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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year [B]

11th August 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✚ God Is Always Paying Attention

One of the greatest painters alive today keeps putting this truth into her work. Her name is Natalia Tsarkova. She is about 40-years-old, and she works in Rome. After graduating from the Moscow Fine Arts Academy in Russia, she moved to Italy. She won renown quickly, and was eventually commissioned to paint the Vatican's official portrait of Pope John Paul II. It was so good that they asked her to do a posthumous portrait of Pope John Paul I, who had died too soon to have his papal portrait done. In the spring of 2007, she finished her third papal commission: a portrait of Pope Benedict XVI. Without a doubt, she is one of the greatest artists living today. In two of her most remarkable compositions, she illustrates the crucial truth that God is always paying attention to each one of us, just as he paid attention to Mary from her Immaculate Conception to her Glorious Assumption. One of these paintings is a huge, magnificent canvas of the Last Supper. The other painting is called Our Lady of Light, the first major work of art depicting the new mysteries of the Rosary instituted by Pope John Paul II. Both paintings show multiple figures and a lot of action, drama, and movement. They also have something else in common. In each one, the face of Jesus is turned away from the swirling activity, and is looking right at you - the viewer of the painting. His gaze is alarming, mesmerising, comforting, and strangely challenging. It is as if he is saying, "Yes, I'm running the whole universe, but right now I'm thinking about you..." And that's the truth. He is running the universe, but right now, and at every moment, he is thinking about you.



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!

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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 10 th August	19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Francis McQuade (A), John Higgins (RD), Connie Lambert</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 11 th August	19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 12 th August	19th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary Madden (A), Ellan Hastings (A)</i> PRAYERS OF RECEPTION 6PM, BERYL MEECHAN			
Tuesday 13 th August	REQUIEM MASS 10AM BERYL MEECHAN	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Gavin Finnegan (A)</i>		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 14 th August	MEMORIAL OF ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Anne Kennedy (SI), Marie Anderson (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Anne Meechan Vigil Mass 7pm	
Thursday 15 th August	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [Holy Day of Obligation] Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Charlie Kennedy (RD),</i> Mass 7pm <i>Offered for Mary Sweeney (RD), Ann McDonald (SI)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 11am	Mass 9.30am (L) Mass 7pm
Friday 16 th August	19th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Kate Collins (SI), Beryl Meechan (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Café afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 17 th August	20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Phyllis Doherty (A), Mrs Pat McQuade (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell, Jim McEwan,
 George, Kenneth & Christine Slavincki, Michael McCulloch
 Francis Adie, Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith.*

✝ Those who have died recently:

*Beryl Meechan, Sandra Convery, Charlie Kennedy, Mary Sweeney,
 John Higgins, Mrs Pat McQuade, Claire Farrell (Motherwell).*

✝ Those who died at this time of Year:

*John Giebler 1991, Charlie Gilheaney 2007, Agnes Long 2006,
 Joe Burns 2015, Mary Patricia Madden Campbell 2016,
 Greta Davidson 2018, Desmond McGarvey 1996,
 Maria Mathieson 1975, Elizabeth McMenamin 1994,
 Margaret Quigg 2015, Brian Langridge 2009, Patricia Trainer 2002,
 Thomas Connelly 2007, Margaret Harvey 2020, Jim McKenna 2013,
 Tracy Northcote 2009, Frank McEvoy 1987, Valerie Bickers 2021,
 Ronald Burns 2011, Brian Collins 2008, Daniel Mathieson 1949,
 Robbie Reid 2011, Elizabeth Wilson 2000, Susan Garland 2011,
 James O'Neill 1998, Kate Gribben 1994, Johnny Thompson 2014
 Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011,
 Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981,
 James Thomas Taylor 1998, David Walsh 1980.*

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 4th August 2024: £609.73
 Second Collection (Building Fund): £273.54
 Standing Orders for July 2024: £3712.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 4th August 2024: £150.57
 Standing Orders for July 2024: £1026.00

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

"Love is a law, a commandment: It creates in Christians a dynamic that leads us to do all that God wants, spontaneously, without even having to think about it, because, by this time, we have made God's will ours and we love everything that God loves."

RANIERO CANTALAMESSA O.F.M. CAP.
Sober intoxication of the Spirit Pt. 2



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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR BERYL MEECHAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Beryl Meechan, who died on 27th July 2024, aged 76 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Monday, 12th August at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 13th August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th August 2024 at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ALEXANDRIA CONVERY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sandra Convery, who died on 27th July 2024, aged 80 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Tuesday, 20th August at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 21st August at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 28th August 2024 at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Niall James McAuliffe who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.

► **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The draw starts on 1st September. Put the names and contact number of those buying a ticket on an envelope containing the correct money/cheque, £12 per person per year, give to Kate Kelley or Phyllis up to the end of August. You can buy as many tickets as you like. Half of all money collected goes to the Church, the other half in prize money. Thank you.

► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** On Sunday 25 August, Mass will be celebrated close to St Ninian's Cave at 4pm with Bishop Frank Dougan as principal celebrant. Mass will also be celebrated in St Martin and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn at 4.45pm by Bishop Joseph Toal of Motherwell. If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church. The bus leaves from St Peter's at 10.30am prompt. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £8/person to offset costs.

Retiring Collection next Weekend for Lepra

Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. But it is curable! Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk. With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope. Please give as generously as you can next weekend 17/18 August 2024. Thank you!

Remaining donations for SCIAF's WEE BOX appeal

"As Bishop President for SCIAF, it is my great privilege to thank you all for the support you have shown to the WEE BOX Appeal again during Lent. The Lenten Appeal highlighted the country of Rwanda and shared some very difficult stories of those who have experienced great challenges under very violent circumstances. I thank you for leading your Parish in prayer and for facilitating almsgiving for SCIAF's work, your support is invaluable to the work that we do. I appreciate the administration that goes into each Parish donation and the time and effort that accompanies it. I'd like to add a gentle reminder that it is not too late to send in any remaining Parish collections and/or WEE BOX money. Your generous donations are vital in supporting our Church partners to help our sisters and brothers in greatest need. If there is anything SCIAF can do to support you with this, please contact the Community Engagement Team at getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk or call the office on 0141 354 5555. Thank you and may God bless you".
+ Brian McGee

Solemnity of the Assumption this Thursday

This Thursday, 15th August is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body." What is the meaning of holy day of obligation? Holy days of obligation are feast days on which we must attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work. Although all Sundays are sanctified in this way, the term holy days usually refers to other feasts that must be observed in the same manner as Sunday. Mass at 10am and 7pm at St Peter's, and 10am at St Bride's.



Just for a Laugh... 😄 😄 😄

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you say a Mass for him?" Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, we can't say a Mass for dogs..." Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the road... Do you think £500 is enough to donate for the service?" Father Patrick quickly replied: "Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?!"

Date for Your Diary

St Bride's will be having a Friends & Family Summer Fun Day on Saturday 17th August, at St Bride's, 12noon till 4pm. Please come along for BBQ, bouncy castle, surf simulator, petting zoo, bottle and cake stalls and much more. Donations for the bottle stall and raffle would be appreciated and can be left in the church porch. We would love people to come along from St Peter's too.

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