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Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul [B]

30th June 2024

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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!

Mustard Seeds

✠ The Chains of St. Peter

Tradition claims the chains of St. Peter, kept in Rome's San Pietro in Vincoli, correspond to two sets of chains used to imprison Peter on two different occasions. The Roman minor Basilica of San Pietro in Vincoli (literally, "St. Peter in Chains") is well known for being the home of Michelangelo's Moses. But this church also houses a very special, often overlooked relic. Also known as the Basilica Eudossiana, this church is an ancient one. It was rebuilt from an older foundation as early as in 432, to keep the chains that, according to tradition, were used to bind St. Peter when he was imprisoned in Jerusalem — hence its name, in Vincoli. Empress Licinia Eudoxia, the wife of Emperor Valentinian III and daughter of Theodosius II, had received these chains (some sources claim just a few links) as a gift from her mother, Aelia Eudocia (an exceptionally gifted poet considered a saint by both Eastern and Western churches). Aelia Eudocia, in turn, got them from St. Iuvenalis, who was then bishop of Jerusalem, where the chains were already being venerated by pilgrims. These chains were supposed to be the ones mentioned in the passage known as The Liberation of Peter, in chapter 12 of the Book of Acts. The text is relatively short. It reads: The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.' Acts 12, 6-11. Licinia Eudoxia then presented the chains to Pope Leo I — a doctor of the Church better known for meeting with Attila the Hun and persuading him not to invade Italy. Legend claims that when the pope compared Eudoxia's chains to those used to incarcerate Peter before his martyrdom (most likely in the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was also imprisoned), the two miraculously fused together. These chains are now kept in a reliquary under the main altar in San Pietro in Vincoli — but a link can be venerated in St. Peter's Church in Rutland, Vermont.



Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Father Gerry as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee. The 50 years Anniversary of his Ordination.

Thirteenth 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)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (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 29 th June	SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL (Parish Feast Day and Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for David McCurry (A), Effie Spiers (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 30 th June	SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL (Parish Feast Day and Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 1 st July	13th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Bill Ralston (MM)</i>			Prayers of Reception 4pm Betty O'Rourke
Tuesday 2 nd July	13th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Jamieson (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Betty O'Rourke
Wednesday 3 rd July	FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Bernard Kilbane (A)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 4 th July	13th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered in thanksgiving to St Joseph & Our Lady</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 5 th July	13th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mr Petersen (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 6 th July	14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jack & Anne Allen (Golden Wedding)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Marie Mitchell,
Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

Margaret Jamieson (n e Boyle) (Kilbirnie), Mr Petersen.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*James Conaghan 1999, Margaret Donnelly 1953,
Angela Holloway n e Friel 2012, Giocondo Michelini 1960,
Peter McEvoy 1967, Rose McKenzie 1998, Rose Doyle 2008,
Freddie McMillan 2018, William Swanson 2022,
Ellen Wardrope 2018, Hugh Brodie 1964, Betty Sloan 2007,
Father Michael Lynch 2004, Lavinia (Bunty) Orr 2011,
Antonio Da Prato 1984, Patrick Burns 2000,
John McFarlane 1956, Oliviero Agostini 1940,
James Brennan 1963, Helen Taylor 1998, John Boyle 2021
Stuart McDonald 2006, William Magee 1997,
Margaret Fisher 2005, Kathleen Robertson 2005,
Josephine Slaven 2008, Mary Tonner 1936, Ian Moran 1975,
Thomas Magee 1995, Rosetta McKay 1994,
Patrick Tourish 1986, Andrew Toner 2010, Peter Reilly 2018,
Sadie Carrino 2019, Richard Graham 2012.*

Top Ten Favourite Excuses

that People Give for Not Going to Church

Here's the Fifth One: Sunday Is The Only Day I Can Sleep In - Most parishes have Mass times conducive to sleeping in. At our parishes we have three weekend Masses: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.30am and 12.15pm if you really want to sleep longer. You know as well as I do that if there's something you really want to do—like go fishing, golfing, spend a day in the town, whatever—you're going to drag your sorry, tired bottom out of bed on a Sunday to do it. You can't spare a little time for God who gives you everything, but you can get up for your football game or barbecue? You can't give God 50 minutes of the time that God gave you in the first place to say "Thanks"? Sure you can. And parishes make it easy with our copious Mass times.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 23rd June 2024:  515.20
Second Collection (Building Fund):  310.33

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Offertory Cash Collection 23rd June 2024:  141.90

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

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

► **ST BRIDE'S** A huge thank you to all the bakers, helpers on the day, donators and clearing-uppers who made our celebration of Father Gerry's Golden Jubilee so special. God Bless and thank you.

► **SUNDAY TEAS** the SSVP propose to do Sunday after Mass teas/coffees. We plan to do teas/coffees on the first Sunday of every month starting on 2nd September.

Resurrecting the Morning Offering

We all want to make the transfer of security from self to God. That's why we're here. We know that we need God. We know that only by depending more fully on him will our lives take on the meaning and fruitfulness that we all long for. But how can we do that? How can we become more faithful followers of our Lord, more hope-filled disciples, more stable and authentic Christians? This transfer of security from self to God is a virtue - the virtue of hope. Like all Christian virtues, this one was planted in our souls like a seed when we were baptised. It's already there. We just have to help it grow, which we do by exercising it. One of the most effective ways to exercise this virtue is by practicing the long-standing Catholic tradition of beginning the day with what is called a prayer of "morning offering". This is a prayer that we say before the day begins - maybe right when we get out of bed, or maybe after showering and before we go to breakfast. It's a short prayer, but it puts everything in perspective: Thanking God for the gift of another day; Asking God for guidance and protection; Renewing our promise to accept and do whatever he asks of us as we continue on the adventure of following his unpredictable path. This week, let's resurrect this wise tradition, so we can all exercise more energetically this great virtue of hope, a virtue that foxes and birds don't need, but that is absolutely essential for us. Today, Jesus will come to us once again to assure us of his all-powerful love. When he does, let's assure him of our trust. Nothing will please him more. Here is a sample of a beautiful Morning Offering: *O eternal and ever-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with all the angels and saints, I adore you. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for all the favours and benefits you have bestowed upon me, but especially for having preserved me during the night, and for giving me this day to serve you. I wish to live only for you, for our greater honour and glory, and for the salvation of souls. O good God, preserve me this day from all sin and all occasion of sin. O loving God, I begin this work day by offering everything I am and do to you. Help me to accomplish all the day's necessary tasks, to be wise in making decisions and earnest in completing my work. Let nothing distress or overwhelm me. Help*

me to depend on you for the energy, wisdom and courage I need to do an honest day's work. And then help me to let go of any concerns and anxieties. Amen.



THANK YOU

I would like to thank Father Duncan and all the parishioners of St Bride's for all their kind words, cards and gifts celebrating my Golden Jubilee.

Father Gerry

Refreshments in St Peter's Parish Centre after Mass today (Sunday) in celebration of our Parish Feast Day – all welcome!

Notable Date

2nd July marks the twentieth anniversary of Father Lynch's death.



Marriage, Family
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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will celebrate this day on **Sunday 28th July 2024** at the Marian Shrine, Carfin,

with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan. Café will be open for refreshments. Come along and celebrate this inter-generational event.

Election Guide 2024

The Catholic Union has published an election guide with some information and suggested questions for candidates and voters ahead of the General Election. Catholics are the largest – and one of the most politically and socially-minded – religious minorities in the country. For the 4.5 million Catholics in Britain, the election on Thursday 4 July is an opportunity to elect people who will work towards the common good and recognise the importance of faith to society. A survey also found that over 90 percent of our members and supporters were planning to vote in the upcoming General Election – significantly higher than the national average. It also revealed a strong link between politics and religion, with 92 percent of people saying that their faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church “help to influence” how they vote. The Election Guide is available today at Mass and also on our websites.

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe

Saint Matthew's Community Wardrobe will be open from 10am-3pm on Wednesday, July 10th for all families in our community who require uniform for the new school year. There is a wide range of new and pre-loved uniform available: black trousers, black skirts, white shirts, black jumpers, blazers and shoes. Please contact Louise Stevenson at the school on 01294 606680 for more information.

Newsletter from St Matthew's Academy

The Head Teacher, Mr Colligan writes: “We have had a very successful year and the fact that 3 members of the school community completed the RCIA in our local parishes fills me with pride. It is very important to me that the school is seen to be part of, and belonging to, the parishes it serves. I've included a link to the latest newsletter which will be issued to parents tomorrow. Hopefully it'll give you a flavour of where we are as a school this past year. Link for the latest Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/stms24>



Just for a Laugh... Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, Fathers, " he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

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