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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [B] – Vocations Awareness Week

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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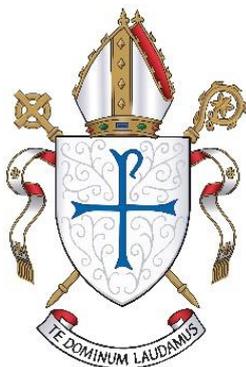
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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**St. Bride's:** Friday  
between 11am-12noon  
And by request.

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and St. Bride's,  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ An Untitled Story

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the Parish Priest slowly stood up, walked over to the lectern and, before he gave the homily, briefly introduced a guest visitor who was at Mass that evening. In the introduction, the priest told the congregation that the guest visitor was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the congregation and say a few words. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the lectern and began to speak. "A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high that, even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized." The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the Mass began, looking somewhat interested in the story. The man continued with his story. "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy he would throw the other end of the life line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of the waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!', he threw out the life line to the son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered." By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old man's mouth. "The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus, and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that He could do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son so that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take hold of the life line." With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the Church. The Parish Priest again walked slowly to the lectern and delivered a brief homily and afterwards celebrated Mass. Within minutes after the Mass, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely said one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in the hope that the other boy would become a Christian." "Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at the crucifix held in his hands. Sorrow began to overtake the old man's smiling face as he once again looked up at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm here today to tell you that I understand more than most the pain God must have felt to give up His only Son. For you see, I'm the man who lost his son to the ocean that day, and my son's friend that I chose to save is your priest."



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. **THANKS!**

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

September 2021	<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Baptism of Alessio Orlandi at 12 noon.</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Isobel McCulloch (RD), Michael Howie (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30 (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Matthew McManus (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Mass at 10am with Blessing of Crosses <i>Offered for Bobby Hughes (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Marshall (A), Ann Gilmour (A)</i> <b>Requiem Mass at 1pm for Mary McNamara</b>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Feast of St Ninian</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered in Thanksgiving</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass for Vocations</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne (Nancy) Sheehan (A)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Baptism of Jenna Christie at 11am</b> <b>Wedding Service at 12.30pm for Lucy Milson &amp; Michael Lamont</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ronnie Cairns (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

### God draws close to us

“God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life. So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Strengthened by this mission, the apostles “went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.” Those who with God’s help have welcomed Christ’s call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.” – [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1]

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Pat Breen, Harry Sammons, Jayne Adams, Peter Brawley, Margaret Brawley,  
William Robinson, Kirsty Maher.*

#### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Bob Houghton, Isobel McCulloch, Michael Howie, Matt McManus, Bobby Hughes, Mary McNamara.*

#### ✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Mr and Mrs Daniel Brown, Samuel Cambridge 2005, Mary Crossan 1981, John Hazelton 1974, Jane McKeachan 1998,  
Bridget McLaughlin 1997, John Burns 1997, Alberto Carrino 2009, Dolores Fairhurst 2014, Thomas Fernes 2011,  
James Love 1996, James Hughes 2010, Anne McCabe 1995, Sister Annette, Cross and Passion 2016,  
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, Walter Jones 1985,  
James Lawson 1992, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Hugh Donohoe 2008, George Hall 2007, Alison Lawson née Giebler 2015,  
Frances McLaughlin 2008, Mary McLellan 2004, Victor and Charlotte Mitchell, Joshua O'Neill 2017, Jim Vernon 2014,  
Cornelius Burke 1988, Chris Glenn 2011, Eamon Lennon junior, Margaret Finnegan 2010, Patrick Joseph McKay 1989,  
Sister Pauline Cross and Passion 1999, Father Alastair Tosh 2007.*

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

► **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** We are delighted to announce the wedding of Lucy Victoria Milson and Michael John Lamont on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 12.30pm at St Peter's. We wish them a "love for a lifetime"..

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY MCNAMARA** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary McNamara who died on 1st September 2021, aged 92 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 15th September at 1pm, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** There will be a special collection this weekend, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September for the Retired Priests Fund.

► **ST PETER'S KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Our meetings will still be on Wednesdays from 1pm till 2.45pm but now in the small hall instead of the snug. Looking forward to seeing you all again and if anyone who likes to knit, crochet, or just have a chat please come along you will be made very welcome. For more info call Fiona on 462470.

► **ST. BRIDE'S SUNDAY TEAS** Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the Teas and Coffees after Mass last Sunday. It was great to be able to renew friendships and make new ones with St Bride's parishioners and friends. If you would like to help in any way please contact Betty on 07876406735.

### Parish Satisfaction Survey

Grade yourself on a scale from 1-10 (10 being the most satisfied) for each question:

How satisfied are you with the creation of earth?

How satisfied are you with available oxygen?

How satisfied are you with the earth's ability to create food?

How satisfied are you with the ability to see colours and distance?

How satisfied are you in the ability to communicate with other humans?

How satisfied are you with God's ability to give you peace?

How satisfied are you with God to give you food?

How satisfied are you with the offer of eternal life?

How satisfied are you with God giving you a guardian Angel?

How satisfied are you with Gods' willingness to forgive you?

How satisfied are you with the ability given by God to forgive others?

How satisfied are you with Jesus giving His Mother to you?

How satisfied are you with a personal copy of his word, the Bible?

How satisfied are you knowing that you can receive the Eucharist seven days a week?

How satisfied are you that Jesus took your place on the cross so you wouldn't die eternally?

How satisfied are you with the Holy Spirit who empowers us to do what Jesus created us for?

How satisfied are you knowing the devil has been defeated?

How satisfied are you that Jesus will never leave you or for sake you?

How satisfied are you knowing that you have been invited to participate in God's plan of sheer goodness?

How satisfied are you to have been chosen by Jesus to be a disciple and walk with him?

### Just for a Laugh...

Kenny and Hamish were walking along a street in London when Kenny looked in a shop window and sees a sign that catches his eye. The sign read "Suits £5.00 each, Shirts £2.00 each, trousers £2.50 per pair". Kenny said to his pal, "Hamish look at the prices! We could buy a whole lot of them and when we get back to Ardrossan, we could make a fortune. When we go in I'll put on my best English accent. You stay quiet! Let me do all the talking, 'cause if they hear our accents, they will know we are from Scotland, and they'll try to rip us off." "Right y'are, Kenny. I'll keep me mouth shut," said Hamish. They go in and Kenny said in a posh voice, "Hello my good man. I'll take 50 suits at £5.00 each, 100 shirts at £2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £2.50 each." The owner of the shop said quietly, "You're from Scotland, aren't you?" "Well yes," said a surprised Kenny. "What gave it away?" The owner replied: "We're a dry-cleaners".

### 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.



### Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, is a special Feast Day when we remember St Helen finding the True Cross of Jesus. Please bring along to Mass the crucifixes from your homes and place them on the altar at 10am Mass at St Bride's and St Peter's. We will bless them on this special day of grace and ask for God's protection and love on our homes.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021: £490.00

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### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021: £139.00

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There was once a recluse who never left his home. The only time anyone ever visited him was when his food and supplies were delivered, but they never came inside. Then, one stormy winter night when an icy gale was blowing, he had a nervous breakdown. He went upstairs, turned off all the lights and went to bed.

Next morning, he had caused the deaths of several hundred people.

How?



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