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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year [B]

22nd September 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Martyrs of Compiègne Toe the Line

When we focus on serving Christ, instead of trying to serve two masters, our lives take on the heroic, meaningful dimension that we long for. We see this clearly in the lives of the saints. The example of the 16 Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne is especially moving. These religious sisters lived during the French Revolution. At the very start of the Revolution, its leaders sent representatives to their convent and invited them to abandon their vocation and join the New France. But the sisters chose to continue serving Christ in prayer and penance, far from the busy and exciting world of pleasure and power. The revolutionaries couldn't tolerate such a counter-witness to their secular creed. So the convent was forcibly dispersed. The nuns were forbidden to live in community or wear a habit. So they took lay clothes and lived separately. But somehow they still managed to come together for prayer, during which they offered themselves to God as a sacrifice for peace. As a result, eventually they were arrested and imprisoned. Towards the end of the Reign of Terror, the entire community was condemned to death. They were loaded onto a cart and brought to the guillotine. On the way they sang the Veni Creator, the same ancient hymn sung whenever a young woman professes her vows in the Carmelite Order. One by one each sister mounted the gallows and laid her head on the block without any executioner having to touch her. As the sixteen martyrs sealed their love for Christ with their blood, the usually frenzied crowd of onlookers was utterly silent. The only sound to be heard was the sisters' singing the Salve Regina, a hymn to Mary. Their mortal remains were thrown in a common grave with 1300 other victims of the Revolution. Two days afterwards, however, the Reign of Terror came to an end. Those courageous women faithfully served only one Master - and the fruits of their sacrifice proved that he was the right one to serve.



Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year [B]

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| St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by 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. | | <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> | |
| | | St Bride's | St. John's | St. Mary's |
| Saturday 21 st September | 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Joe McIver (BR), Ronnie Cairns (A)</i> | | | Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 22 nd September | 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i> | Mass 12.15pm | Mass 11.30am (L) | Mass 10am (L) |
| Monday 23 rd September | MEMORIAL OF ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ian McGale (MM), Marie Bryden (RD)</i> | | | Funeral Mass 10am Margaret Smyth |
| Tuesday 24 th September | 25th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Lindsay Brown (A), Agnes (Nancy) Horne (RD)</i> | Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am | | Mass 10am (L) |
| Wednesday 25 th September | 25th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Porter (RD)</i> | | Mass 10am (L) | |
| Thursday 26 th September | MEMORIAL OF SS COSMOS AND DAMIAN Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Kevin McMonagle (RD)</i> | | | Eucharistic Service 10am |
| Friday 27 th September | MEMORIAL OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for David Farrell (A), Mrs Mary Hume (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am (<i>Refreshments in St Peter's Caf  afterwards</i>) | Mass 10am | Eucharistic Service 10am | |
| Saturday 28 th September | 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Joan McKnight (A), Elizabeth & William Loudon (A)</i> | | | Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L) |

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

*Tony Smith, David McMahan,
Francis Adie, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
Rosemary Smith, Alan & Margaret McDonald, Jim Timoney,
Jim McEwan, David McSorley, Nancy Watson.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Edward McAuley, Annie Leitch, Mary Hume, Marie Bryden,
Agnes (Nancy) Horne, Margaret Porter,
Kevin McMonagle, Maureen McKenzie.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005,
James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017,
Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Brian Ghosh 2002,
Father Gerald Muir 2015, Francie Stalker 2020, Helen Steele 2012,
James Tomelty 2011, Margaret Donnelly 1997, George Logue 2011,
William McNamara 2001, Patrick Breen 2015, Lindsay Brown 2021,
Alice Docherty 2017, Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002,
Colin James Boyle 2017, Jamie Clarke 2015, Margaret Gallacher 2016,
Bert Gilmour 2017, Tom McGhee 2011, Brownlie Smyth 2014,
Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975, Bernard Boyce 2012,
Cornelius Burke 1988, Thomas Lundie 2021, Malcolm MacDonald
1999, John Mackay 2002, Thomas McGrattan 1917, Daniel Murray
1981, Maureen Johnson 2003, John Brodie 2001, Angela Brown 2008,
Peggy McKay 1992, Robert Leo Walsh 1968.*

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Special Collection (Retired Priest Fund):  365.55

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Offertory Cash Collection
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Notable Date: 22nd September 1940.

Canon Matt McManus was born on this day.
We wish Canon Matt a very happy birthday.
Many happy returns Canon Matt!

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Olivia Dooris, who was baptised on Saturday 21st September 2024. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR EDWARD McAULEY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Eddie McAuley who died on 11th September 2024, aged 73 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 2nd October at 12.30pm at St Bride's Church, West Kilbride, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **PRIZE BINGO AT ST PETER'S** on Thursday 26th September 1-3pm in the Parish Centre, all welcome.
- ▶ **MEMORIAL OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL THIS WEEK** Thank you to all our SVP volunteers for all their work and commitment over the past year.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - ST PETER'S** A few new and exciting initiatives on the horizon. Please put them in your diary and give them your support. On Thursday, 26th September Prize Bingo Afternoon, from 1pm until 3pm in St Peter's Centre. On Thursday, 21st November Flower Decoration Afternoon from 1pm until 3pm in St Peter's Centre. There is an initiative to start a Bible Sharing Group. The first Meeting would be on Thursday, 10th October from 7pm until 8pm, in the Presbytery. Also a Retreat afternoon for the beginning of Advent on Saturday, 30th November, from 3.30pm until 5pm in St Peter's Centre. The next Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 31st October at 7pm.

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic is a process of falling in love. The person we're falling in love with, over and over again, more and more deeply, is Jesus Christ. To become Catholic, you have to open your heart to the love Jesus has for you and return that love as best you can. It involves four things: A conversion of mind and heart, an understanding of what the Church teaches, a loving heart, and a true desire to be received into full communion. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the church should contact the parish office at ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01294 464063 or speak to Fr Duncan We would love to hear from you!

Just for a Laugh... 😄😄😄

God looks over the millions of people and says 'Welcome to Heaven. I want the women to go with Saint Peter, and the men to form two lines. Make one line of the men that dominated their women on earth, and the other of men who were dominated by their women.' There's much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated is 100 miles long. The line of men that dominated women has only one man. God gets angry and says, 'You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all dominated by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him!' He turns to the man and says, 'Tell them, my son. How did you manage to be the only one on that line?' The man says, 'I don't know, my wife told me to stand here.'

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 payment. *Thank you.*

Making a Prayer-Improvement Plan

One area where all of us can always use some renewed energy and astuteness is in our prayer life. We simply can't grow as Christians unless our prayer life is constantly growing. And yet, most of us will recognise a lot of room for improvement in this area. We all face unique challenges and opportunities in this area, so we have to work out our own formulas for growth. But two qualities are common to every healthy prayer life, so it will be helpful to keep them in mind as we make our prayer-improvement plans. First, prayer needs to be regular. We need to pray daily, to have a daily quiet time when we can speak to Christ, pray for our loved ones, reflect on the scriptures, or read some good, solid spiritual book. That means carving out the time. It doesn't have to be a lot of time - ten minutes in the morning and ten minutes at night is a good start - but it has to be consistent, and that means self-discipline. I know of one priest who goes to the cemetery to pray his Rosary, because he knows that if he doesn't, the barrage of phone calls and requests will simply crowd it out. Second, prayer needs to be sincere. We actually have to speak with Christ in our hearts. Going through the motions or just rattling off ready-made prayers is not enough. We need to find that way of praying that will allow Christ's grace to touch the core of who we are. Today, Christ is reminding us that he wants us to be wise stewards, to give him and his Kingdom our best efforts, so that he can give us the greatest reward. When he comes again in Holy Communion, let's tell him that we want the same thing.



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