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Thirty Third Sunday of the Year [A]

15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

*If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these readings to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these readings 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 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

### Reflection

In keeping with the time of year, and our focussing on the second coming of Jesus to judge the world, we have another parable of the Kingdom today. It has two main themes: the abundant generosity of God and our responsibility to use well what is entrusted to us. God's generosity is revealed in the amounts that Jesus chooses for what is entrusted to the servants: a talent is an awful lot of money! Some writers calculate five talents as being worth about two million pounds! Even the one talent is worth £400,000. What amazing trust the Master shows, handing over that amount of money to his servants! Realising this perhaps makes his anger in the latter part of the story more understandable! But in the parables of Jesus everything stands for something else: this generous trust is about God and us: God gives us so much – this world, the whole of creation, our own skills and "talents", even the invaluable gift of life itself. How much does our God trust us! But then we get to the second part of the story: having been trusted with so much, we will have to answer for the ways we have used it: simply holding on to things for ourselves, journeying through this life selfishly, will not be enough: God wants us to use all that is entrusted to us wisely, well and above all, generously!

# Thirty Third Week of the Year [A] 2020

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 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Our Lady's Day</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Bob McNeish (D 2020)</i> <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Mary Lindsay (D 2020)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>Sunday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Hugh Brawley (RD) and Martin Taylor (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Requiem Mass for John Higgins At 10am - Private</b>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Jake Alcroft (D 2020) and Frank Stalker (D)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Alice McGrattan (A), Stephen Munn (A) and Sr. Doreen Grant (RD)</i>				
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Special Mass for the Faithful Departed</b> Mass at 10am – <b>Public</b>	Mass at 12.00pm		Funeral Mass	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Ian Ayres (D)</i> <b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - <b>Public</b> <i>Offered for Ellen Bell (RD) and Anne Lafferty (D)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

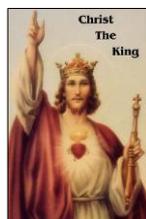
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## The Season of Advent - starting soon!

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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

## Next Sunday - Solemnity of Christ the King

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. On this day, we contemplate the kingship of Jesus our Redeemer. Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy claimed by dictators at that time. It leads into Advent, when the Church commemorates the arrival of the newborn king. The Liturgical Year will begin with the First Sunday of Advent, 29<sup>th</sup> November.



## Prayer for November

We seem to give them back to thee, O God, who gavest them to us.  
Yet as thou didst not lose them in giving, so we do not lose them by their return.  
Not as the world giveth, givest thou, O Lover of souls.  
What thou givest, thou takest not away, for what is thine is ours also if we are thine.  
And life is eternal and love immortal, and death is only a horizon,  
and a horizon is nothing, save the limit of our sight.  
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further;  
cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;  
draw us closer to thyself that we may know  
ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee.  
And while thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place,  
that where thou art we may be also for evermore. *(Bede Jarrett)*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✦ **Those who have died recently:** Norma Donlevy, John Finnigan, Hugh Brawley, Martin Taylor, John Higgins, Jake Alcroft, Frank Stalker, Sr. Doreen Grant, Ian Ayres, Ellen Bell, Anne Lafferty, Kathleen Fraser.

✦ **Those who died at this time of Year:** Rose Floyd 1992, Vivien Friel 2004, Canon Patrick Gunning 1987, Mary Harrigan 2016, Karen Small 2015, Hugh Welsh 1986, Peter McCann 2019, Robert McGee 1996, Margaret Ogilvie 2016, Francis Brady 1943, George Hilferty 2013, Hugh Madine 1997, Letitia Smith 2001, Setti Cavani 1997, Catherine Keogh 2016, Margaret Lee 1984, Linda Jackson 2009, Alice McGrattan 2013, Stephen Munn 2011, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Alice Tomelty 2000, Susan Hamilton 2009, Father Frank Kiernan 1989, Joseph Smith 2002, Robert Stevenson 1962, Matthew Ssenyondo, father of Father Charles 2015, Andrew Steven 1998.

## St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN HIGGINS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Higgins, who died on 4th November 2020 aged 59 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 17th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** access by going on the Parish Websites. [saintpeterinchains.co.uk](http://saintpeterinchains.co.uk) - Click SERVICES on the red menu bar. Then MASS TIMES on the menu. Website: [saintpeterinchains.net](http://saintpeterinchains.net) - Go to top right-hand corner of the screen. Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times"
- ▶ **CHURCH PIETY STALL** We now have lovely **Christmas cards** in stock.
- ▶ **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.

**CHANA@Christmas** At Christmas time, CHANA (Churches Homelessness Action North Ayrshire) usually coordinates donations of gifts to help the most vulnerable in communities across North Ayrshire. Covid restrictions mean a different tack is required this year and CHANA has teamed up with the Ayrshire based charity Night Before Christmas. CHANA is asking people to support Night Before Christmas by donating to the "Just Giving" page which is already up and running <https://www.justgiving.com/nb4cc> or people could put cash in an envelope marked CHANA and put it in the collection. Presents for those in need will be bought and distributed by Night Before Christmas. CHANA has donated £400. Thank you.

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

The Offertory Collection 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020: £489.18

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The Offertory Collection 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020: £138.00

**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](mailto:ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or call 01294 464063.

*Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!*



## St. Bride's Notices

- ▶ **CHAPEL HOUSE** - Great News! We are delighted to announce that Fr. Gerry Hamill, a retired Mill Hill Father, will be taking up permanent residence in the house. He is very keen to be involved in both our Village life and our Parish life. Please give him a warm St. Bride's welcome. No doubt you will see him around and he may even say a Mass or two. I'm sure Fr. Duncan will introduce him to our Parishioners.
- ▶ **NOVEMBER LIST** Our month to remember family and friends. Please put their names into the Envelopes which are at the back of the church.
- ▶ **LET'S TALK** If you would like to get in touch with our Parish, to ask a question or give us some news for our Website, please get in touch. To ask a question or give us some news for our Website, please get in touch. News to [post@stbrideschurch.co.uk](mailto:post@stbrideschurch.co.uk) Questions/comments to: [westkilbride@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:westkilbride@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) Please visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/stbrideschurchWK](http://www.facebook.com/stbrideschurchWK)

### **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.



**JUST FOR A LAUGH...** Jock, the painter, often would thin his paint so it would go further. So when the Church decided to do some deferred maintenance, Jock was able to put in the low bid, and got the job. As always, he thinned his paint way down with turpentine. One day while he was up on the scaffolding -- the job almost finished -- he heard a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened. The downpour washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Jock off his scaffold and onto the lawn among the gravestones and puddles of thinned and worthless paint. Jock knew this was a warning from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice: "REPAINT! REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE!"

## **Mustard Seeds**

### **✦ Lilies of the Field**

"I'm a novelist. My work is human nature. Real life is all I know. Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. You will walk out of here this afternoon with only one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people out there with your same degree; there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life. Your particular life. Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or your life on a bus, or in a car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account but your soul. People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is a cold comfort on a winter night, or when you're sad, or broke, or lonely, or when you've gotten back the test results and they're not so good. Here is my resume: I am a good mother to three children. I have tried never to let my profession stand in the way of being a good parent. I no longer consider myself the centre of the universe. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I am a good friend to my husband. I have tried to make marriage vows mean what they say. I am a good friend to my friends, and they to me. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today, because I would be a cardboard cut-out. But I call them on the phone, and I meet them for lunch. I would be rotten, or at best mediocre at my job, if those other things were not true. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are. So here's what I wanted to tell you today: Get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, the bigger pay-check, the larger house. Do you think you'd care so very much about those things if you blew an aneurysm one afternoon, or found a lump in your breast? Get a life in which you notice the smell of salt water pushing itself on a breeze over the rocks on the shore, a life in which you stop and watch how a hawk circles over the water or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tries to pick up a toy with her thumb and first finger. Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is not leisure, it is work. Pick up the phone. Send an e-mail. Write a letter. Get a life in which you are generous. And realise that life is the best thing ever, and that you have no business taking it for granted. Care so deeply about its goodness that you want to spread it around. Take money you would have spent on beers and give it to charity. Work in a soup kitchen. Be a big brother or sister. All of you want to do well. But if you do not do good too, then doing well will never be enough. It is so easy to waste our lives, our days, our hours, our minutes. It is so easy to take for granted the colour of our kids' eyes, the way the melody in a symphony rises and falls and disappears and rises again. It is so easy to exist instead of to live. I learned to live many years ago. I learned to love the journey, not the destination. I learned that it is not a dress rehearsal, and that today is the only guarantee you get. I learned to look at all the good in the world and try to give some of it back because I believed in it, completely and utterly. And I tried to do that, in part, by telling others what I had learned. By telling them this: Consider the lilies of the field. Look at the fuzz on a baby's ear. Read in the backyard with the sun on your face. Learn to be happy. And think of life as a terminal illness, because if you do, you will live it with joy and passion as it ought to be lived." *This message is from a speech made by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Anna Quindlen, at Villanova University.*

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