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Solemnity of Pentecost [C]

5th June 2022

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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and St. Bride's,
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✠ A Bit of Heaven

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak with different tongues, according as the Holy Spirit gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4] Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. The Birthday of the Church: That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff). In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox). During those 50 days, both fasting and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven.



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Tenth Week of the Year [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by 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 Marie Monique, Sr Ursula and 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 4 th June	Solemnity of Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Hugh & Tommy McEvoy (A), Kirsty Maher (MM)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 5 th June	Solemnity of Pentecost Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 6 th June	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Morag Farrell (SI), Philip Coby (MM), Anne Jonas (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Jim Kean
Tuesday 7 th June	10th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit at 10am <i>Offered for Artie Armstrong (RD), Sharon Farrell (SI), Julia Paterson (A)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Eileen McNulty (A)</i>	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Piotr (Peter) Marek	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 8 th June	Requiem Mass for Isabel Swanson at 10am Reception of Robert Smallridge at 6pm		Mass at 10am	
Thursday 9 th June	Requiem Mass for Robert Smallridge at 10am			Mass at 10am
Friday 10 th June	10th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit at 10am <i>Offered for Michael & Marie Ferguson (A), Nan Donohoe (SI), Janet Brown (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am	Mass at 10am	
Saturday 11 th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Alison Dunn (A), Cathy McGonigle, Joseph & Sarah Sammons (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

A Rule of life of Cardinal Mercier

I am going to reveal to you a secret of sanctity and happiness. For five minutes every day quieten your imagination, close your eyes to everything visible and your ears to all external sounds and withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptised soul which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. There, speak to the Holy Spirit and say:

O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore you.

Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

I promise to submit to everything that you ask of me
and to accept all that you allow to happen to me.

Just show me what is your will. Amen.

If you do this, your life will be happy and serene. Even in the midst of troubles you will experience great consolation, for grace will be given to strengthen and help you to cope with every difficulty.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Tony Pedretti, John Morrison.

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Kirsty Maher, Janet Brown, Philip Coby, Isabel Swanson, Robert Smallridge,
Artie Armstrong (Derry), Joan Phillips, Anne Jonas, John McLaren.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*James Boyle 2008, Gilbert Marshall 2007, Father Michael Masterson 1997, Rose McKenzie 1996, Neil O'Connell 1992,
James Conaghan 1999, Mary Walsh 1954, May Boyle 2013, Father Ninian Currie OFM 2009, Alison Dunn 1994,
Martha Johnston 2013, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Patrick Clark 2002, Michael Collins 2009, Charles Coulter 2007,
Stephen McIntosh 2015, Julia Paterson 2017, George West 1997, Millie Ferguson 2021, Rose McKenzie,
Sheena Walker 2017, Martin Francis Brown 1998, Elizabeth Dailly, Hilda Reid, John Spencer 2002,
Alice Ferrie 2010, John Maher 2002, Helen Taylor 1998.*

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

► **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST BRIDE'S** Congratulations and many blessings and joy today for our First Holy Communion children and their families. We celebrate with Samuel Ferrie, Shannon Gibson and Ivor Gibson. We wish them a day of grace as they receive the Saviour for the first time. Please all join us after Mass in the gardens for light refreshments.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ISABEL SWANSON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Isabel (Pamela) Swanson,, who died on 22nd May, aged 75 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 8th June at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 22nd June at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT SMALLRIDGE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robbie Smallridge, who died on 28th May, aged 89 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 9th June at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, 28th June at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Lucia Michelini, who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **THANK YOU** The family of Janet Brown would like to thank everyone for the kind words & wishes, Mass cards and expressions of sympathy at Janet's recent passing. Thanks also to Fr. Duncan & Fr. Gerry McGhee for helping us give Janet (back) into God's loving care. Two charities benefit from the generosity of the congregation and £150 each has been donated to Ayrshire Hospice and HCPT 376.

Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legislation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns and in better valuing older persons need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions. Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his Catechesis on Old Age, he writes, 'The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.' He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues, 'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.' We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of the older person so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying. We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life. St. Joachim and St Anne, pray for us.

Prayer for the Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"St Pancras" - One of the patron saints of children [another is St Nicholas]. He was martyred in the Diocletian persecution [around 304AD] at Rome at the young age of thirteen. The first church to be consecrated in England by St Augustine of Canterbury was dedicated to St Pancras.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29th May 2022: £601.04

Second Collection (Building Fund): £260.50

Standing Orders for May 2022: £3956.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29th May 2022: £79.00

Standing Orders for May 2022: £1069.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

A young woman teacher with obvious liberal tendencies explains to her class of small children that she is an atheist. She asks her class if they are atheists too. Not really knowing what atheism is, but wanting to be like their teacher, their hands explode into the air like fleshy fireworks. There is, however, one exception. A girl named Lucy has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different. "Because I'm not an atheist." "Then," asks the teacher, "What are you?" "I'm a Catholic." The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks Lucy why she is a Catholic. "Well, I was brought up knowing and loving Jesus. My mummy is a Catholic, and my dad is a Catholic, so I am a Catholic." "The teacher is now angry. "That's no reason," she says loudly. "What if your mum was a moron, and you dad was a moron. What would you be then?" "A pause, and a smile. "Then," says Lucy, "I'd be an atheist!"

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