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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary [B]

15th August 2021

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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And by request.

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and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven, celebrated today, is one of the oldest in Church history. This wonderful summer feast, honouring Our Lady, was first celebrated in Palestine in the year 529 AD. It was such a strong tradition in the Church, needing no confirmation, that it wasn't until November 1st 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the faith.

An ancient and beautiful legend about the Assumption of Mary tells the story this way:

When Our Lady felt her time on earth coming to an end, she sent word to all the Apostles that she would like to see them for the last time on earth. They were out preaching the Good News of her Son 'to all the corners of the world' as Jesus had commanded them. When they received her message, of course, they paid their respects to their new congregations and disciples and left so as to hurry to her side. After long sea voyages and treks over land, they arrived just in time to say goodbye and pray with her one last time. Then she died. Only the apostle Thomas was late. He had been delayed by some way or another and had been travelling day and night since to try and catch up. But he was too late. When he finally arrived, hot and travel-stained, he was grief-stricken to learn that she had been laid to rest in a tomb. He wept bitterly and begged the Apostle's permission to open the tomb so that he could see her beloved face one last time. At first, the other Apostles were reluctant. After all, she had been dead for three days, and it was a hot country. Finally they yielded to his tears and rolled away the stone. To their amazement, the tomb was filled with flowers, all giving off a sweet fragrance. They felt happier and healthier just smelling the beautiful scent that came wafting out of that tomb. Where they had placed her body was now only her shroud, filled with more flowers. Her body had been carried up to heaven by her Son and the angels, to join her soul. Now, it must be remembered that after the great Fall, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the Fruit of the Tree of Life and were cast out of the Garden, all the flowers lost their scent, or perhaps we lost the ability to smell them. The herbs lost their healing powers too and were only good for flavouring our food. Not that that's not a good thing mind you, but to be able to heal sickness and mend broken bones, well that's something more important than a nicely flavoured stew. It's only right that on the day of her Assumption, Our Blessed Lady's last gift to us should be the restoring of the scent of flowers and the healing power of herbs. In many European countries, on the Feast of the Assumption, they have the tradition of blessing herbs for use at home in Church.

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

Year of
ST. JOSEPH



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August 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.sbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri</i> <i>and Canon Matt McMamus (Retired)</i>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 14 th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for James & Rona Taylor (A), Cecilia Morman (T), Elizabeth McCrae (B)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 15 th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 16 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for George Higgins (RD), Ritano Betti (A), Hamish Fraser (A)</i>			
Tuesday 17 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for John Boyle (RD), Desmond McGarvey (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 18 th August	Votive Mass of St. Joseph Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Sadie & Frank Hamilton (A), Catherine McIntosh (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 19 th August	20th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Mary Carrick (RD), Cathy Tomilty (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 20 th August	Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for James Mullen (RD), Flora Cameron (RD)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 21 st August	21st Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Brian Collins (A) and Special Intentions.</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)



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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Pat Breen, Harry Sammons, Valerie Bickers, Kirsty Maher, Hugh Wright (Southampton, Ontario).

✦ Those who have died recently:

George Higgins, John Boyle, Catherine McIntosh, Mary Carrick, Cathy Tomilty, James Mullen, Flora Cameron.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Ronald Burns 2011, Brian Collins 2008, Daniel Mathieson 1949, Robbie Reid 2011, Elizabeth Wilson 2000, Susan Garland 2011, James O'Neill 1998, Ronald Burns 2011, Kate Gribben 1994, Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011, Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981, James Thomas Taylor 1998, Johnny Thompson 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, David Walsh 1980, Roberta Breslin 2011, Frank Campbell 2007, Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014, Stephanie Smith 1999, Elizabeth Taylor 1951, Marietta Da Prato 1997, Beatrice Ketchen 2019, Tommy McCann senior 1976, Desmond McGarvey 1986, Robert Watson 2004, Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004, Matthew McCabe 2002, Maria McEvoy 2002, Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling, Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981, Ellen Tourish 1971.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

- **IN AND AROUND ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH** The repair and repainting of the Statue of St Bride is now complete and proudly standing again at the entrance. Sincere thanks to John for all his hard work.
- **IN AND AROUND ST. PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH** A lot of work has been done in the garden with weeding and planting of new flowers. One of our chalices has been repaired and beautifully restored. It is over 160 years old. The large sodium blue light over the choir-loft has "given up the ghost" - we are still trying to work out how to fix it. Sincere thanks to everyone for all their hard work and commitment.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Eight of our children will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday. The meeting for parents will be on Thursday evening, 19th August at 6.30pm. We wish all the families a day of grace, joy and blessing.
- **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** We offer our sincere congratulations to Piero Carrino and Nicola Porter who will be married at St Peter's on Thursday 19th August at 2pm. Also sincere congratulations to Anthony McKenna and Rebecca Macdonald who will be married on Saturday, 21st August at 12 noon. We wish both our couples a "love for a lifetime".
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ST NINIAN, WHITHORN** The pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place this year on Sunday 29th August. However, while Mass will be celebrated on the shore, there will be no Mass in the church in Whithorn. So that we can estimate if we should hire a coach for the Parish, please let me know if anyone would like to go, today or tomorrow at the latest.
- **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Canon Matt has signed up to go on a five-day pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th). Flight from Edinburgh – travel restrictions permitting. Full details available from Northern Star Travel Ltd: www.northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115
- **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.

New Scottish Catholic Magazine

2021 is the first year in almost a century and a half Catholics in Scotland have been without a national publication. It's a loss that's left a void because our community needs a voice. A voice we can believe, that cuts through the gossip and the arguments so we can speak to one another and understand what we as Catholics are living through. The Scottish Catholic Observer did that. We still need it. Welcome to the launch of a new publication called The Scottish Catholic this autumn. The pandemic has shown that there is a real hunger among Scottish Catholics to engage with their faith in new ways, and this magazine will do that. The new venture has the backing of the Bishops of Scotland, including Bishop Nolan of our own diocese. Already parishes up and down the country have signed up to take the magazine which will come out every two weeks at the very reasonable price of £2 from October. Have a look at the sample Magazine on our website and if Parishioners like it, we can get a list to sign up in Church. £4 a month for two issues.

All Are Welcome!

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, or who don't "speaky da English". We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our Parish Priest who is loud, but can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if think you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in Church since little Joseph's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over sixty but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome "football parents", "working parents", starving artists, tree-huggers, cappuccino-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organised religion". If you blew all your Church offering money at the betting shop, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is paying a visit and wanted to go to Church. We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, felt forced to go to Mass as a child or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, broken hearts ... and you! We try to meet people where they are... and lead them where God calls them to be!



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Just for a Laugh...

Children's Letters to God

Dear GOD, In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on holiday? - Jane

Dear GOD, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? - Norma

Dear GOD, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? - Neil

Dear GOD, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. -Joyce



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