



# ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN

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# ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year [A]

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ God's Indicator Panel

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1959, at 35,000ft. above the Atlantic, Captain Lynch took a last look at the flight panel of the Boeing 707. The co-pilot was studying a map. Captain Lynch decided to stretch his legs, thinking that the worst was over. Shortly after leaving Paris they had run into a very strong headwind. But by now they had climbed above the storm. The captain made his way down the aisle between the rows of seats. All the passengers still had the seatbelts fastened. At the back a baby was crying in its mother's arms and the captain reassured her saying, "It will be better now. Your baby will be able to sleep." Just then Captain felt the right wing tip and he was thrown against the seats on the right hand side. At the same moment all the lights in the plane went out. Next he found himself lying on the floor. At least he thought it was the floor. But then he realised it was the ceiling he was on. The Boeing was on its back. He also knew it was dropping like a stone head first. He began to make his way back to the cockpit. The co-pilot had been knocked unconscious. He came to again and he and the captain managed to bring the Boeing to the horizontal. The aircraft lost 29,000ft. but finally at 6,000ft. Captain Lynch regained control of the aircraft. A few more seconds and the plane would have crashed into the Atlantic. The whole incident lasted four minutes. What caused it? While the co-pilot was studying the map he did not notice the blue light on the indicator panel warning that the automatic pilot had become disengaged. God has given us an indicator panel to guide us through life and prevent us from getting turned upside down and crashing. That indicator panel is the Commandments. The Commandments are a gift from God to help us enjoy life by not getting lost along the way. There are many ways in which God has given us an indicator panel to guide us through life and help us not get turned upside down and crash. Above all God has revealed his indicator panel to us in Jesus. God has also given us the Bible, and the teaching of the Church. Thank God for all the helps he has given us for our journey through life. God's indicator panel is to help us find happiness in life. There are many temptations and attractions all telling us that they are offering us happiness but any happiness they offer is shallow and not lasting. Sinning never brings happiness, only unhappiness. Sin is sin and never brings happiness only unhappiness. Only by following God's indicator panel will we arrive at our destination safely and find true happiness. Let us resolve to leave sin behind and follow God's indicator panel. It is the only way to life and the only way to guide us safely above the storms of life. If we do get

What if you woke  
UP  
**TODAY**  
with only the things  
that you  
thanked  
God for  
yesterday?

turned upside down let us return to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because he is all merciful and rejoices over sinners who repent. There is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

# 24<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

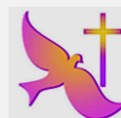
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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Kathleen Quinn (RD)</i>		Closed for Refurbishment	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>at 11.30am</b> <b>in St John's Church Hall</b>	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Anne (Nancy) Sheehan (A)</i> <b>Reception of Margaret Helen McAuliffe at 6pm</b>			
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Requiem Mass for Margaret Helen McAuliffe</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon &amp; Companions, martyrs</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Angela Beattie (RD), Irene Coby (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Feast of St Matthew, apostle</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for John Docherty (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Votive Mass of the Mercy of God</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Joe McIver (BR)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Margaret McAuliffe (MM), Harry Clarke</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## FREE 2 PRAY

A proposed law will soon be put before the Scottish Parliament which seeks to criminalise praying in certain public spaces and which is punishable by up to 2 years in prison. It is vital that Catholics and all concerned for free speech and freedom of assembly, speak out. A Green Party MSP, supported by the Scottish Government, is proposing a Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. The Bill proposes a jail sentence of up to 2 years for anyone who even silently prays near an abortion clinic. Catholics in England have already been arrested under similar laws there. If the Government is allowed to decide when and where people can pray this is a serious threat to religious freedom. If the principle is established in this Bill, it could easily be applied to Corpus Christi processions or other forms of Catholic social justice work if politicians decide they don't agree with what is happening. It is vital that as many Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a response to this dangerous Bill. REGISTER for this session to find out how to respond. Please sign up via this link: [bit.ly/free2pray](https://bit.ly/free2pray)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Betty Craig.*



### + Those who have died recently:

*Margaret McAuliffe, Kathleen Quinn, Irene Coby, Angela Beattie, John Docherty.*

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

*Hugh Donohoe 2008, George Hall 2007, James Tomelty 2011, Alison Lawson née Giebler 2015, Frances McLaughlin 2008, Mary McLellan 2004, Victor and Charlotte Mitchell, Joshua O'Neill 2017, Jim Vernon 2014, George Logue 2011, Cornelius Burke 1988, Chris Glenn 2011, Eamon Lennon junior, Margaret Finnegan 2010, Patrick Joseph McKay 1989, Father Alastair Tosh 2007, Sister Pauline Cross and Passion 1999, Brian Loy 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, Ronnie Cairns 2018, Greta Foran 2002, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Catherine McLaughlin 1998, Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005, James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017, Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Francie Stalker 2020, Helen Steele 2012, Margaret Donnelly 1997, William McNamara 2001.*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARGARET MCAULIFFE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Helen McAuliffe, who died on 23rd August 2023, aged 67 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Monday, 18th September at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 19th September at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Saturday, 23rd September 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** A Sing-Song, a Quiz and a Bletter, Saturday 7th October, 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre, hosted by George and Michael £5, BYOB.

► **ST BRIDE'S PASTORAL COUNCIL** The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, 27th September at 7pm at Betty Orr's House.

► **ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY** The Parent Council of St Matthew's Academy are holding their AGM on Monday 25th September 2023, in the school library. It will start at 7pm and is expected to last no longer than 1 hour. All parents/carers/guardians of children attending St Matthew's are very welcome to attend. Please come along and see what the Parent Council is all about. It would be lovely to see you all.

► **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The winner of September's St Bride's 50/50 Draw is number 5, Lillian McPake. Anyone wishing to join the Draw put £11 in an envelope with your name and address or Telephone No. on it and you will be in the Draw for the next 11 months. You can pop the envelope into the Chapel House.

► **ST BRIDE'S LARDER COLLECTION** The Larder Collection is on again until 8th October. All groceries welcome, but specifically Toilet Rolls, Biscuits and Weetabix.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST PETER'S** Please put in your Diary two important dates towards the end of the year: Remembrance Sunday on 12th November with an ecumenical service at the EU Church in Glasgow Street at 1pm, followed by closing prayers in the Garden of Remembrance. The Ardrossan Churches are also trying to restart the Christmas Carol Concert after COVID on Thursday 7th December 7pm in the EU Church in Glasgow Street.

► **MORNING PRAYER FOR ADVENT - ST PETER'S** The most important prayer of the Church is the Holy Mass. The second most important is the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary. We would like to reintroduce this beautiful prayer on the Tuesdays of Advent and Christmastime this year, at 9.30am before the start of Mass.

► **"WHEN YOU PRAY" MEETINGS - ST PETER'S** Following the great success of the "Sycamore Evenings", you are invited to two evenings of thought and discussion on growth in our prayer life. "When you pray - Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of your Soul" will be on Tuesday evenings, 24th October and 14th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm. Please invite others and come along.

► **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY - ST PETER'S** There have been some initiatives to restart refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Peter's. Marade Griffin is getting some teams together. If you would like to go on a rota and join a team, please get in touch with Marade or the Parish Office.

► **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD BANK ARDROSSAN** Our last collection in October was a tremendous success and a real support for the Food bank in Ardrossan. This year we would do the collection again for the four Sundays of October. When you go shopping please buy an extra box of tea bags or small jar of coffee and place it in the baskets at the back of Church when you come to Mass. The baskets will be brought down with the Offertory and placed in front of the altar. We will pass on your donations to the Food Bank who are in desperate need of them. Please remember: strictly tea and coffee only. Thank you.

### **THE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE**

INVITES YOU TO OUR YOUTH EVENING

WHEN: Sunday 8th October 2023, BEGINS WITH MASS AT: 6pm  
followed by pizza and activities  
finishing with Night Prayer at 8.30pm.

WHERE: St Matthew's, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock. KA3 7SH

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

Offertory Cash Collection 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023: £531.87  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £250.19

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

Offertory Cash Collection 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023: £75.00

### **ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND**

Cash Donations £719, Just Giving £225, Total £944

**STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

**JUST FOR A LAUGH...** 🤡🤡🤡 In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky, but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves." The family members sat silently as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?" The doctor quickly responded, "£5,000 for a male brain, and £200 for a female brain..." The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked. A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask: "Why is the male brain so much more?" The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

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