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16th Sunday of the Year [B]

18th July 2021

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use this reading to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say this reading 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 Reading

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

You know that saying: "There's no rest for the wicked." Actually that is so untrue: the wicked are very good at making sure they have plenty of rest for themselves! Normally it is the good, the kind, the selfless and the generous who have no time to rest, because there is always some other kind thing to do, always someone else to help. This is exactly what we see in the Gospel: Jesus cannot rest while there are lost sheep wandering around! He recognises that they are missing something in life, something that only He can give, and so he sets himself to "revive their drooping spirits" by his generous teaching. This says three things to us: first, and most important, that Jesus will always watch out for us, and will always offer us himself if we are "lost". Secondly, we should try to be as generous as him: when we see people who are lost, or afraid, or hurting, it is our job (as His disciples) to do what we can – even if that means setting ourselves to work at some length! And thirdly, we should also find and create moments of rest for ourselves and each other, so that we can enjoy the "restful waters" our Good Shepherd leads us to.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE
PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.
THANKS!**



Sixteenth Sunday of the Year [B] 2021



July 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.	St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
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		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 17 th July	16th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Robert & Angus McCrae (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 18 th July	16th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 19 th July	16th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Irene Smith (A), Beatrice Ketchen Patricia Woodcock (nee Leonard) (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 20 th July	16th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for the most forgotten souls in Purgatory</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 21 st July	16th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for John Boyle (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 22 nd July	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Eugene McMahan (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 23 rd July	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for John Maher (RD)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 24 th July	17th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for John Welsh (A), John & Mary Hutson (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Please note that weekday Masses are subject to change if there is a funeral.				

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

It is necessary to teach the believer to pray with Jesus Christ and like him, initiating the believer into blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. There are several well-established means; the prayerful reading of sacred scripture, in particular through the liturgy of the hours and lectio divina, the Jesus Prayer, the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary through practices of the Rosary, processions etc. The faith is professed, celebrated, expressed and lived above all in community. We should cultivate a spirituality of communion. This makes one able to see the light of the Trinity reflected in the face of one's sister or brother as well, feeling through the profound unity of the Body of Christ that they are part of oneself; sharing their joys and sorrows in order to perceive their desires; taking care of their needs; offering them a true and profound friendship. Looking above all at what is positive in them in order to cherish them as a gift from God helps one to reject the selfish temptations that lead to competition, careerism, distrust and jealousy.

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, Mary Carrick, Philip Coby, Christine Coby.

✦ Those who have died recently:

John Boyle, Eugene McMahan, John Maher, Jean McLellan,

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Gavin Finnegan 2007, Robert MacRae 1986, Susan McDonald 2018, Annie McGrath 2002, Monsignor John Barry 2003, Peggy Clark 2011, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray 1993, Geoffrey Kelly 1906, John McJay 1993, Brian Narducci 2000, Betty Cutland 2014, Charlie Gribben 2002, Julia Grogan 1971, Agnes McCourt 2000, Elizabeth Nicholson 2003, Irene Smith 2015, Sister Mary Campion CP 2016, Bobby McLaren 2007, Mary McPolin 1987, Joseph Mulgrew 2002, Jim Murphy 2010, Canon Denis Quinlan 2015, Elsie Brodie 2019, Margaret Donnelly 1953, Rebecca Murray 2004, Esther Ferry 2010, Moira Cook 2012, Angus MacRae 2013, Julia Petrie 2009, Alex Quigg 1997, Annie Quigg 1972.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

► **PRAYER OF ADORATION AT ST BRIDE'S** As we slowly come out of the restrictions, Parishioners have asked that the prayer of Adoration be restarted again. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Holy Mass on Tuesdays at 9.30am and on Fridays at 11.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with the Lord. Everyone is welcome!

► **ST. BRIDE'S 100 CLUB** The subscription for the year is only £12 per number and is now due. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Half of the money goes to our church funds and half go to our members by monthly draws.

► **ST. PETER'S 50/50 CLUB** Thank you to all members who have renewed their annual membership. New members always welcome. Money raised is shared between winners and church funds.

► **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

► **ST. PETER'S CHURCH PIETY STALL** If you should require to purchase anything i.e. Mass Cards, Religious Items etc. It is important that we only admit ONE person at a time and a face covering must be worn. Thank you

Just for a Laugh... A Travel Agent looked up from his desk to see an old lady and an old gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity. He called them into his shop, 'I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer.' He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five star hotel. Then, as can be expected, they gladly accepted, and were off! About a month later the little old lady came in to his shop. 'And how did you like your holiday?' he asked eagerly. 'The flight was exciting and the room was lovely,' she said. 'I've come to thank you, but one thing puzzled me. Who was that old man I had to share the room with? ACTUALLY, SOME OF US ASK THE SAME QUESTION EVERY MORNING..... !

Food for Thought – "It's in the valleys I grow"

Sometimes life seems hard to bear,
Full of sorrow, trouble and woe
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing.
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ on the cross
He went through the valley of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low.
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord
For this one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valleys I grow!
Have a blessed day!

By Jane Eggleston

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& YOU WILL FIND
loneliness + despair.
BUT
look for CHRIST
AND YOU WILL FIND
Him & EVERYTHING
ELSE.
- C.S. Lewis

Mustard Seeds

✝ Terrorists in Churches

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in certain churches. Church security identifies these as Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Catholics and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy the priests and the churches. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Workin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church today. This group appears to be very weak. It is easy to detect because it is the only group that is active in service to Christ. Unlike the true terrorist cells, the Bin Workin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin Workin visibly does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Workin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Prayin, and Bin Longin for the Master, Jesus Christ, to return. Which cell group do you belong to? 2 Thessalonians 3:11: "For we hear that there are some, which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." Or Mark 13:32-3: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father, take ye heed, watch and pray: For ye know not when that time is." These same groups have been detected in other denominations. The Office of Home Church Security is coordinating its efforts with the Bin Workin group to expose the activities of the five terrorist cells now known to be active throughout many Bolton Catholic Churches. Report all sightings to proper authorities. By Father Duncan, alias Bin Readin, Edited by Josie McPherson, alias Bin Thinkin.

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