



**ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN**  
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**ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE**



29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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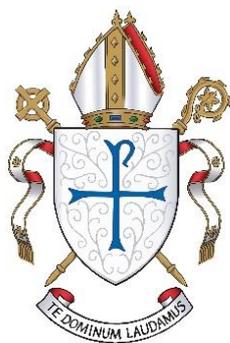
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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**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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**THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME**

*If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers 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 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

**Reflection**

This is a wonderful moment, when Jesus manages to turn the tables on those who are trying to trap him. They think they have the perfect question – if he says "Yes" he is collaborating with the hated Romans, if he says "No" they will haul him off to the Roman Governor as a troublemaking dissident. Jesus very cleverly avoids their trap, makes them fall in it themselves, and teaches something profound about our dignity and destiny. When he asks for a coin, he knows quite well they will produce a ROMAN denarius – would the Pharisees feel ashamed at having Roman coins in their pockets? Jesus has already got them on the back foot! Then he reminds them of the teaching of the Law: by asking whose "image" is on the coin, they will immediately think of Genesis 1:27: "So God created humankind in his image" Jesus almost dismisses the tax question, and reminds his listeners (and us!) of our dignity as creatures in God's image and likeness, and our duty to "give ourselves back to God."

**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.

# Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

October 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 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Margaret Collins (SI)</i> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Mary McAtee (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Cian and Calum Lawrence (SI)</i>				
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered in thanksgiving for prayers during Marie Murray's recent stay in hospital</i>			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for the Lawrence Family (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St. Pope John Paul II</b> Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for Henry 'Harry' Roy (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Special Mass in Time of Pandemic</b> Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered in Thanksgiving</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Our Lady's Day</b> Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for all Missionaries</i> <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>Sallywags Aftercare</b> <i>[During Term Time]</i> Monday – Friday 3pm-6pm		<b>Sallywags Aftercare</b> <i>[during school holidays]</i> Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm		<b>St Peter's Centre Bookings</b> Fiona Brown New Number! 07907 389703	

## Bishops' of Scotland Message to Clergy and People

The Covid-19 Pandemic has presented the Church with unprecedented challenges. Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection and ensuring the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The Bishops wish to commend the work and cooperation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic... We have every confidence that, if parishes continue these high standards, public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation. From long experience of plagues and disasters, the Church knows how the want of prayer and faith can do great harm to the spiritual wellbeing of nations, and how our public worship - owed to God – can bring His special divine assistance in times of national trouble. Now, more than ever, our church doors need to be open, and consolidating our hard work to date will ensure this blessing for ourselves and for our country.

## NOVEMBER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The feast of All Saints on the Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November remind us that this is the month of remembrance and we pray for our departed loved ones. Our prayers invoke God to receive our faithful departed into his heavenly Kingdom. If you would like to have your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our Masses during this month, please take a sheet and envelope as you leave church, list their names on this sheet with a donation if possible and hand it in to the office or place in a pink collection bucket. Take a little time to remember and write the names so they should never become forgotten souls.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie, Margaret Swiercz.*

✚ **Those who have died recently:** Anne McEwan, Kathleen Cairns, Henry 'Harry' Roy.

✚ **Those who died at this time of Year:**

*Alistair Aitken 1995, Agnes Anderson 2001, Mary McAtee 2006, Margaret McHugh 2002, Michael McManus 1961, Michael Monaghan 1936, John Dorian 2009, Cameron McCallum 2010, David McHugh 1967, Patrick McQuade 1998, Stephen Patrick Austin 2017, Lawrence Brennan 1981, Andrew Conaghan 2002, Michael Doherty 2005, Margaret Monaghan 1969, Hugh O'Boyle 2000, John Higgins 2001, Hugh McGoogan 2009, Mary Jane McKay 1952, Patrick McNamee 1918, Patrick O'Hare 2001, Tom Adamson 2006, John and Isabella Connor, Mary Ferguson 2015, Cecily Grant 1980, Christine McAteer 1988, Annie McConnachie 2016, Dougald McMurchie, Ellis Nesbit, Monica Ann Taylor née Reilly 2015, Jim Hainey 2019, Celia Hilferty 2001, Peggy McKay 1992, Kathleen Robinson 2012.*

## St. Peter's Notices

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** The new votive lamps have been placed to the right and the left of Our Lady's mosaic in Church. Sincere thanks to all the Parishioners who sent a very welcome donation. A tremendous amount of work has been done in the Church grounds - Hugh has painted the fence (hours and hours of work) and all the metal items around the Church, getting them ready for the winter. The vast repair to the Church perimeter wall is now complete with the railing connections to the brick wall being cemented in. The British Legion have been able to raise the funds to restore the Memorial Stone for HMS Dasher on the Church wall. The letters will be repainted with gold lettering and a plastic protective cover will be attached to the Stone.

► **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** You can access this every day 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. Then scroll down to "Click here to view Mass". Website: [saintpeterinchains.net](http://saintpeterinchains.net) - Go to top right-hand corner of the screen. Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times" Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.

► **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.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next Sunday there will be a special collection on behalf of Missio Scotland. There will be separate buckets out for this or you can donate online at [www.missioscotland.com](http://www.missioscotland.com) or text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to donate £3.

Jacob was a cheater! Peter had a temper! David had an affair!  
Noah got drunk! Jonah ran from God! Paul was a murderer!  
Gideon was insecure! Miriam was a gossip!  
Martha was a worrier!  
Thomas was a doubter! Sara was impatient! Elijah was moody!  
Moses stuttered! Zaccheus was short!  
Abraham was old, and Lazarus was dead....  
Now what's your excuse? Can God use you or not?  
God doesn't call the QUALIFIED, He QUALIFIES the called.  
It's not ABILITY, it's AVAILABILITY!

## St. Bride's Notices

- **SVDP** The new number to contact SVDP is 07585 656229.
- **PARISH LETTER** A copy of a letter recently distributed to parishioners is now available on our website.
- **OUR NEW WEBSITE** Please have a look at our new website. [www.stbrideschurch.co.uk](http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk) We would be delighted to have your comments or any suggestions to: [joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com](mailto:joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com)
- **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** We had a difficult problem with a breakdown with the Church hearing. The Problem has now been solved and the heating system will be serviced in the next few days. The Crucifix above the altar is in the process of being cleaned and brought to its former glory. This will take another couple of weeks to complete. Beautiful new altar cloths have been made for the altar and the "Tree Frontal" has been put back along with the new altar cloths.

**JUST FOR A LAUGH...** Three priests from the Three Towns were having lunch in a restaurant. One said, "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything - noise, spray, cats - nothing seems to scare them away. Another said, "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away." The third priest said, "I baptised all mine, and welcomed them into the Family of the church... Haven't seen one back since!"

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

The Offertory Collection 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020: £616.43

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

The Offertory Collection 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020: £82.00

### **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.

Also, Paul McNulty will be happy to provide a form for St. Bride's. *Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!*

# Mustard Seeds

## ✠ A Little Boy's Miracle

It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The rivers and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the arduous process of trying to get water to the fields. Lately this process had involved taking a truck to the local water rendering plant and filling it up with water. But severe rationing had cut everyone off. If we didn't see some rain soon...we would lose everything. It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed the only miracle I have seen with my own eyes. I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year-old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort ... trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I couldn't take it any longer and I crept out of the house and followed him on his journey. He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked, being very careful not to spill the water he held in them ... maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked close as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face, but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much higher purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing sight. Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him... he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn lying on the ground; obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lift its head with great effort to lap up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand. When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house to a tap with which we had shut off the water. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle began to creep out. He knelt there, letting the drip, drip slowly fill up his makeshift "cup," as the sun beat down on his little back. It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him. His little eyes just filled with tears. "I'm not wasting," was all he said. As he began his walk, I joined him...with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away. It was his job. I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save another life. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, other drops...and more drops...and more suddenly joined them. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, himself, was weeping with pride. Some will probably say that this was all just a huge coincidence. Those miracles don't really exist - that it was bound to rain sometime. And I can't argue with that... I'm not going to try. All I can say is that the rain that came that day saved our farm... just like the actions of one little boy saved another. Don't tell GOD how Big your storm is. Tell the storm how Big your GOD is!

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