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Thirty-First Sunday of the Year [A]

5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ This is My Body

At seven o'clock in the evening on August 18, 1996, Fr. Alejandro Pezet was saying Holy Mass at a Catholic Church in the commercial centre of Buenos Aires. As he was finishing distributing Holy Communion, a woman came up to tell him that she had found a discarded host on a candleholder at the back of the church. On going to the spot indicated, Fr. Alejandro saw the defiled Host. Since he was unable to consume it, he placed it in a container of water and put it away in the tabernacle of the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. On Monday, August 26, upon opening the tabernacle, he saw to his amazement that the Host had turned into a bloody substance. He informed Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, who gave instructions that the Host be professionally photographed. The photos were taken on September 6. They clearly show that the Host, which had become a fragment of bloodied flesh, had grown significantly in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle, the whole affair being kept a strict secret. Since the Host suffered no visible decomposition, Cardinal Bergoglio decided to have it scientifically analysed. On October 5, 1999, in the presence of the Cardinal's representatives, Dr. Castanon took a sample of the bloody fragment and sent it to New York for analysis. Since he did not wish to prejudice the study, he purposely did not inform the team of scientists of where it came from. One of these scientists was Dr. Frederic Zugiba, the well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist. He determined that the analysed substance was real flesh and blood containing human DNA. Zugiba testified that, "the analysed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest." But it doesn't end here. In Lanciano, a town located at the south of Italy, a priest that was celebrating Mass doubted if Jesus was present in the Eucharist. He doubted, and in the moment he was doubting the Host became flesh and blood. The Bishops' Conference of



Italy invited in the '70's—this happened in the eighth century, a professor Dr. Linolli, who is an expert in biochemistry and pathology, to study it, and this doctor reported "it is muscle from the heart, just like the sample you have." Hence, the sample from the '90's from Buenos Aires is the same as this one — it belongs to the same person!

# 31<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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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 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Hugh Conway (A),                      Kilbane Family (A), John C. Higgins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jacqueline Donohoe (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for McIver &amp; Wright Families (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Dr James Dalton (MM)</i> <b>Reception into Church of Elizabeth Dorrian at 6pm</b>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Dorrian</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Memorial of St Leo the Great</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for John &amp; Mary Hutson (A),                      Theresa Loudon (A), Anne Ward (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for all those suffering in war torn countries.</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Maria Hilferty.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently

*Edna McKinnon, Elizabeth Dorrian, John Douglas.*

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

*Paddy Crozier, Paul Foran 2022, Anna Lizanec 2008,  
 Margaret Martin 1962, Father James McCarroll 1952,  
 Catherine McMullan 1963, Father Paul O'Brien 1999,  
 Robert Reid 2006, John Whyte 1975,  
 James McCabe, Jean Murray 2006, Julie Holland Newmann,  
 Michael Reilly 1946, Steven Walker 1999,  
 Mary McDonald 2004, Lena McGhee 2000, John McGinness 2014,  
 Liam Newall 2004, Sandra White 2010,  
 Helene Adams 2016, Monica Fagan 1986, Jim McLaren 2005,  
 Hugh Conway 2022, John Craig 2012, Michael Dougan 2016,  
 Joseph McAuliffe 2001, Jean McGowan 2010, Annie McNamara,  
 Jane McNeil 2020, Alice McWhinnie 2009,  
 Elizabeth Mary Moultrie 2000, Lyndsey Thomas née McLardy 2014,  
 Father Cornelius Burke 1972, James Cummings 2005,  
 Father Paul Felix 2016, Theresa Loudon 2020, Anne Ward 2018,  
 Vivien Goldie 1998, Helen Gurney 2004, David Kelley,  
 Henry Mons McIlroy 1966, Alec Murphy 1998, Catherine Sweeney,  
 Annie Tracey 2000, Thomas Walsh 2002.*

## NOVEMBER LISTS - AVAILABLE TODAY!

Please make sure you get your November List after Holy Mass today. Record the names of deceased friends and family and put in in an envelope - with a donation if possible - and we will include all those in our November Lists in every Mass during this special month. They will be brought up daily to the altar at the Offertory.

## ARDROSSAN CEMETERY MASS TODAY

Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be this Sunday at 2pm. We will offer the Mass for all our deceased loved ones, friends, and neighbours. Praying for the dead can invoke a great sense of solidarity with those who have died before us. As we're praying for them, we're kind of saying to ourselves, 'Well, I hope somebody will pray for me. Christ is our Saviour. Christ is the one who frees us from our sins. But since the Church is the Body of Christ, the Church also cooperates in that process. And that's why the prayer of Christians for the dead is so, so valuable and so important. Please come along if you can. If raining, the Mass will be at St Peter's at 2pm.

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR HARRIET ELIZABETH DORRIAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Dorrian, who died on 28th October 2023, aged 95 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Wednesday, 8th November at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 9th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, 28th November 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY - ST PETER'S** There have been some initiatives to restart refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Peter's. Marade Griffin is hoping to get some teams together. If you would like to go on a rota and join a team, please get in touch with Marade or the Parish Office.

► **COMBONI SISTERS CALENDARS** The Comboni Sisters will be visiting St Peter's next weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The lovely calendars the Sisters' bring are very popular, and will be for sale in the church porch.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST PETER'S** Please put in your Diary two important dates towards the end of the year: Remembrance Sunday on 12th November with an ecumenical service at the EU Church in Glasgow Street at 1pm, followed by closing prayers in the Garden of Remembrance. The Ardrossan Churches are also trying to restart the Christmas Carol Concert after COVID on Thursday 7th December 7pm in the EU Church in Glasgow Street.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST BRIDE'S** Saturday 9th December, Christmas Dinner with entertainment at West Kilbride Golf Club. Wednesday 13th December Carol Service at St Bride's. Full details coming soon.

► **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST JOHN'S** Sunday 26th Nov - Visit of Wayside club to St Johns for their annual Christmas party. We are looking for donations of male and female toiletries, gloves, hats, new underwear and socks, and also items for our raffle (chocolate, sweets, gift sets etc) If you have anything to donate please contact Brenda 07812758415 or Michael 07813650411 or hand into the hall or back of church. Sunday 3rd Dec - St Johns Christmas / craft Fayre. If anyone would like to book a table to sell your own craft goods (£15) per table please get in touch with Brenda 07812758415, Lorna 07833347035 or Michael 07813650411 there are a few tables left. Sunday 31st Dec - Hogmanay Ceilidh (8pm - 1am) in aid of HCPT 207 and the Ukraine appeal. Tickets (£15 PP) these are limited so will be sold on a first come first served basis. This was a great night last year and was sold out early so book now to save disappointment. Contact Michael 07813650411 or Lisa 07988607098.

### **A CATHOLIC FUNERAL IS AN ACT OF LOVE**

There is a growing concern about the rising trend of disposing of bodies without an appropriate funeral. We are now seeing funerals being promoted commercially at which no one is to be present, and no prayer is to be offered. 'No fuss' funerals seem devised to prevent participation by family, friend or community. The recent secularisation and even trivialisation of funerals may have led people to abandon the thought of having a funeral, as they see no purpose. We must surely be concerned for the human impact of these developments and recognise the loss of the Christian vision of what should mark our passing from this world. For a Christian funeral is not the disposing of a body, but a calling together in prayer and in hope. November reminds us of this final duty of love we owe to each other. We are called to pray for those who have died. In her funeral rites the Church desires to commend our souls to God's merciful love and plead for our forgiveness just as in every Mass, we pray and intercede for all the faithful departed. It would be a mistake to think of a funeral merely as the celebration of a life now ended ... the dead do not need our praises, but they do need our prayers. The Church urges us to use November – the month traditionally devoted to remembering the departed – to pray for "all who have gone before us" and to recognise the importance of Christian faith and practice in the hour of death knowing the bond between us "is not broken by death".

### **DEATH OF COMMON SENSE – AN OBITUARY**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults are in charge not children). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of an 8 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common sense was preceded in death, by His parents, truth and trust - His wife, discretion - His daughter, Responsibility - His son, Reason. He is survived by his four stepbrothers I know my rights, I want my rights, I want it now, I'm a victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

### **JUST FOR A LAUGH...** 🤔🤔🤔

Questions that haunt me... Can you cry under water?  
Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?  
If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?  
Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?  
The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons are suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends - if they're okay, then it's you.

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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