lisbon, Portugal 2023



All the pilgrimages of August and September were supported by Galloway Living People (founded 1965). All the pilgrimages were funded by donations to the World Youth Day event in Lisbon. Portugal. It has an outstanding success and all the Galloway pilgrims had a fantastic time meeting and meeting other young people from across the globe.

THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING?

- ☹️ No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- ☹️ Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- ☹️ The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet.
- ☹️ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- ☹️ Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- ☹️ Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- ☹️ The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- ☹️ Now you know a lot more than you did before!

JUST FOR A LAUGH... 🤔🤔🤔

Bill from Ardrossan was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand pounds, but its state of the art. It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'

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