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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year [B]

4th August 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Judas and Jesus

There is a story told about Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. He searched far and wide for what he considered to be an ideal model for each person in the painting. He began with a fine-looking young man, full of life, and very anchored, and chose him as a perfect model for Jesus. He followed with other models for each of the apostles. Naturally, the work took several years. He left Judas till last, because he was having a problem finding someone who could represent him. Finally, he came across a wicked-looking individual, who was sleeping rough, who had all the appearances of being untrustworthy, and, like Judas, would probably sell his soul if it brought him some money. Leonardo approached the man and persuaded him to come to his studio. While the work was in progress, both men came to the same realisation. This man had been in this studio before - he was the model previously for Jesus. He had gone astray, lost his way, and was now on a dangerous road. It was a very great shock to da Vinci, and a moment of conversion for the man. When Jesus called on people to turn from their sins, he also asked some of them to follow him. They were to become his pupils, people who would absorb his Spirit, and continue his work, when he went back home to the Father. Are you one of them?



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!

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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> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		<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>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 3 rd August	18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary McKenzie (RD), Claire (McCulloch) Scott (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 4 th August	18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 5 th August	MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Lawrence Tumilty (A), Daniel McLaren (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 6 th August	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Sandra Convery (RD), Sadie Hamilton (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am	Prayers of Reception 6pm John Higgins	Eucharistic Service 10am
Wednesday 7 th August	MEMORIAL OF ST SIXTUS II AND COMPANIONS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Adam Higgins (RD), Gus Macrae (A)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) John Higgins	
Thursday 8 th August	MEMORIAL OF ST DOMINIC Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Eamon Reilly (RD), Robert Macrae (A)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 9 th August	FEAST OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary Glover (A), John & Mary Hutson (A)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Café afterwards)</i>	No Mass Today	Funeral Mass 10am (L) Charles Kennedy	
Saturday 10 th August	19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Francis McQuade (A), John Higgins (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, Grant Mitchell.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

Beryl Meechan, Daniel McLaren (Glasgow), Sandra Convery, Adam Higgins, Eamon Reilly, John Higgins, Clare Farrell.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Mara Cheshire 2007, Brian Collins, Joe Dougherty 1977, Breda Doyle 2020, Agnes Gorman 2016, Ellen Lafferty 2019,
Laurence Hamilton 1998, Ann Kennedy 2010, Margaret McGuinness 2004, William Tumilty 1980, Helen Clarke 2016,
Isabella Welsh (Brownlie) 2008, Lawrence Tumilty 1993, Sean Paul Marshall 2013, Patricia Barry 2015,
Cathie Carroll 2020, Sadie Hamilton 2007, Father Jack Kerr 2001, Desmond McGarvey 1996, Giovanni Michelini 2015,
Patrick Joseph O'Boyle 2009, Lauretta Salotti 1981, Alison Cook 1999, Frances Flynn 1990, James Gorman 1997,
Sadie Hamilton 2007, William McGilvary 2001, Margaret Pacewicz 2006, Henrietta Smith 2009, Kitty Woods 2013,
Bill Barton 2008, Tina O'Pray 2012, Edward Burns 1998, Anita Coyle 2020, Karen Fitzpatrick 1981, Beth Glass 2014, Canon
Matthew Littleton 1977, Joe McLaughlin 2022, Don Newall 2009, James Taylor 1997, Brian Collins 2006,
William Magee 1988, Paddy McKinney 2014.*

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE While there was a strong tradition of pilgrimage to the burial place of St Ninian in Whithorn before the Reformation, only in 1924 was the pilgrimage resumed in its modern form. 2024, therefore, marks the centenary of the re-establishment of the modern pilgrimage after the Reformation. The Bishops of Scotland have chosen to mark this anniversary by making the 2024 pilgrimage a national event and people from all parts of Scotland are invited to take part. On Sunday 25 August, Mass will be celebrated close to St Ninian's Cave at 4pm with Bishop Frank Dougan as principal celebrant. For those unable to walk to the shore Mass will be celebrated in St Martin and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn at 4.45pm by Bishop Joseph Toal of Motherwell. If anyone is interested in travelling there by bus please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back St Peter's church or call the office and leave names and contact numbers. The bus leaves from St Peter's at 10.30am prompt. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £8/person to offset costs.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Bride's will be having a Friends & Family Summer Fun Day on Saturday 17th August, at St Bride's, 12noon till 4pm. Please come along for BBQ, bouncy castle, surf simulator, petting zoo, bottle and cake stalls and much more. Donations for the bottle stall and raffle would be appreciated and can be left in the church porch. We would love people to come along from St Peter's too.

Top Ten Favourite Excuses

That People Give For Not Going To Church

Here's the tenth One: If I Walk Into A Church The Roof Will Fall Down On My Head - No it won't. That has never happened, and far worse people than yourself have stepped through those doors! It doesn't matter how long you've been away from Church. God wants you back. We want you back. Come home. There really is nothing that should prevent you from feeling welcome and loved here. Come home. *Bonus Reason: I'm Not Catholic* - So what? That's an easy one! [Call your local parish](#) and they'll help you fix that.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28th July 2024: £424.64

Second Collection (Building Fund): £275.40

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28th July 2024: £156.50

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

Gross mockery of the Last Supper at Olympic Games opening ceremony

The ceremony on 26 July, during which the involvement of drag queens appeared to be a recurring theme, featured a scene where a group of drag queens and a notably rotund woman wearing an aureole halo crown posed themselves at a table in a style parodying the iconic image of the Last Supper. France felt evidently, as it's trying to put its best cultural foot forward, that the right thing to do is to mock this very central moment in Christianity. It's made all the worse given the fact that the Church called France "the elder daughter of the Church". Catholics must not be sheepish. We need to resist and to make their voices heard. Would they ever have dared mocked Islam in a similar way?" or would they ever have dreamed of mocking in this gross public way a scene from the Quran? We all know the answer. The Olympic Games is meant to be a celebration not only of sporting talent, but also a celebration of community and tolerance, respect and diversity, except for those annoying 2.6 billion Christians on the planet. Everyone's welcome, everyone's tolerated, all this lovely diversity, until you get to anyone that disagrees with your ideology, like these 2.6 billion people. Catholic leaders from around the world, including the French bishops conference and two Vatican officials, condemned the scene; Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and adjunct secretary of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, making a formal complaint to the French ambassador to Malta, and encouraging others to do the same.

And finally some humour... 😂 😂 😂

☆☆☆ A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

☆☆☆ Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a woman of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mum."

A Drop in Eternity

Imagine you're standing at the base of a mountain. It towers above you, and the far-off peak splits the sky. With binoculars, though, you can just spot a bird circling around the peak. Suddenly the bird swoops down and scoops up a bit of dirt in its beak and flies away. Now imagine if every hundred years, one of that bird's descendants were to return and carry away another bit of dirt. How long would it take to remove the entire mountain? It's unimaginable. A million years? 500 million years? And yet when that mountain is completely gone, eternity is just beginning. Our life on earth is over in a flash; our life in the world to come will be eternal. Doesn't it make sense to live now in preparation for that?



In Memory of Eric Gibney at St Bride's

Eric was very generous in supporting our Parish SVdP and in memory of him and his generosity, a picture of our Blessed Lady will be placed in our Parish Church. Many of you will know the famous painting of the "Madonna of the Streets." This stunning portrayal shows Our Blessed Mother gently caressing the sleeping baby Jesus, sheltering him in her blue mantle and gold veil. Her eyes shine with gentleness; her embrace is loving and maternal. The dusty walls that comprise the background illustrate the hardship and poverty endured by the Holy Family. The original painting, created in the 1890s by Italian artist Roberto Ferruzzi, was actually a portrait of a young Italian girl, Angelina Bovo, and her baby brother, Giovanni. In Venice, the artist saw this young girl holding her little sibling with such care and maternal tenderness, sheltering him against the cold, protecting him like a mother, that he was inspired to paint what he saw.



Today the image is universally recognised and beloved as a singular portrayal of the love between this most pure and immaculate Mother and her divine Child.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is on 15th August. Perhaps we could bless it and give it a place of honour on the following Sunday 18th August?

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