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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year [B]

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
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**St. Bride's:** Friday  
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And by request.

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## THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

*If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these readings to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these readings quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Reading, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers*

### Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire  
to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now  
receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself  
wholly to you  
now and forever.  
Amen.



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PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.  
THANKS!**



# Fourteenth Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

July 2021	<b>BOOKING FOR MASS</b> St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.		St. Bride's West Kilbride: <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> St John's, Stevenston: <a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> St Mary's Saltcoats: <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a>		
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> Father Duncan McVicar		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for all those suffering through addiction</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>		Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for Mr Jim Bryson (RD)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for those sick and in hospital</i>				
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Memorial of St. Maria Goretti</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Veronica Farrell (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Teresa &amp; Michael Usher (A)</i>			<b>Funeral Mass</b> at 10am for Jean O'Donnell	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Lilian (SI)</i>				Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Jack Campbell (A)</i>		Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Lizzie Paterson (B), Mary Fraser (A)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Prayer for our Parishes

God our loving Father, we thank you, for blessing our Parish with all that we need, to respond to our vocation to be a missionary community in our locality.

We thank you for all our Parish members who, in response to your call, give of themselves so freely to enrich our Parish life in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now, to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways as missionary disciples, bringing your Light to the world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey together in hope, through Christ Our Lord  
Amen.

## Congratulations

Monsignor Peter Magee  
who celebrates the  
Ruby (40 years) Anniversary  
of his  
Ordination to the Priesthood.  
Monsignor Magee was Ordained in  
St. Peter in Chains Church  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1981.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Jean Brawley, Pat Breen, Mary Carrick.

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

Mr Jim Bryson

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Rosetta McKay 1994, Ian Moran 1975, Lavinia (Bunty) Orr 2011, Patrick Tourish 1986, Andrew Toner 2010, Sadie Carrino 2019, Richard Graham 2012, George Cameron 1980, Ryan Fleming 2002, Raymond McLaren 2014, Teresa Usher 2006, Joseph Armstrong 1998, Clare Cameron 1985, Mary Chapman 2009, Anthony Da Prato 2016, Father Harry Farrell 1998, Martha Murphy 2001, Donald William Newall 1998, Andrew McVeigh 2000, Alexander Quigg 1999, Catherine Teggart 1998.

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

► **PRAYER OF ADORATION AT ST BRIDE'S** As we slowly come out of the restrictions, Parishioners have asked that the prayer of Adoration be restarted again. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Holy Mass on Tuesdays at 9.30am and on Fridays at 11.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with the Lord. Everyone is welcome!

► **ST. BRIDE'S 100 CLUB** The subscription for the year is only £12 per number and is due on the 3rd July. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Half of the money goes to our church funds and half go to our members by monthly draws.

► **LOTS OF RESTORATION WORK AT ST BRIDE'S** I'm very grateful for the tremendous restoration work that has gone on last week at St Bride's. The Monstrance that was in a poor state was beautifully restored by John Walsh. His wife Helen is the great-granddaughter of the lady who presented the Monstrance to the Church, a Mrs. McCarroll in 1910. Just have a look at the difference! Also sincere thanks to John Malone who repaired and repainted the statue of Our Lady of Grace in the Church. John has once again done a fantastic job! Many, Many thanks for all the hard work and dedication!



## ► Why do we believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist?

As Catholics, we believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist — body, blood, soul and divinity. And we call it the source and summit of our Catholic faith — that everything we do, how we live, what motivates us flows from the Holy Eucharist. St. John's Gospel gives us a beautiful portrait of Christ's teaching on the real presence. Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus uses what's known as absolute statements, or, "I am," statements. "I am the good shepherd." "I am the light of the world." "I am the vine, you are the branches." And then he comes to the point where he says, "I am the bread of life." It comes after one of the greatest miracles in all of the Scriptures: the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Jesus takes that and he begins to teach them about how he himself is the true bread from heaven. And so he makes another absolute statement. He says, "I am the bread of life. And if you want to have life, true life, then you have to eat my flesh and drink my blood." And all of those people balked at that; he can't possibly mean what he's saying. They just couldn't take that next step of faith. And so in one of the saddest moments in all of the Scriptures, those people begin to walk away. And I believe that one of the greatest teachings that Jesus gives to us on the Holy Eucharist, is what he doesn't say in that moment. He doesn't run after them and say, "Hey, everyone, I didn't really mean you have to eat flesh and drink blood." He doesn't say that, but he lets them walk away because he wasn't willing to compromise. He couldn't compromise what he was teaching them. And so he turns to the disciples and asks them, "Will you leave too?" And Peter in his great profession of faith says, "Lord to whom else, shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life." As we come before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, this is the same faith that we bring. Doesn't mean that we understand our faith completely. We can't, otherwise it wouldn't be our faith—but rather it's coming before the Lord and taking Jesus at his word. We believe that he is the resurrection and the life. And if he's the resurrection and the life, then he is also the bread of life.

### Just for a Laugh...

A Parish Priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his homily. The man returned just before the conclusion of Mass. Afterwards the Parish Priest asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the Parish Priest, "why didn't you do that before Mass started?" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Jimmy's Letter...

Sally jumped up as soon as she saw the surgeon come out of the operating room. She said, "How is my little boy? Is he going to be all right? When can I see him?" The surgeon said, "I'm sorry. We did all we could, but your boy didn't make it." Sally said, "Why do little children get cancer? Doesn't God care any more? Where were you, God, when my son needed you?" Sally walked out of Children's Mercy Hospital for the last time, after spending most of the last six months there. She put the bag with Jimmy's belongings on the seat beside her in the car. The drive home was difficult. It was even harder to enter the empty house. She laid down across his bed and, hugging his pillow, cried herself to sleep. It was around midnight when Sally awoke. Laying beside her on the bed was a folded letter. The letter said: "Dear mum, I know you're going to miss me, but don't think that I will ever forget you or stop loving you. I will always love you, mum, even more with each day. Someday, we will see each other again. Until then, if you want to adopt a little boy so you won't be so lonely, that's okay with me. He can have my room and old stuff to play with. But, if you decide to get a girl instead, she probably wouldn't like the same things us boys do. You'll have to buy her dolls and stuff girls like, you know. Don't be sad thinking about me. This really is a wonderful place. Grandma and granddad met me as soon as I got here and showed me around, but it will take a long time to see everything. The angels are so special. I love to watch them fly. And, you know what? Jesus doesn't look like any of his pictures. Yet, when I saw Him, I knew it was Him. Jesus himself took me to see His Father! And guess what, mum? I got to sit on God's knee and talk to Him like I was somebody important. That's when I told Him that I wanted to write you a letter to tell you goodbye and everything. I was sure that wasn't allowed, but you know what mum? God handed me some paper and His own personal pen to write you this letter. I think Gabriel is the name of the angel who is going to drop this letter off to you. God asked me to give you the answer to one of the questions you asked Him 'Where was He when I needed him?' God said He was in the same place with me as when His Son Jesus was on the cross. He was right there, as He always is with all His children. Tonight, I get to sit at the table with Jesus for supper. I'm sure the food will be great. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you. I don't hurt anymore. The cancer is all gone. Signed with Love, The Father, Jesus & Me"

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