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Twelfth Sunday of the Year [B]

23rd June 2024

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.

St. Bride's: By request.

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Mustard Seeds

✝ The Right Coffee Cup

A group of former students, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen. He returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite. He put the cups and the coffee pot on the coffee table and told everyone to help themselves. When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice-looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. Why is that? The cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eying each other's cups. Do you think this can tell you something about your problems and stress?" It's a simple story. I don't even know if it really happened. But it's down to earth, and it illustrates St Paul's point. With our own efforts in life, all we can do is make cups. Jobs, money, prestige, popularity, appearances - these are just the cup, just the outside, just the container of life. But no

mere cup, even the most beautiful and flashy, can satisfy our thirst. What really matters, what matters more than anything, is that our cups be filled with the right drink: with Christ. The coffee cup is meaningless without the coffee. Just so, all our efforts and achievements in life are meaningless unless they are filled by friendship with Christ.



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THANKS!

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St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> assisted by <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> (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 22 nd June	12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Collins & Upton Families</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 23 rd June	12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 24 th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Catherine Newell (MM)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Marie Cambridge	
Tuesday 25 th June	12th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Patricia McCafferty (SI)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Eucharistic Service 10am
Wednesday 26 th June	12th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Helen Carruth</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 27 th June	12th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Anonymous</i>			Mass 10am with St Anthony's PS
Friday 28 th June	MEMORIAL OF ST IRENAEUS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Cathie Frye (RD), Ennis McHugh (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	NO MASS TODAY	Mass 10am with St John's PS	
Saturday 29 th June	SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for David McCurry (A), Effie Spiers (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Marie Mitchell,
Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan, Grant Mitchell.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

Patricia Hughes, Cathie Frye, Ennis McHugh.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*James Carroll 2022, Shiela Kearney, Mamie Scotland, Frank Tracy 2007, Marade Ballantyne 1991,
John Flood 2003, Bill Mathieson 2014, Greta Murphy 1973, George Russell 2005, Sadie Sloss 2023,
Ben Walsh 1985, Harry Boyle 2006, Fredrick Davis 2015, Michael Fitzpatrick 2006, Elizabeth Paterson,
Joseph Sammons 1954, Margaret Burns 2006, Katherine Fish 2002, James Little 1979, Joseph McCormick 1977,
Tony Ross 2008, John Byers 1991, Anne Convery 1997, Daniel Harrigan 2012, Frank Lowey 2018,
Annie McCabe 2002, Margaret McCann 2000, Sadie Morgan 2012, Mary Nolan O'Hare 1995,
Effie Spiers (Blantyre), David McCurry, John, Peter, Francis Jim and Paul Breslin.*

Top Ten Favourite Excuses That People Give For Not Going To Church

Here's the Fourth One: The Church Is Full of Hypocrites - Yes, it is, and as our Protestant brothers and sisters say, "There's always room for one more!" A family is only as good as its best member, and is as bad as its worst member. A parish family is no different. Are we not up to your standards? Not quality people enough for you? Come! Make us better! That's a huge part of belonging to the body of Christ—we are a group of broken, messed-up people who God makes better, and who make each other better. We could use your help. Number 5 Excuse next week!

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Lillie Ward and Jaxon Phillips, who will be baptised this coming Saturday at St Peter's. Congratulations to the parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** A very generous donation of £1000 towards the new lectionaries has been given in memory of Dennis Atkins.
- ▶ **DIVINE MERCY** Anyone interested in establishing a Divine Mercy Group in the Three Towns can contact Miriam on 07377457657 or contact the parish office at St Mary's 01294 463461.
- ▶ **SUNDAY TEAS** In August, the SVP are hoping to resume the tea/coffee after Sunday Mass.

St Peter's Day

There will be tea/coffee available after Mass on Sunday 30th June. Please come along to celebrate St Peter's Day. Marade Griffin is hoping to get a team together for this. Volunteers welcome.

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe will be open from 10am-3pm on Wednesday, July 10th for all families in our community who require uniform for the new school year. There is a wide range of new and pre-loved uniform available: black trousers, black skirts, white shirts, black jumpers, blazers and shoes. Please contact Louise Stevenson at the school on 01294 606680 for more information.

General Election 4th July

The bishops of Scotland have published a letter on the General Election, highlighting some of the key issues to help Catholics reflect on and raise with parliamentary candidates. For more information and resources, including how to contact candidates, please visit <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/> or use the QR code.



Keeping a Crucifix by the Door

This is not a comfortable truth for our fallen human nature. Because our fallen nature tends to run away from the cross (like St Peter) instead of embracing it with courage and faith (like Christ), we have to make a special effort to keep this truth in mind. If we do, we will soon begin to grow in the wisdom of the saints: we won't expect life to be all smooth sailing, and so when the storms do come, they won't throw us off balance so easily. But if we don't keep this in mind, we can become bitter and disappointed, and instead of being wise Christians, we end up being whining Christians. One simple tradition can help us keep the cross in mind. It consists in putting blessed crucifixes on the walls near the doors of our house. A crucifix reminds us of two things: 1) that being a Christian in a fallen world is no cake walk; and 2) that Christ's love is strong enough to sustain us no matter what. A crucifix near the door reminds us of those truths at the transition moments of each day, when we are usually thinking about our personal plans. Seeing the crucifix reminds us that God has his plans too. Some families even have a tradition of kissing the crucifix when they come home or leave home. Others pause at the threshold, make the sign of the cross, and say a short prayer. Every day we are bombarded by advertising images carefully designed to make us think that we can build heaven on earth. Let's be smarter than them. Let's surround our homes with God's advertisement – the one that shows us the real road to lasting happiness, both here on earth and forever in heaven.

Just for a Laugh... 😊😊😊

- * A primary school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet during Mass?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."
- * A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and John, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw an opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "John, you be Jesus!"

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 16th June 2024: £578.76
Second Collection (Building Fund): £295.22

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 16th June 2024: £185.00

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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
or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

"The Baptist, The Catholic and The Charismatic"

I heard about these three men "The Baptist, The Catholic and The Charismatic". They died on the same day and went to heaven. Saint Peter met them at the Pearly Gates and said, "I'm so sorry men! But your rooms aren't available yet. He didn't know what to do so he decided to call Satan and see if he would keep them for a little while. Satan reluctantly agreed. A few hours later, Satan called back and said, "Peter, you have to come and get these three guys. The Baptist man is saving everyone. The Catholic man is forgiving everyone. And the Charismatic has already raised money enough for air conditioning."

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