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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year [B] Mission Sunday

20th October 2024

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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT
ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. *THANKS!*

Mustard Seeds

✝ The Centre of The Bible

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the centre of His will, just send them to the centre of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the centre of it)?

When things get tough, always remember...

Faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it.



Pastoral Letter – Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Please find enclosed within your bulletin this week a Pastoral Letter from Francis Dougan, Bishop of Galloway. In this letter Bishop Frank is asking you to pray one simple prayer more than you have before: the **Glory Be**

Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Twenty-Ninth Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrissan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.sfbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
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 19 th October	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (MISSION SUNDAY) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Michael Leonard (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 20 th October	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (MISSION SUNDAY) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 21 st October	29th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for The Farrell Family (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Arthur Cambridge Prayers of Reception 6pm Alex McGuire	
Tuesday 22 nd October	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN PAUL II Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary Hume (RD), John G. Higgins (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am	Funeral Mass 10am (L) Alex McGuire	Eucharistic Service 10am
Wednesday 23 rd October	29th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Hamish & Mary Fraser (A)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 24 th October	29th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (RD), Anne Mullen (RD)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 25 th October	29th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Eddie Sheills (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� after wards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	Funeral Mass 12 Noon Tommy Reid
Saturday 26 th October	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kathleen Dean (A), Paul Devine (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection

13th October 2024: £494.01

Second Collection (Building Fund): £284.69

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection

13th October 2024: £123.05

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

Caritas Students

Over eighty Caritas students from St Matthews Academy accepted an invitation from St Mary's and St John's Synod Group to attend an event on 8th October in St John's Hall entitled 'Connecting with Synodality'. The students, from parishes in our Deanery, engaged in reflection, prayer and discussions about what Synodality means to them. Overwhelming, the students reported that they found the event interesting, and a significant number felt optimistic that the church was beginning to listen to young people. Our own Soup and Chat group provided refreshments and lunch for the students. Look out for a full report later this year in our Synod Journal – "Walking Together".

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Francis Adie, Jim Timoney,
Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Hugh Roarty
Alan & Margaret McDonald, Cathie Currie, Tommy Clark,
Wynter McNabb, Jim McEwan, Grant Mitchell, Ugo Pellegrini.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

Paul Devine, Anne Mullen (Stuart).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Ronnie Cairns 2018, Greta Foran 2002, Kathleen Mullen 2012,
Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Helen Steele 2012,
Catherine McLaughlin 1998, William McNamara 2001,
Roseleen Casey 2010, David Dunbar 2005, Cornelius Burke 1988,
James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017,
Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Jamie Clarke 2015,
Thomas Lundie 2021, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Tom McGhee 2011,
Francie Stalker 2020, John Mackay 2002, Daniel Murray 1981
James Tomelty 2011, George Logue 2011, Mary McGraa 2002,
Margaret Donnelly 1997, Colin James Boyle 2017, Isa Donald 2016,
Patrick Breen 2015, Lindsay Brown 2021, Alice Docherty 2017,
Isabella Farrell 2012, Bert Gilmour 2017, Margaret Gallacher 2016,
Bernard Boyce 2012, Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975,
Malcolm MacDonald 1999, Thomas McGrattan 1917.*

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Joseph Jack McAuliffe, who will be baptised this Saturday at St Peter's. Congratulations to his parents and the Godparents.
- ▶ **OCTOBER HARVEST COLLECTION AT ST PETER'S AND ST BRIDE'S** This year our Harvest Collection will be for Crosshouse Children's Fund. Many parents and expectant mothers are admitted to hospital unexpectedly and have little time to collect basic necessities for themselves. We are being asked to collect Parent toiletries & baby clothing. Please see posters at the back of the church for a full list of required items.
- ▶ **CHAIR AEROBICS AT ST PETER'S** Starting on Thursday, 24th October 2024 in the Main Hall in the Parish Centre – Chair Aerobics with Louie from 12:15pm to 13:15 pm. £3 per session. All welcome.
- ▶ **ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIO** This weekend (19/20 October) we will take up our annual collection for Missio.
- ▶ **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST. PETER'S & ST. BRIDE'S** Please come and share refreshments after Sunday Mass today. The students from St Matthew's Academy with their class teacher Siobhan McNally will be organising the refreshments this week at St Peter's.



"Who do you think you are?"

"I believe I am a beloved child of a God who created me, who knows me, and loves me. Because he created me, my Creator knows me better than I know myself. Therefore, the better I know God, the more I come to know and understand myself as well. While I have been born to parents, a family, and in a specific culture, place, and time, my identity is not limited to these particulars but is transcended by a higher divine identity that God has conferred upon me at my baptism and that comes from my faith in Christ. I am connected to my fellow human beings in a bond of solidarity and compassion. I am part of a wonderful universe, created by the same God who created me. I can only know myself in relation to the world I am part of. By keeping Christ's humanity and divinity before me like a mirror, I see myself as I truly am. I see my gifts, my dignity, and my call to be a saint. I also see my imperfections, my faults, and sins. I can see these blemishes only in the light of his beauty and goodness. God's Word in Scripture tells me that although I am one of billions who have ever lived, I still matter and am unique. As I make my pilgrim way on earth towards my destiny with God, Christ calls me to be his disciple, to be part of the Church community, to do his work, and to make a difference. I belong to him. The vocation he has given me fills my life with meaning. My existence began in God and is sustained by God. My future is to be united to the mystery of that divine love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Being united to that love now and in the future is the key to my joy. This is who I am."

Standing Up for Human Dignity - Fight Assisted Suicide

The first point is this: Be careful what you wish for.

No doubt the bill put before Parliament will be carefully framed, providing clear and very limited circumstances in which it would become lawful to assist, directly and deliberately, in the ending of a person's life. But please remember, the evidence from every single country in which such a law has been passed is clear: that the circumstances in which the taking of a life is permitted are widened and widened, making assisted suicide and medical killing, or euthanasia, more and more available and accepted.


The second point is this: a right to die can become a duty to die.

A law which prohibits an action is a clear deterrent. A law which permits an action changes attitudes: that which is permitted is often and easily encouraged. Once assisted suicide is approved by the law, a key protection of human life falls away. Pressure mounts on those who are nearing death, from others or even from themselves, to end their life in order to take away a perceived burden of care from their family, for the avoidance of pain, or for the sake of an inheritance.

The third point is this: being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

The questions raised by this bill go to the very heart of how we understand ourselves, our lives, our humanity. For people of faith in God - the vast majority of the population of the world - the first truth is that life, ultimately, is a gift of the Creator. Our life flows from God and will find its fulfilment in God. To ignore or deny this truth is to separate our humanity from its origins and purpose. We are left, floating free, detached, in a sphere that lacks firm anchors or destiny, thinking that we can create these for ourselves according to the mood of the age, or even of the day.

[from ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Westminster].


**PETER: Don't write it.
Don't you dare write it.
JOHN: "So they both
ran together, and the
other disciple outran
Peter and came to the
tomb first." -John 20:4**

Just for a Laugh... A Scottish couple went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They decide that they would love to have a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee. They arrive at the shore of the lake and ask the boatman how much would it cost. The boatman answers £100 per person. The couple are astonished at the price. They say to him: "That's outrageous, it can't cost this much. The boatman replies: "But you see, Jesus himself walked on these waters!" The couple answered him: "And now I understand why he did it!"

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