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Twenty-First Sunday of the Year [B]

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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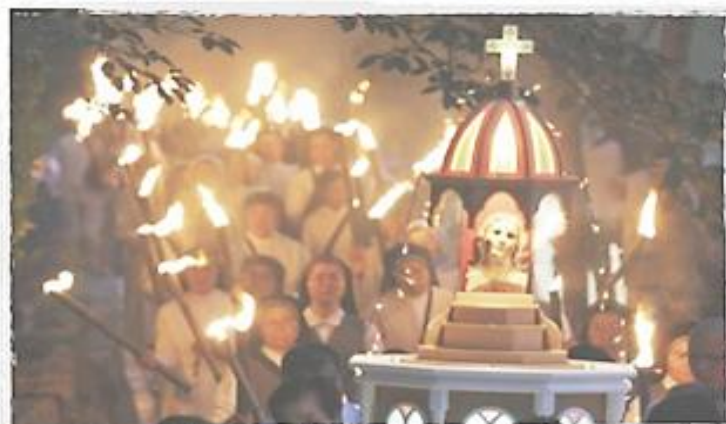
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### Mustard Seeds

#### ✠ 1,000 Torch Bearers

1,000 Torch Bearers carry the Virgin Mary in Nagasaki. Here's Why. August 9th marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, and to mark the horrific event, about 1,000 torch-bearers did a unique and unexpected thing: they honoured Mary by carrying her from the Urakami Cathedral to Nagasaki Peace Park. But this is no ordinary statue of Mary, she was all that was left behind after the atomic bomb that was dropped that fatefully day! An amazing miracle happened to a Trappist monk who grew up a member of the the same Cathedral. Father Kaemon Noguchi loved to pray before the statue of Mary when he was a young boy. The statue was made of wood and was brought to the Cathedral in the 1930's from Italy. She had crystal eyes that drew people to her and brought many to believe in the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Noguchi left to join a Monastery north of Japan, and was ordained in 1939. He was called to arms in 1943, and returned home after being discharged when the war was ended by the atomic bomb. He went back to his Church trying to find something to bring back to the monastery with him from the Cathedral, but found nothing but destruction. He prayed to the Holy Mother that he should be able to find something, when out of nowhere he, "saw the holy face of the Virgin blacked by fire, looking at him with a sorrowful air." He testified that it was those crystal eyes which drew him to her, even though the eyes had melted in the atomic heat. He took her head home and prayed with her in his private quarters until 1975. He returned her head to the Cathedral 30 years after the bomb (just stating a solder had found her) and in a letter written 45 years after finding her, he finally admitted he was the solder that found her. We are again reminded of the horrors of war, and we must continue to pray for peace and the end to nuclear weapons of all kinds. Over 75,000 people lost their lives that day, including the Cathedral's two priests and about thirty Catholics who were there for confession. When Cardinal Timothy Dolan from New York saw the Virgin Mary, he commented, "I've never experienced the dread and revulsion I did when the Archbishop Joseph Mitsuaki showed us the head of Our Lady of Nagasaki." She is devastatingly beautiful and will forever be a reminder of how destructive mankind can be. Our Lady of Nagasaki, Pray for Us.



# Twenty-First Week of the Year [B]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Mary Sweeney (RD),</i> <i>Margaret Pacewicz (A), Bridie Maher (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>21<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Maria Dorrian (RD), Kathleen Langridge (A)</i>			
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST MONICA</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (MM), Anne Ward (BR)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am  Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST AUGUSTINE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (A), Sandra Convery (MM)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Sadie &amp; Frank Hamilton (A), Collins &amp; Upton Family (SI)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>21<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Maria &amp; Frank McEvoy (A), Jim Timoney (S)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b> (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for James McGrattan (A), Theresa Bothwell (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell, Francis Adie,  
George, Kenneth & Christine Slavincki, Michael McCulloch,  
Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Jim Timoney.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Hugo Harper, Maria Dorrian.*

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

*Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Kathleen Langridge 2022,  
Annie McCormick 1976, Giocondo Michelin 1959,  
Connor Collins 1978, Harry Currie 2008, John O'Donnell 2009,  
Mick Smith 1998, Patricia Sullivan 2006,  
Elizabeth Hosie 2010, Mary McCann 1987, Jim Duffy 2013,  
Monsignor Mike Regan 2015, Samuel Taylor 1969,  
Irene Coby 2023, Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015,  
Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006,  
John Kelly 2004, Michael Pollock 2008, Sandra Rocks 2019,  
Canon Eugene Dowd 2012, Sister Mary Peter 1999,  
James McGrattan 1982, John Stewart,  
James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008.*

## 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah) and more details about this free day will follow.

You only have to go to Mass twice:  
First, when you feel like it,  
and second, when you don't feel like it!

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

- ▶ **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST BRIDE'S** Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after Mass today Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Everyone welcome!
- ▶ **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** Tea and coffee will be served in the parish centre after Mass on Sunday 1st September. Everyone welcome!
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S LARDER COLLECTION** There will be an SSVP collection for the Larder from this weekend until and including the 5th September. The box will be in the Porch as usual. What they are asking for is Tea Bags (boxes of 80), Coffee (100gm). They are very grateful for any help we can give. Thanks, Kate, SSVP.
- ▶ **KNIT & KNATTER** The Knit & Knatter Group will meet every Wednesday starting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Snug in the Parish Centre. New members are very welcome.
- ▶ **ST PETER'S 50/50 CLUB WINNERS** Congratulations to the winners who each receive £25. **April:** J. Hendry/L. Sammons/D. McAteer/M. Monan. **May:** L. Armstrong/ K. Carson/P. Shields/ J. McVey. **June:** J. Waugh/C. Forde/E. Coulter/N. Tyler. **Bonus Draw for May:** A. Tarbet who wins £100. We also donated a cheque for £1500 to the parish as our annual contribution from the 50/50 club. Any members who still wish to pay the annual subscription can do so now by contacting the promoter: Myriame Sammons on 01294 469006.
- ▶ **FAMILY DAY AT ST BRIDE'S** A big "thank you" to all the organisers and helpers at the annual Family Day at St Bride's last Saturday. Our friends, family and visitors could enjoy a great barbecue, home-made cakes and scones, a very "spirited" Bottle Stall, bouncy castles, refreshments and cakes, a Raffle and of course, we cannot forget the beautiful but fearsome selection of bugs, snakes, lizards, and even a tarantula spider. Thanks again to all our helpers and visitors!

### Galloway Diocesan Choir:

The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 24 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 18th September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining or would like more information contact: David Robinson at [david.robinson.mj@gmail.com](mailto:david.robinson.mj@gmail.com) or on 07714 340854.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024: £747.34  
Second Collection (LEPRA): £361.04

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024: £126.10  
*Many thanks for your support and generosity!*

### And finally some humour... 😂😂😂

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired a lawyer to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognised days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying, "Your Honour, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsellor, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his feast day. Court is adjourned..."

### In the School of Love

The story of St Marie de Saint Nathalie is a striking example of entering by the narrow door. She was born to a peasant family in 1864, in a tiny village in northwestern France. Her mother died while she was still just a schoolgirl, and the burden of the housework fell on her. Eventually, her siblings grew older, and when she was 23 she was finally able to pursue her long-desired vocation to become a missionary nun. As a novice her bright blue eyes were always filled with joy, even though her new life was little different than it had been back in the village. She worked on the convent farm, looked after the cows, did the laundry. Her joy was born of a deep conviction that "everything is big for one who accomplishes it with a large heart," as she used to say. After her noviciate she was sent to Paris, where the community lived in acute poverty. Her first missionary assignment took her to northern Africa, but she soon fell ill and had to return to Italy. She recovered, and in 1899 was sent to help start a new missionary foundation in China. But almost as soon as she arrived, her health took another turn for the worse. She spent several months in bed with typhus. She suffered unceasingly, but endured it with patience and finally began to recover strength. Soon after she returned to work, however, the persecutions broke out again, and she and her companions were arrested for being Christians. They refused to renounce their faith, and on July 9, 1900, they were beheaded. God never gave her a break! Her short life was one trial after another. And yet, that was her school. That was how she learned to know, love, and serve God, which

is the purpose of every human life. As she wrote not long before her martyrdom: "I am happy to have to suffer. When one suffers one is detached from the world. God wishes that I love more than all else. He has been so generous to me and has done so much for me since I came into this world."



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