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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [B]

26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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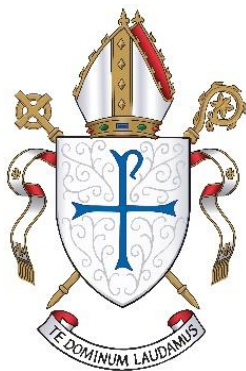
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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**St. Bride's:** Friday  
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And by request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Our Father's Love Letter

My child, You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2). I am familiar with your ways (Psalm 139:3). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matt 10:29-31) for you were made in my image (Genesis 1:27). In me you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28) for you are my offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5). I chose you even before I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12). You were not a mistake; all your days are written in my book (Psalm 139:15-16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26). You were fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). I knit you together in you mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and brought you forth on the day you were born (Psalm 71:6). I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (John 8:41-44). I am not distant and angry, but I am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16), and it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11) for I am the perfect father (Matthew 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17) for I am your provider, and I meet all your needs (Matthew 6:31-33) My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11) Because I love you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), my thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18) and I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). I will never stop doing good to you (Jeremiah 32:40) for you are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5). I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (Jeremiah 32:41). I want to show you great and marvellous things (Jeremiah 33:3). If you seek me with all you heart, you will find me (Deuteronomy 4:29). Delight in me, and I will give you the desires of you heart (Psalm 37:4) for it is I who gave you those desires (Philippians 2:13). I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20) for I am your greatest encourager (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). I am also the father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). When you are broken-hearted, I am close to you (Psalm 34:18). As a Shepard carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (Isaiah 40:11). One day, I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Revelation 21:3-4), and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Revelation 21:3-4). I am your father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus (John 17:26). He is the exact representation of my being (Hebrews 1:3). He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31) and to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). Jesus died so that you could be reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (1 John 4:10). I gave up everything I loved so that I might gain your love (Romans 8:31-32). If you receive the gift of my son, Jesus, you receive me (1 John 2:23), and nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Romans 8:38-39). Come home, and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Luke 15:7). I have always been your father and will always be your father (Ephesians 3:14-15). My question is, will you be my child (John 1:1-13)? I am waiting for you (Luke 15:11-32). Love, Your Dad, Almighty God.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE  
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS  
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. **THANKS!**

Year of  
**ST. JOSEPH**



# Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

September 2021	<p><b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b>  <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a>                      Father Duncan McVicar</p>	<p><i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i>                      assisted by  <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a>  <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a>                      Canon Martin Poland                      assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri                      and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</p>		
	<p><b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b></p>	<p><b>St Bride's</b></p>	<p><b>St. John's</b></p>	<p><b>St. Mary's</b></p>	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>                      Vigil Mass at 5.30pm  <i>Offered for Brian Monaghan (RD), Duncan McVicar Snr. (A)</i></p>			<p>Vigil Mass                      at 4.30pm (L)</p>	
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>                      Mass at 10.30am (Public &amp; Live Streamed)  <i>Offered for our parishes</i></p>	<p>Mass at                      12.15pm</p>	<p>Mass at 11.30                      (L)</p>	<p>Mass at 10am (L)</p>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</b>                      Mass at 10am  <i>Offered for David Farrell (A), Raquel &amp; Enrique Teran (BR)</i></p> <p><b>Celebration of Confirmation at 7pm</b></p>				
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b>                      Mass at 10am  <i>Offered for Christina Lawrence &amp; Family (SI)</i></p>	<p>Mass at                      10am</p>		<p>Funeral Mass at                      10am (L)  <b>Katherine Conwell</b>                      Confirmation Service                      at 7pm</p>	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</b>                      Mass at 10am  <i>Offered for Kian &amp; Callum Lawrence (SI), James Mullen (RD)</i></p>		<p>Mass at 10am                      (L)</p>		
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels</b>                      Mass at 10am  <i>Offered for Iain Tarbet (A), Christine (SI)</i></p>			<p>Funeral Mass at                      10am (L)  <b>Isabella Alexander</b></p>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<p><b>Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>                      Mass at 10am  <i>Offered for Holy Souls in Purgatory</i></p> <p><b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10.30 – 11am</b></p>	<p>Mass at                      12 noon</p>	<p>Mass at 10am                      (L)</p>		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>                      Vigil Mass at 5.30pm  <i>Offered for Bebe Carroll &amp; Kilbane Family (A)</i></p>			<p>Vigil Mass                      at 4.30pm (L)</p>	



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. "Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven". We will have the prayer of the Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady Monday to Friday at 9.30am before Holy Mass.



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present  
 in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
 I love you above all things  
 and I passionately desire  
 to receive you into my soul.  
 Since I cannot now  
 receive you sacramentally,  
 come spiritually into my soul  
 so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
 now and forever. Amen.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Pat Breen, Harry Sammons, Jayne Adams, Jim Donnelly, Ian Hastings.*

### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Katherine Conwell, Hugh Magee (Portaferry), James Mullen, Frank McCrossan (Kilmarnock), Brian Monaghan.*

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

*Bernard Boyce 2012, Cornelius Burke 1988, Malcolm MacDonald 1999, John Mackay 2002, Thomas McGrattan 1917, Daniel Murray 1981, Brian Ghosh 2002, Maureen Johnson 2003, Brownlie Smyth 2014, John Brodie 2001, Angela Brown 2008, Peggy McKay 1992, Robert Leo Walsh 1968, Mary Barr, Fiona McKellar 2015, Finbarr Moynihan 2015, Dominic Burke 1988, Dorothea Campbell 2011, Mary Clarke 1984, Iain Tarbet 2016, Bert Body 1985, Bridget Carroll 2016, John Connor 1983, Charles Coulter 1992, Kathleen Mulhearn 2009, Sadie O'Reilly 2019, Isabella (Tibby) Avey 2019, Canon Lawrence Fischer 1980, Patrick Giffney 1971, Kathleen McIlroy 1973, Peter Morgan 2010, Lily Murphy 1990, Duncan Rhodes 2012.*

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

- ▶ **CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION** Please remember in your prayers our children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, 27th September 2021 at 7pm. You are welcome to join as for the ceremony.
- ▶ **CHILDRENS LITURGY RESTARTING SOON!** We hope to restart our children's liturgy on Sunday, 24th October 2021. Please spread the word to our young families so that they can come along. We are also looking for some volunteers who will support our present excellent Team. "Whoever has the youth - has the future!"
- ▶ **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** At St Peter's, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament closing with a simple Benediction will take place every Friday after Mass. Spend some time with the Lord in prayer and give our heart to Him again.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY ON-CALL AT THE HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be answering emergency calls at our Hospitals this week. Please keep those in hospital in your thoughts and prayers at this time.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** Sister Marie Monique would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support, Prayers, Mass cards and sympathy cards she was given on the death of her sister Anna.

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### **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. We would love to hear from you!

**Just for a Laugh...** Four brothers left home for university, and they became successful doctors and lawyers and prospered. Some years later, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who lived far away in another city. The first said, "I had a big house built for Mama. The second said, "I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her." The third said, "I had a hundred thousand pound theatre built in the house." The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this priest who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire bible. It took twenty priests 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute £50,000 a year for twenty years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it." The other brothers were impressed. After the holidays Mum sent out her "Thank You" notes. She wrote: "George, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks, anyway." "Louis, I am too old to travel. I stay home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. But the thought was good. Thanks." "Michael, you gave me an expensive theatre with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. But thank you for the gesture just the same." "Dearest Martin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much!"

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