



ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN
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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time [A]

27th September 2020

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: Friday
 between 11am-12noon
 And by request.

**St. Peter in Chains,
 and St. Bride's,
 are Parishes
 in the RC Diocese
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 WITH YOU. THANKS!**

THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Gospel, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Reflection

Jesus really knows how to make a point! This is a wonderful example of him trapping the chief priests and elders into reinforcing his teaching even though they don't want to! The reference to 'tax collectors and prostitutes' must have really riled them! But perhaps the subtext would have annoyed them more: Jesus is saying they are the first son, who says all the right things but does not do his fathers will. The Pharisees, scribes and leaders of Israel might be saying the right things, as they preach the Law of Moses, but they are not doing the right things not repenting and listening to Jesus! Of course, the ideal is to bring both our words and deeds together this is integrity so that we both say 'Yes' to God and carry out his will.



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.

Prayer for Strength (For Nurses and Carers)

Dear Lord, please give me strength, to face the day ahead.
 Dear Lord, please give me courage, as I approach each hurting bed.
 Dear Lord, please give me wisdom with every word I speak.
 Dear Lord, please give me patience, as I comfort the sick and weak.
 Dear Lord, please give me assurance, as the day slips into night,
 that I have done the best I can, that I have done what's right. Amen

Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time [A] 2020

September/ October 2020	St Peter-in-Chains Ardrossan <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St. Bride's West Kilbride <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St John's Stevenston <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Mary's Saltcoats <i>Canon Martin Poland</i>	St Peter's Parish Centre <i>Fiona Brown</i>
Saturday 26 th September	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for Alice Morgan (RD)</i> 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for David Farrell (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sunday 27 th September	26th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am - Public <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass At 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am	
Monday 28 th September	26th Week of the Year Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for George and Annie Hilferty (A)</i>				
Tuesday 29 th September	Requiem Mass for Francis Stalker at 10am Private			Mass at 10am	
Wednesday 30 th September	Memorial of St. Jerome Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Ann Gilmour Offered for Iain Tarbet (A)</i>		Mass at 10am		
Thursday 1 st October	Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Mass at 10am - Live Streamed <i>Offered for John Marshall Offered for Bebe Carrol (A)</i>			Mass at 10am	
Friday 2 nd October	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Mass at 10am – Public <i>Offered for Tilly Docherty (SI) Offered for most forgotten in Purgatory</i>	Mass At 12.00pm	Mass at 10am		
Saturday 3 rd October	Our Lady's Day Mass at 10am – Live Streamed <i>Offered for all our children celebrating their First Eucharist in September and October</i> 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm - Public <i>Offered for Sister Ishbel MacPherson (SI) 70 Years Jubilee</i>			First Holy Communion at 10am and 12noon Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
Sallywags Aftercare <i>[During Term Time]</i> Monday – Friday 3pm-6pm		Sallywags Aftercare <i>[during school holidays]</i> Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm		St Peter's Centre Bookings Fiona Brown New Number! 07907 389703	

A Simple Explanation of the Mass - Part XVII

What happens in us when we receive Holy Communion? 2) Holy Communion separates us from sin (#1393). The Catechism states: "The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is 'given up for us' and the blood we drink 'shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins.' For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins." This teaching will come as a surprise to many Catholics who associate the forgiveness of sins solely with the Sacrament of Penance. But upon reflection, we can easily see that if the Eucharist helps to increase our love for Christ, it must also keep us from the darkness of selfishness, which is sin. This is not to say that the Eucharist replaces our need for the Sacrament of Penance. It doesn't. Rather, it complements the work of sacramental reconciliation.

Reminder... Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass remains suspended for the time being. Some parishioners can only attend at the weekend. To make Holy Mass available to everyone we would be grateful if you are able to attend on a weekday please do so, leaving seats for those parishioners working during the week. *Thank you for your kindness.*

To book for Mass in St. Peter's please call the Parish Office: **01294 464063 BETWEEN 9am – 11am. MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

John Clarke, Anthony Brennan, Cathie Currie, Katie Millar

✚ **Those who have died recently:** *Frances Stalker*

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

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, Peter Morgan 2010, Lily Murphy 1990, Duncan Rhodes 2012, Hannah Burns 2002, Joseph Griffin 2001, Francis Ketchen 2013, Catherine Helen McMullan 2000, John Paterson 2005, Teresa Walker 1987

St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Mary Clara Loi who will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparent.

► **LAST CHANCE TO HAND IN SCIAF WEE BOXES**

The timing of the outbreak in Scotland, the fourth week of lent and just days before the fourth Sunday collection, could scarcely have been worse for the Lenten campaign fundraising. Yet despite the trials of lockdown, the campaign has been met with the most fantastic generosity from many parishioners. SCIAF is delighted to share with you that if you still have your WEE BOX at home, you can hand them in at Church or to donate your WEE BOX money direct to SCIAF during September at www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox or 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

► **MASS LIVE-STREAMING** You can access this every day by going on the Parish Websites. saintpeterinchains.co.uk - Click SERVICES on the red menu bar. Then MASS TIMES on the menu. Then scroll down to "Click here to view Mass". Website: saintpeterinchains.net - Go to top right-hand corner of the screen. Click "Live Streaming at Mass Times" Live-streaming begins five minutes before the start of Mass.

► **VOTIVE LAMPS FOR OUR LADY'S MOSAIC** There has been a suggestion for the mosaic of Our Lady in the Church; namely to add two small hanging votive lamps on either side of the mosaic. Parishioners are invited to make a contribution if they wish: The Votive Lamps will be around £45 each, and the hanging arm brackets will be around £20 each. Any donations will be very welcome. Thank you!

► **CHURCH PIETY STALL** Our stall is now open if you should require to purchase anything i.e. Mass Cards, Religious Items etc. It is important that we only admit **ONE** person at a time and a face covering must be worn. Please do not touch display items, just ask Betty and she will show you them. *Thank you!*

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR FRANCIS STALKER** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Francis Stalker who died on Tuesday, 22nd September 2020. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 29th September at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Job Vacancy - Assistant Service Co-ordinator,

North Ayrshire Recovery Service: Visit Turning Point Scotland Website
Please note that the **closing date** for applications is **30th September**.

St. Bride's Notices

► **OUR NEW WEBSITE** Please have a look at our new website. www.stbrideschurch.co.uk We would be delighted to have your comments or any suggestions to: joe.mcaleavy1804@yahoo.com

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 20th September 2020: £535.35
Second Collection (Building Fund) £240.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 20th September 2020: £179.00

STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

The Parishes have taken quite a "knock" through the Lockdown when public Mass was not available for sixteen weeks. This has had a huge impact on our Parishes Finances. 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.

Also, Paul McNulty will be happy to provide a form for St. Bride's. *Many Thanks for all your support and generosity!*

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

◆ A primary school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five-and-six-year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

There are special collection donation envelopes this weekend for our Retired Priests in the Diocese.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Seven Reasons For Wanting To Spend Time With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament

1. You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)
2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)
3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the centre of life. "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due Him shall be given back "love for love" and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)
4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)
5. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to Him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual centre of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the Invisible Heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by Him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, Mysterium Fidei)
6. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)
7. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

Mustard Seeds

✠ From the Mouths of Children

A grandmother recently went to dinner at a restaurant with her son and two grandchildren. They were sitting at the table waiting for their food when the five-year-old Clare asked, "Grandma, what was your mum like?" "She was a very wonderful lady, Clare", said the grandmother. "Your Daddy knew her, too before she died." The five-year-old looked at her Dad and said, "Did you, Dad?" Dad answered, "Yes I did, Clare. She was a very nice lady." "What was your Dad like, Grandma?" asked Clare. Grandmother responded, "He was nice, too, but I didn't know him very well because he died when I was only ten years old." Clare's Dad chimed in, "Isn't it great that Grandma's Mum did such a good job taking care of Grandma even though her Dad wasn't with them?" Clare didn't say anything else after that. The next day, Sunday, Clare was just talking with her Dad. She said, "Dad, will people be able to see each other in heaven?" Her Dad said, "Sure they will, Clare". Then she asked, "Dad, I guess, since you're older than me, you'll die first." Her Dad responded, "Yes, I guess I will, Clare." Then she said, "I'll really miss you, Dad." By this time Dad was having trouble keeping the tears from his eyes. After a moment of silence, Clare said, "Dad, will you please tell Jesus I love Him when you get there?" Dad responded with tears flowing down his face, "Sure, Clare, I'll be glad to tell Him."

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