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1st September 2024

Mustard Seeds

The Best Medal of All

On the evening of Sunday, August 14, 2016, famed Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won gold in a characteristically dynamic and seemingly effortless 100-meter performance at his third consecutive Olympics, this time in Rio de Janeiro, making him the first athlete to win three consecutive Olympic gold medals in the 100-meter dash. There is little doubt as to why Bolt is easily regarded as the world's fastest man. However, perhaps not as readily in the spotlight is notice of Bolt's deep Catholic faith. More encouraging than Bolt's hard-earned gold medals is that he wears an even more powerful medal: the Miraculous Medal, as promulgated by French Saint Catherine Labouré (1806-1876). By extension, based on Bolt's wearing of the Miraculous Medal, the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently the most commonly-featured woman in videos of world record-level men's sprinting! This digression aside, the Miraculous Medal features an inscription invoking the prayerful intercession of the Lord's Mother with these French words: "O, Marie, conçue sans péché, priez pour nous qui avons recours à vous" ("O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"). Usain Bolt is preparing to turn thirty years old on August 21, 2016, and in the full life ahead of him, he is sure to continue exhibiting his skillful athleticism. However, we should pray for him to continue leading others to Jesus Christ through the model of his faith, keeping in mind and heart the words of the monumentally courageous Saint Paul, as he wrote in his



Second Letter to Timothy: "1 have competed well; I have finished the race: I have kept the faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his for his appearance" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Notable Date On 7th September 2017 Canon Matt McManus Retired as Parish Priest of St Peter in Chains.

SUNDAY MISSAL – PRE ORDER

We can now order the Order of the Mass for Sundays Missal with the new ESV-CE Lectionary Translation and the Abbey Psalms. The normal cost is £19 but we will be offering at a cost of £16. To order a Sunday Missal, put your name on the envelope provided in the church stall and please ensure you enclose the payment. Thank you.

	Twenty-Second Week	of	the Year []	B]	
St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossanwww.saintpeterinchains.co.ukwww.stbrideschurch.co.ukFather Duncan McVicarassisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)			Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.			St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 31 st August	22 nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (World Day of Prayer for Creation) Vigil Mass 5.30pm Offered for James McGrattan (A), Theresa Bothwell (SI)				Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 1 st September	22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (World Day of Prayer for Creation) Mass 10.30am Offered for our Parishes		Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 2 nd September	22 nd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am				
Tuesday 3 rd September	Offered for Ian McGale (RD) MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am Offered for Cathy Cunningham (A)		Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 4 th September	22 nd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am Offered for all those suffering caused by addictions		Wass Tourn	Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 5 th September	MEMORIAL OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am Offered for Enis Delahunt (A)				Eucharistic Service 10am
Friday 6 th September	22 nd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass 10am Offered for Thomas & Beatrice McCann (Golden Wedding Annivers Also, Tony & Maria McNally (Golden Wedding Anniversary) Benediction 10.30am (Refreshments in St Peter's Café afterwards)	ary),	Mass 10am	Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am Willie Burns
Saturday 7 th September	23 rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (Vocations Awareness Week) Vigil Mass 5.30pm Offered for peace in the world and all those suffering through war				Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
 PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell, Francis Adie, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Alan & Margaret McDonald. + Those who have died recently: Hugo Harper, Ian McGale, George & Kenneth Slavinski, Stephen McKay (Crookston), Mandy Larkin (Seamill). + Those who died at this time of Year: John Dundas 2014, Marie White née McManus 1997, 		Please keep all the Deceased in your Prayers "At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end, nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist."			
Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Bert Kelly 2017, Helen Mulhearn, Ellen Vance 2012 Grant Middlemiss 2005, Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985, Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989, Frank Morrison 2004, Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006, Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015, Enis Delahunt 1996, Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, Matt Lunardi 2022, Margaret Nicol 2007, Margaret Brodie 1964, Mary McGlynn 2010, Jimmy Mulhearn 1992, Rona McNamara 2005.			ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP Offertory Cash Collection 25 th August 2024: £528.22 Second Collection (Building Fund): £267.82 ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP Offertory Cash Collection 25 th August 2024: £86.50 Many thanks for your support and generosity!		

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

SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S Tea and coffee will be served in the parish centre after Mass today, Sunday, 1st September. Everyone welcome!

► PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - COMING SOON AT ST PETER'S! St Peter's Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Thursday 5th September at 7pm in the Presbytery. We will finalise a Retreat Day for the Parish and decide on the Theme.

▶ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - COMING SOON AT ST BRIDE'S The "How can I help?" Sheets are now coming in. If you would like to hand one in still, please do so this weekend and we will take the next step at the coming Pastoral Council Meeting in the Community Room at 7pm on Monday 14th October.

► THANK YOU The most generous sum of £585 for the N.A.C.C volunteer drivers was raised at Sandra Convery's funeral. Thank you to all who donated.

► **ST PETER'S KNIT & KNATTER** The Knit & Knatter Group will meet in the Snug in the Parish Centre every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00pm, starting 4th September. New members are very welcome.

Pope John Paul II and the Renegade Priest

Popular Catholic author Scott Hahn tells the following story. One of his priest friends visited Rome, and on the steps of one of the churches he saw a beggar with a familiar face. With a thrill of horror, he realized that it was one of his classmates from the seminary, and he rushed over to him. "Didn't we go to the seminary together," he asked. "Yes," the beggar affirmed. "You're a priest?" "Not anymore," the beggar replied, "I fell off the deep end." A short time later Scott Hahn's friend had an audience with Pope John Paul II. He told him the entire story, and asked him to pray for his friend. John Paul II assured him that he would, and then whispered something to an aide. Later that day the priest received a phone call inviting him to come with the ex-priest to have dinner with the Pope. He rushed off the church where he had seen him, and, by God's grace, he was still there on the steps. Upon hearing about the invitation, he said, "I'm a mess. I haven't showered in a long time, and my clothes are filthy." But his friend took him back to his hotel room and helped him get cleaned up, and then they went to dinner with the Holy Father At the end of a very enjoyable dinner, the Holy Father asked to be alone with the ex-priest. After a long while, the latter emerged with tears in his eyes. "What happened



in there?" his friend asked? "The Pope asked me to hear his confession," choked the beggar. After regaining composure, the man continued, "I told him, 'Your Holiness, look at me. I am a beggar. I am not a priest.'" "The Pope looked at me and said, 'My son, once a priest always a priest, and who among us is not a beggar. I too come before the Lord as a beggar asking for forgiveness of my sins.' I told him I was not in good standing with the Church, and he assured me that as the Bishop of Rome he could reinstate me right then and there." After he heard the Holy Father's confession, the priest asked Pope John Paul II to hear his, and then received an assignment to minister to the beggars on the steps of the very church from which he just came. Through the humility of Pope John Paul II, who humbly saw himself as God saw him, this man received a new lease on life.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Catholics oppose "Assisted Suicide"

When we were younger, we were often taught at school about suicide and that if a friend expressed that she (or he) was thinking about killing herself, we should get help and support them in any way we could. We were taught that we needed to make sure our friends were safe, cared for, and protected from self-harm. Advertisements with messages of support for people in such distress are in bathrooms, schools, and, as I've noticed in my travels, even in airports. When suicide happens, people grieve and the hearts are broken forever. Typically, at the bottom of news stories about suicide, there is a message to readers to seek help if they are suicidal with help lines and contacts. And yet, there is an interesting dichotomy occurring in our society today: while society generally decries suicide, there is an increasing acceptance of it when the word "assisted" is placed in front.



Pope Francis demonstrates size of fish he caught in the Tiber, but no-one believes him.



A Cardinal falls asleep during Papal Homily, 'Friends' move him in front of Communion Rail so that the Pope notices.

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