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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year [B]

28th July 2024

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.
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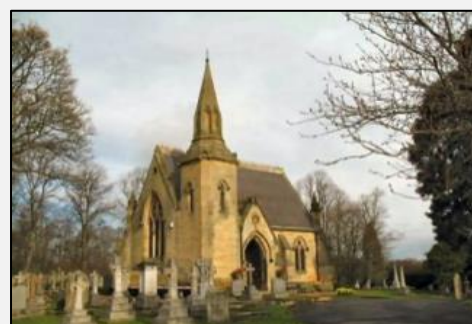
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ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. *THANKS!*

Mustard Seeds

✠ The WC Story

Some time ago, an English lady, tired of the rain of England, went to look for a house to buy in Switzerland. She finally found the house of her dreams, had her offer accepted, and returned to England to pack her belongings. While packing her bathroom, she suddenly realised that she didn't remember seeing a bathroom in her new house. So she wrote to the Swiss estate agent asking for the whereabouts of the WC. The Swiss agent – his English being none too good – passed the letter on to the local priest for translation. Being unfamiliar with English abbreviations, the only meaning he could think of for WC was Wesleyan Chapel. The English lady received the following reply: 'My Dear Madam, I take great pleasure in informing you that the WC is situated nine miles from the house in the centre of a beautiful grove of pine trees surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 229 people, and is open on Sundays and Thursdays only. As there are a great number of people expected during the summer months, I suggest you come early, although there is usually only standing room. This is an unfortunate situation, especially if you are in the habit of going regularly. It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the WC, and it was there that she met her husband. I can remember the rush for seats. There were ten people to every seat usually occupied by one. It was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces. You will be glad to hear that a good many people bring their lunch and make a day of it, while those who can afford to go by car arrive just in time. I would especially recommend that you go on Thursdays when there is organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent, even the most delicate sounds can be heard everywhere. The newest addition is a bell donated by a wealthy resident of the district. It rings every time a person enters. A bazaar is to be held to provide plush seats for all, since the people feel it is long needed. My wife is rather delicate and she cannot go regularly. It is almost a year since she went last, and naturally it pains her very much not to be able to go more often. If you let me know when you are planning on attending I shall be delighted to reserve the best seat in the WC for you, where you shall be seen by all. For the children there is a special day and time so they do not disturb their elders with their noises. Hoping to be of some service to you. Yours faithfully...'



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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>		<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>	
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 27 th July	17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Marie Lang (A), David Neilly (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 28 th July	17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 29 th July	MEMORIAL OF SS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Thomas Burns (A), Anne Bull (T), Benny McGrath (A)</i>		Prayers of Reception 6pm Irene Dolan	
Tuesday 30 th July	17th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Teresa Weldon (MM), John Mitchell (RD), John Welsh (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am	Funeral Mass 10am Irene Dolan	Eucharistic Service 10am
Wednesday 31 st July	MEMORIAL OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Alice Logan (RD), Annmarie Dickie (A), David Neilly (SI)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 1 st August	MEMORIAL OF ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, PRIEST Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass 10am <i>Offered for Duncan McVicar Snr. (A), Adam Higgins (RD)</i> PRAYERS OF RECEPTION 6PM, MARIA DORRIAN			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 2 nd August	REQUIEM MASS 10AM MARIA DORRIAN	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 3 rd August	18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary McKenzie (RD), Claire Scott (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Marie Mitchell, Jim McEwan,
George, Kenneth & Christine Slavincki, Jim Donnelly,
Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan, Grant Mitchell.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

*John Mitchell, Alice Logan, Adam Higgins,
Mary McKenzie, Claire (McCulloch) Scott, Maria Dorrian.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Elizabeth Byers 2009, Tommy Burns 1982, Des Blanch 2017,
Eileen Mathieson 2003, John McQuaid 2004,
Jordan Walsh 1998, Annie Cavani 2012, Alice Gibbons 1997,
Desmond McGarvey, Ian Monan 2023,
Caroline Dunlop 2013, William Johnston 1999,
Michael Marshall 2011, David Shaw 2019,
Annie Cavani 2012, Joseph Giblin 2016,
George Pettigrew 1988, Maureen McCubbin 2008,
George Tonner 1931, Phyllis Doherty 2017,
Geraldine Leadbeater 2016, Isabelle Rennie 2004,
Noleen McFadyen née Delahunt 2012,
Cathie McLaren 2007, Leslie Aitken 2010,
Joseph Barry 2013, Mary Harper 2012, Robert Tumilty 1981.*

Top Ten Favourite Excuses

That People Give For Not Going To Church

Here's the Ninth One: I'm Excommunicated - No you aren't. I'm pretty sure you're not. Did a Bishop tell you, you are? Okay, you're not. If you were married in the Catholic Church and divorced, you are not excommunicated. If you got re-married without an annulment, you are not in full communion, but you are not excommunicated. Or maybe you've been away or have some other problem—you are probably not in full communion. Not in full communion means that you are more than welcome to be part of our community, you can come to Mass and pray with us, you can be a part of things. But, you can't receive Communion. Sometimes it's just a matter of going to Confession. If you want to get some info on how to get back into full communion, call your local parish to find out what needs to be done. Trust me--they'd LOVE to help you!

Number 10 Excuse next week!

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARIA DORRIAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Maria Dorrian, who died on 18th July 2024, aged 56 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 1st August at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 2nd August at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Ronan Mark McLeod Stewart, who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and the Godparents.

► **ST. BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The draw starts on 1st September. Put the names and contact number of those buying a ticket on an envelope containing the correct money/cheque, £12 per person per year, give to Kate Kelley or Phyllis from next Sunday to the end of August. You can buy as many tickets as you like. Half of all money collected goes to the Church, the other half in prize money. Thank you.

A very Happy Birthday to Mary Moran.
One of our oldest parishioners who was
103 years
on Thursday 25th July.

St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr

The Cathedral will be completely closed from Monday 22nd July till Friday 9th August (inclusive) for redecoration – all Masses/Services/Funerals etc., will take place in St Pauls Church, 2 Peggieshill Road, Ayr KA7 3RF

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 21st July 2024: £499.80
Special Collection (Peter's Pence): £370.85

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 21st July 2024: £130.00
Special Collection (Peter's Pence): £134.24

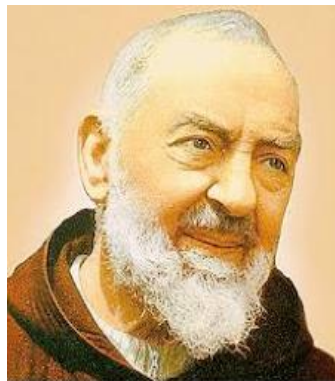
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Many thanks for your support and generosity!

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 or Fr Duncan by email ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01294 464063. We would love to hear from you!

Padre Pio's Sewing Example



Sometimes, God doesn't give us the answer that we want when we pray. But that doesn't mean that he hasn't answered our prayer. St Padre Pio (of Petralcina) gave a beautiful analogy of this in one of his last sermons. He explained that we are like children sitting on the floor at our

mother's knee. And God is like our loving mother, who is working on a piece of embroidery. Now the child can only see the underside of the embroidery hoop. From that perspective it looks like an absolute mess: the colours are all mixed up, there is no discernible pattern, nothing makes sense. But from the mother's perspective, the embroidery is slowly taking on its perfect, beautiful form. If the child were to complain that the mother is making a mess, the mother would smile and ask the child to be patient. And every once in a while, the mother might even give her child a little glimpse of the top of the hoop. Sometimes our prayers are like that. We think we know what's best, and we just don't understand why God doesn't grant our prayer. But actually we are only looking at the underside of God's Providence. We simply can't see the whole picture. His perspective, on the other hand, is complete. And so when he doesn't answer our prayers the way we would like him to, we can be sure that it's only because he has something better in mind.

"It has been observed that people emulate the five people they spend most time with—for better or worse. Make Jesus one of those five people. Spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will transform you and your life in ways you cannot even begin to imagine."

MATTHEW KELLY
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory



Just for a Laugh... 😂😂😂

Little Ivor's mum was exasperated at his behaviour and said to him one day: "How do you expect to get into heaven when you are always acting up?" "That's easy" Ivor replied, "I'll just run in and run out and keep slamming the door until Our Lady shouts out: "For heaven's sake Ivor, either come in or stay out! Then I'll go in!"

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