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Fourth Sunday of the Year [C]

30th January 2022

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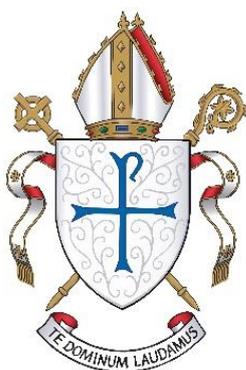
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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

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and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ What are we missing?

A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin; it was a cold January morning. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, since it was rush hour, it was calculated that thousands of people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. Three minutes went by and a middle-aged man noticed there was musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried up to meet his schedule. A minute later, the violinist received his first dollar tip: a woman threw the money in the till and without stopping continued to walk. A few minutes later, someone leaned against the wall to listen to him, but the man looked at his watch and started to walk again. Clearly he was late for work. The one who paid the most attention was a 3 year old boy. His mother pulled him along, hurried but the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. All the parents, without exception, forced them to move on. In the 45 minutes the musician played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition. No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars. Two days before his playing in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out at a theatre in Boston and the seats average \$100. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organised by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and priorities of people. The outlines were: in a commonplace environment at an inappropriate hour: Do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognise the talent in an unexpected context? If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?



Secret of Cardinal Mercier

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptised soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him: O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do. Give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will. If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it, and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity. [Cardinal Mercier]

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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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January/ February 2022	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 29 th January	4th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Margaret Friel (A), Legion of Mary (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 30 th January	4th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Jim Meechan (S)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 31 st January	Memorial of St. John Bosco Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Eileen Kelso (RD), Kathleen Fraser (A)</i>			
Tuesday 1 st February	4th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Melissa Campbell (RD), Bert McMahan (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Eucharistic Service at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 2 nd February	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jimmy & Emily McLaughlin (A) (Blessing of Candles)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 3 rd February	Memorial of St. Blaise Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sharon Fisher (RD) (Blessing of Throats)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 4 th February	4th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James Mullen (RD)</i>	Adoration 11.30 Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 5 th February	5th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Sacramental Programme at St Peter's for 2022

For P3 - Making their First Confession

Parents' Meeting in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 24th March 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Confession in School on Wednesday, 30th March 2022 at 11.30am

P4 - Making their Confirmation

Parents' Meeting for Confirmation in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 3rd February 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Church with Bishop Nolan on Monday, 7th February 2022 at 7pm

P4 - Making their First Holy Communion

Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 19th May 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Church on Sunday, 22nd May 2022 at 10.30am

Sacramental Programme at St Bride's for 2022

I am looking for children in P3 or P4 who are making their First Confession or being confirmed and receiving their First Holy Communion this year. Please get in touch with Father Duncan as soon as you can. Thank you!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Rena Fitzpatrick, Jim Meechan.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Eileen Kelso, Melissa Campbell, Sharon Fisher, James Mullen, Bert McMahan,

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Susanna Brodie 1963, Iain Clarke 2012, Marie Coyle sister of Father Joe Boland 2017, Joseph Lynn 1997, John McKay
Ellen McCarroll 1980, James McDermid 2005, Peggy McKeachan 2018, Rachel Cairnie 1988, Canon Shaun Crowley 2001,
Joseph Foran 1994, Jessie Flynn, Rena Heneaghan 1976, Mary Kelly 2006, Marie Matthews 2005, Emily McLaughlin
2014, Ronnie Sliwinski 2016, Sadie Burns 2009, Rachel Cairnie 1998, Janet Cunningham 1999,
Father Joe Davie SDB 2002, Sister Margaret of Jesus (Theresa Campbell) 2016, Tony Tourish 1993,
Monsignor Joseph Boyd 2021, Frank McKane 2021, Mary C McManus 1973, Margaret Mitchell 2004,
Mae Murray 2018, Josephine Atkins 2021, Michael Barrett 1972, Paul Hamilton 2020,
Kathleen McIlroy 2009, Archie McLaren 2009, Peter Mitchell 1973.*

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

► **BLESSING OF CANDLES AT ST. PETER'S** This Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas], and the candles for use in Church will be blessed during Mass. Please bring any candles from home and place them in front of the altar and they will also be blessed on this special day of grace.

► **BLESSING OF ST. BLAISE AT ST. PETER'S** This coming Thursday is the Memorial of St Blaise, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 316. On his feast day, there is always a special blessing of the throats at the end of Mass.

► **ST. BRIDE'S SSVF** After the huge success, thank you! Of the Christmas collection for the Village Larder, the SSVF hope you can support them again this time with tinned meat and soup. A box will be at the back of the Church from Friday 28th January till Sunday 6th February,

► **ST. PETER'S PARISH 50/50 CLUB** Congratulations to Winners for Dec. 2021 Draw (4 prizes of £25): No 195 Michael Farro; No 110 Patricia Macnamara; No 211 Mary Mathieson; No 250 Sarah Willis and Bonus prize of £100 to No 169 Mamie Stewart.

Many thanks to ALL our members for your continued support throughout 2021. **The Annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL of £15 is NOW DUE. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE** available at the Foyer in the Parish Centre as you leave the Church and **return ASAP**, either to the Parish Office or to the Promoter Myriame Sammons, 30 Seafield Court, Ardrossan. Tele.469006. Cash for £15/Cheque made payable to: St. Peters 50/50 Club, then we can continue the prize draws for 2022 ASAP. Your support is appreciated.

Significant others... The other day I came across a rather witty set of questions entitled "The Charles Schulz Philosophy" written by the creator of character Charlie Brown and the Peanuts comic strip. I am paraphrasing them here below and somewhat Anglicising them, but if you've never seen them before, read them through answering them in your mind; you'll get the drift.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Open Golf trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the best actor from BAFTA.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Cup football winners.

How did you do? Maybe you recalled one or two names or more... The point is, none of us really remember the headliners of yesterday and yesteryear very much. And these are no second-rate achievers. They tend to be the best in their fields. But the applause dies ...awards tarnish ... achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners even if their loved ones keep them to cherish. So here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel really appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? I imagine so and it's not difficult to appreciate why when you think about it, because the people who make a real and lasting difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards or achievements in the eyes of the world. They are the ones who care the most and in truth for many of us (though not all to be fair) but for most, those who make us feel loved come what may, are family and friends. They are, without being aware of it, and perhaps without any conscious intention of it, true missionaries of mercy towards us. And sometimes they can be prodigal in their love and acceptance of us despite all our sins and weakness and unfulfilled little (and big) promises to them. So let us be truly thankful for the ones who love and accept us regardless just because we are who we are and that's good enough for them, even though they would sometimes have a legitimate desire for us to be an all-round better person. And in our turn, in praying to God in thanksgiving for them, let us invoke His Mercy upon them, in return for His mercy and compassion that we have received in generous measure from their hearts. And perhaps go one step further, and actually tell them how much we appreciate their gestures of love and forgiveness towards us.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 23rd Jan. 2022: £512.45
Second Collection (Building Fund): £216.81

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 23rd Jan. 2022: £139.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Sycamore Sessions at St Bride's

Topics and dates for the forthcoming Sycamore sessions on Mondays from 7.30pm onwards:

1. Creation, Fall and Salvation - 31st January
2. The Meaning of Love - 7th February
3. True Freedom - 14th February
4. Forgiveness, Healing and Mission - 21st February
5. The Social Teaching of the Church - 28th February

Just for a Laugh...

Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin and the other called Christian. The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that patrolled the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, "I'm bored and frustrated at being a prawn, I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten..." As Justin had his mind firmly on becoming a predator, a mysterious cod appears and says, "Your wish is granted", and lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate. Time went on (as it invariably does...) and Justin found himself becoming bored and lonely as a shark. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realise that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight. While out swimming alone one day he sees the mysterious cod again and can't believe his luck. Justin figured that the fish could change him back into a prawn. He begs the cod to change him back so, lo and behold, he is turned back into prawn. With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes, Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a cocktail. (The punch line does not involve a prawn cocktail - it's much worse) Looking around the gathering at the reef, he searched for his old pal. "Where's Christian?" he asked. "He's at home, distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark", came the reply. Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Christian's house. As he opened the coral gate the memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again." Christian replied "No way man, you'll eat me. You're a shark, the enemy and I'll not be tricked." Justin cried back "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed." Wait for it..... "I've seen Cod. I'm a prawn again Christian"



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