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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ [B]

2nd June 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Blessed Mother Teresa's Secret



Most people know that the nuns of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's religious order, the Missionaries of Charity, spend their days tending the poorest of the poor and the sickest of the sick, in the most inhuman conditions imaginable. Countless people witnessed Mother Teresa's own example of this truly heroic virtue. More than once reporters and photographers came to Calcutta

to do a story on this remarkable woman. They would always find her washing a leper, or bandaging a cripple who was dying of gangrene. More often than not, the reporters would have to wait outside because they couldn't stand the stench. One day, Mother Teresa took in a woman off the streets of Calcutta. Her body was a mess of open sores infested with bugs. Mother Teresa patiently bathed her, cleaning and dressing her wounds. The woman never stopped shrieking insults and threats at her. Mother Teresa only smiled. Finally, the woman snarled, "Sister, why are you doing this? Not everyone behaves like you. Who taught you?" She replied simply, "My God taught me." When the woman asked who this god was, Mother Teresa kissed her on the forehead and said: "You know my God. My God is called love." Many people have heard anecdotes like that. Much fewer people, however, realise where Mother Teresa and her nuns were and are able to find the strength to fulfil this daunting mission, day after day after day. The Missionaries of charity spend four hours a day praying with Jesus in the Eucharist. His closeness, his presence is the source of their strength, perseverance, joy, and love. As Mother Teresa herself put it, "The Mass is the spiritual food that sustains me - without which I could not get through one single day or hour in my life."



"My Lord and my God,"
Jn. 20:28

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THANKS!

Ninth Week of the Year [B]

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 1 st June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Gerrard Lennon (RD), Joe O'Kane (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 2 nd June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 3 rd June	MEMORIAL OF ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ian Howie (A), John Reid (RD), Sandra Rollie (MM)</i> RECEPTION OF ANDREW FARRELL 6.00pm		Funeral Mass 10am Hugh O'Pray	
Tuesday 4 th June	REQUIEM MASS 10am ANDREW FARRELL	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Joe O'Kane (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 5 th June	REQUIEM MASS 10am CATHERINE NEWELL		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 6 th June	9th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Hugh, Francis & Tommy McEvoy (A)</i> RECEPTION OF ENNIS McHUGH 6.00pm			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 7 th June	REQUIEM MASS 10am ENNIS McHUGH	NO MASS TODAY	Mass 7pm (L)	
Saturday 8 th June	10th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Tom Atkins (A), Alison Dunn (A), John Maher Snr (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Jim Donnelly,
 Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan.*

✚ Those who have died recently:
*Andy Farrell, Gerrard Lennon, Joe O'Kane (Lanarkshire),
 Ennis McHugh, Catherine Newell.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:
*James Lane 1995, William McMullan 1939, Tony O'Brien 2015,
 Peg Brown 1991, Michael Collins, Annie Daniels 2014, Jim Glass,
 Fitzpatrick and Fitzsimmons families, Susan Giffney 1972,
 Mary Kelly 1985, Teresa McEvoy 2014, Greta McGreevy 2009,
 Janette Smyth 2007, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980,
 Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Denis Long 2005,
 Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, Ted Procter 2012,
 James Boyle 2008, Gilbert Marshall 2007, May Boyle 2013,
 Father Michael Masterson 1997, Rose McKenzie 1996,
 Neil O'Connell 1992, James Conaghan 1999, Mary Walsh 1954,
 Father Ninian Currie OFM 2009, Alison Dunn 1994,
 Martha Johnston 2013, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Patrick Clark 2002,
 Michael Collins 2009, Charles Coulter 2007, Julia Paterson 2017,
 Stephen McIntosh 2015, George West 1997.*

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

Here's the first one: I Work 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week - First of all, I'm pretty sure that's illegal—there are labour laws. Do you want me to help find you a lawyer? We fill our time with all sorts of things. It does feel like we're working all the time—believe me, I'm right there with you. That's not good. We all need to take a break. But, God should be part of that break, not what we're taking a break from. Worshipping with a community, receiving Christ—these things rejuvenate, not deplete. Take time out for yourself that is going to fill you up. Number 2 Excuse next week!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 Offertory Cash Collection 26th May 2024: £442.87
 Second Collection (Building Fund): £229.89

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 Offertory Cash Collection 26th May 2024: £136.70
Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANDREW FARRELL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Andy Farrell, who died on 13th May 2024, aged 81 years. His Reception into Church will be on Monday, 3rd June at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 4th June at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHERINE NEWELL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Catherine Newell, who died on 22nd May 2024, aged 83 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 5th June at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ENNIS MCHUGH** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ennis McHugh, who died on 20th May 2024, aged 81 years. His Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 6th June at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th June at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **ST PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK** Our Parish Council will meet on Thursday 6th June at 7pm in the Presbytery. If anyone has any items for discussion or planning, please speak to one of the Council Members. Thanks.
- ▶ **DONATION TOWARDS THE NEW LECTIONARIES FOR ST BRIDE'S** The SVdP at St Bride's have donated £250 towards the new Lectionaries for the Church. This is from a donation of Eric Gibe, who had received regular visit from the SVdP, when he was resident at Arran View Care Home. The donation is given in his memory.
- ▶ **TABLE-TOP AUCTION AT ST PETER'S** Thanking everyone for their generous donations and raffle prizes, it is very much appreciated. We raised in total, an amazing £925 to go towards our new Lectionaries.
- ▶ **HCPT Lourdes Group** 376 Lourdes water is now available at the stall.
- ▶ **USED STAMPS** Please save your used stamps and hand them in to St Peter's or to Alfie Agostini who is collecting them to raise funding for medical science.

Anniversary Mass.

Bishop Dougan will celebrate Mass in St John's, Stevenston on Friday 7th June at 7pm to mark 60 years of the present Church and 50 years of the present school. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Mass and refreshments afterwards especially former parishioners.

Organ Recital at St. Peter's

Recitalist: **Alessandro Bianchi**
Wednesday 19 June at 7 pm
St Peter in Chains Church, 1 South Crescent Road
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU.
Admission Free – Retiring Collection.
No booking required – Just come along.

Pope Pius XII Praises Creation

As Catholics, we should be the biggest fans of nature's beauties. All of creation is for us! God has given it to us to teach us about himself, and for our sheer delight. All the recent popes have stressed this often overlooked or distorted aspect of our Catholic spirituality. I would like to read one example, from a speech made by Pope Pius XII back in 1955. He was addressing a group of filmmakers, and as he discussed the power of movies as an art form, he gave special attention to documentaries that present the beauties of nature. First, he summarised the Christian concept of nature as a mirror of God's wisdom: "Nature, which offers itself to the inspection of the attentive observer, reveals an inexhaustible wealth of goodness and beauty, reflecting back with transparent sincerity the infinite superabundance of the perfection and beauty of nature's Creator." He went on to praise that beauty: "Sometimes one is enchanted and overcome by the majesty of towering mountains, at other times by the irresistible fury of the ocean tempest, the solitude of polar glaciers, the vast stretch of virgin forests, the melancholy of the desert sands, the loveliness of flowers, the limpid quality of water, the violent rush of waterfalls, the distinctive beauty of the Northern Lights... Greater astonishment and wealth of knowledge are offered by... the secrets of the animal kingdom... in forests and in inhospitable deserts, on rivers and in the depths of the sea. What a testimony to the richness and manifold variety of nature... to soothe, recreate and refresh the spirit." Those are the words of a man who had discovered the real secret of nature - not the secret of how nature works, but the secret of what nature is for: to show us the smile and strength of our God.

Morning Prayer of the Church - every Tuesday before Mass

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, focusing especially on the Psalms. It harkens back to the Jewish custom of praying at fixed hours, a practice early Christians continued. By the medieval period, monks chanted the entire Psalter, all 150 Psalms, throughout each week, and sometimes in a single day! Eventually, this form of prayer became known as the Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office. It is a liturgy because, like the Mass and other sacraments, it is a public prayer of the Church, Christ's Mystical Body, as distinct from private devotions such as the Rosary, novenas, or personal prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours is well-known among clergy and religious, who are required to pray the five major Hours every day. Permanent deacons are obliged to pray Morning and Evening Prayer. Among the laity, the Liturgy of the Hours has been less popular, but that is starting to change. The Second Vatican Council taught that "the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually." Why pray the Liturgy of the Hours? Seven reasons: First, it unites us to Jesus Christ. Second, the Liturgy of the Hours allows you to pray with the Church. Third, the Liturgy of the Hours is the highest form of prayer after the Mass. Fourth, the Liturgy of the Hours is thoroughly biblical. Fifth, the Liturgy of the Hours will mature and deepen the rest of your spiritual life. Sixth, the Liturgy of the Hours allows you to "pray without ceasing." Seventh, and finally, the Liturgy of the Hours makes God the centre of your day. When you begin each day with Morning Prayer, you establish a fixed pillar around which the rest of your activities turn. When you pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Prayer becomes the new hinge of your day, reorienting your mind so that you give highest priority to the things of God.



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