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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year [B]

6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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### Mustard Seeds

#### ✠ An Unexpected Prayer

Mary Maxwell was asked to offer a prayer at the beginning of a Meeting of the families and supporters of her Old Folks Home. The prayer was so funny that it became famous. Here are some excerpts from her prayer. "Ladies and Gentlemen, as a new resident here, I'm so honoured to be chosen to deliver the prayer this evening, so let us pray. God our Father, you know all that this Old Folks Home believes in and strives for and we ask your blessing our family here; the management, the staff, the caregivers and the residents. We ask you to continue to bless them and this food which we are about to receive. Amen... Oh, sorry God, as long as I have the microphone... there are a few things I forgot to mention. First of all, just to introduce myself a little, over the years I've noticed the two things people want to know the most about you are the two things most people are too polite to ask. So let's get that out of the way. I'm 72 years old and I weigh about ten stone. As you know we old pensioners are sometimes not very likeable let alone lovable, so Lord could you please continue to make the people here patient and aware of why we are the way we are. And Lord, please remind them that the thing about old age is that you don't get a chance to practice. This is the first time I've ever been old and it just sort of crept up on me. There were signs. Random hair growth – that's special. Particularly that first time you go to brush a hair off your lapel and discover it's attached to your chin. You turn your left turn signal in the car on in the morning and leave it on all day... You do strange things as you age like driving up to a letter box on the pavement and ordering a cheeseburger and chips. Last Easter after Mass at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, my husband stopped to talk to a friend and I went on out and got in the car to go home. The gentlemen sitting behind the wheel said "Oh are you going home with me?" and I said "Oh Archbishop, I'm so sorry." I won't even mention driving into the wrong end of the car wash. People get so excited when you do that. I don't know why the lady in the other car was screaming like that. I was just as surprised to see her as she was to see me. I also won't mention discovering that you're wearing mismatched earrings and going home to change them and ending up wearing the other mismatched pair. And Lord, you know it's hard for old people to exercise. I did try to jog once, but it makes the wine just jump right out of your glass. Well Lord you understand old age and I thought this poem would be appropriate: It is called "Blessed In Aging" by Esther Mary Walker – "Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand. Blessed who know my ears today must strain to hear the things they say. Blessed are those who seem to know my eyes are dim and my mind is slow. Blessed are those who look away when I spilled tea that weary day. Blessed are they who, with cheery smile, stopped to chat for a little while. Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday. Blessed are those who never say "You've told that story twice today." Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone. And blessed are they who will ease the days of my journey home, in loving ways."

# Twenty-Seventh Week of the Year [B]

| <b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b><br><a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a><br><i>Father Duncan McVicar</i><br><i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i><br><i>&amp; Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> |  | <i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i><br><i>assisted by</i><br><i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i> | <a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a><br><a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a><br><i>Canon Martin Poland</i><br><i>assisted by</i><br><i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i><br><i>&amp; Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> |   |
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| <b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b><br><b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>  |  | <b>St Bride's</b>  | <b>St. John's</b>  | <b>St. Mary's</b>                                 |
| Saturday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b><br><b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b><br><i>Offered for Kathleen Cairns,</i><br><i>the Priestly Anniversary of Father Andrew Pastore (SI),</i>   |  |  | Vigil Mass 4.30pm<br>(L)                          |
| Sunday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b><br><b>Mass 10.30am</b><br><i>Offered for our Parishes</i>  | Mass 12.15pm   | Mass 11.30am (L)<br>Prayers of<br>Reception 6pm<br><b>Mary Hume</b>  | Mass 10am<br>(L)                                  |
| Monday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b><br><b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b><br><b>Mass 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Harry Sammons (6<sup>th</sup> MM)</i>  |  | Funeral Mass<br>10am (L)<br><b>Mary Hume</b>   |   |
| Tuesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>27<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b><br><b>Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am</b><br><b>Mass 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Collins &amp; Upton Families (SI)</i>  | Morning Prayer<br>of the Church<br>9.40<br>Mass 10am                                 |  | Eucharistic Service<br>10am                       |
| Wednesday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>27<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b><br><b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b><br><b>Mass 10am</b><br><i>Offered for John &amp; Josephine McPherson (SI)</i>  |  | Eucharistic Service<br>10am  |   |
| Thursday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>27<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b><br><b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b><br><b>Mass 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Avril de Mink (SI)</i>   |  |  | Eucharistic Service<br>10am                       |
| Friday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>27<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b><br><b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b><br><b>Mass 10am</b><br><i>Offered for Tony Carr (RD)</i><br><b>Benediction 10.30am</b><br><i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf  after wards)</i> | Mass 10am  | Eucharistic Service<br>10am  | Funeral Mass<br>10am (L)<br><b>James O'Rourke</b> |
| Saturday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b><br><b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b><br><i>Offered for Peace in the Middle East.</i>  |  |  | Vigil Mass 4.30pm<br>(L)                          |

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Francis Adie,  
Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith,  
Alan & Margaret McDonald, Jim Timoney, Jim McEwan,  
David McSorley, Grant Mitchell, Hugh Roarty.*

**✦ Those who have died recently:**  
*Lorraine McManus, Tony Carr.*

**✦ Those who died at this time of Year:**  
*Kirsty Bell 2012, Elizabeth McKay 2005, Terence O'Neill 2002,  
Karen Marie Boulcott 2007, Greta Brennan 2017,  
William Cambridge 1990, John Goan 2012, James Martin 1997,  
Russ Otto 2012, Eunice Ward 2001, Ann Breen 2017,  
Alie Khan 1970, Peter Martean 1969, Catherine McHugh 1977,  
Catherine Nicol 1993, Joe Brady senior 1963,  
Vincenzo Carrino 1980, James Dalton 2023, Alex Jamieson 2006,  
Bill Henderson, Mary Colvin 2000, Jane Coulter 1998,  
Dan Donnelly 1941, Chrissie Ferguson 2006,  
Patricia Clarke 2023, Joseph Harvey 1998,  
Harry Kemp 1972, Shannon McTaggart 1996.*

## ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024: £514.37  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £286.96  
Standing Orders for September 2024: £3707.00

## ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024: £127.60  
Standing Orders for September 2024: £1027.00

## STANDING ORDERS

### – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office on 01294 464063 or visit [ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

***Many thanks for your support and generosity!***

**Notable Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 19  
Canon Lawrence Fischer died.

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

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LORRAINE McMANUS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Lorriane McManus who died on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, aged 47 years. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 12.15pm at St Peter's followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

► **REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS TODAY AT ST PETER'S** The SSVP will be serving tea & coffee after Mass this morning (Sunday).

► **OCTOBER HARVEST COLLECTION AT ST PETER'S AND ST BRIDE'S** This year our Harvest Collection will be for Crosshouse Children's Fund. Many parents and expectant mothers are admitted to hospital unexpectedly and have little time to collect basic necessities for themselves. We are being asked to collect Parent toiletries & baby clothing. Please see posters at the back of the church for a full list of required items. Starting next Sunday.

► **BIBLE GROUP AT ST PETER'S** Our pastoral Council has taken a really good initiative to have a Bible Group Meeting every month at St Peter's. The first Meeting will be on Thursday, 10th October at 7pm in the Presbytery. All welcome, please come along and support it.

**Blessing of our Rosaries**

Monday is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please bring your own rosaries to the Morning Mass and place them on the Altar. We will bless them, on this special day, at the end of Mass.

**Mass for Those Involved in Education**

The annual Mass for Those Involved in Education will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Tuesday 8 October at 7.00 pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. The faithful of the diocese, especially school pupils, are welcome to join in the Mass. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSAL  
PRE ORDERS ARE NOW CLOSED**

The pre-order of the Mass for Sundays Missal with the new ESV-CE Lectionary Translation and the Abbey Psalms is now closed. For those who did not pre-order - the missals will be available soon in the stall at the normal cost of £18.99 *Thank you.*

**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 at [ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or call 01294 464063 and speak to Fr Duncan. We would love to hear from you!

**October - Month of the Holy Rosary**

The Rosary is the "epitome of the whole Gospel" (St. Paul VI). While occupying the senses with the "praying of the beads" the one who prays the rosary prayerfully reflects, meditates, on the mysteries of Christ's life. These mysteries, represented by the five groups of ten beads are taken from the Gospel, and from the Churches own reflection on the Gospel down through the centuries—especially with respect to the role of the Blessed Virgin. She is the Woman (Gen. 3:15) from whom Christ took His human nature, as well as the Woman who cooperated in His Redemptive mission to its completion (John 19:26-27). The purpose of the Rosary, therefore, is a deeper understanding of all the mysteries concerning Christ. The testimony of the Saints, and of the Church herself, is that the perseverance in praying the Rosary, especially through times of both consolation and dryness, is the path to a deeper prayer life—to contemplation of God, to growth in virtue, especially faith, hope and charity, and thus in holiness. For good reason, therefore, the Blessed Mother in appearing to the three shepherd children of Fatima in 1917 asked them, and through them us, to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. Such peace is a gift of God that begins in the human heart and spreads outward to others. It is a gift we must ask for, both for ourselves and for those who won't ask. In this way we unite ourselves to His redemptive mission, as Our Lady did, and help Him accomplish it toward those who are alive today.

**Just for a Laugh...** 😄😄😄

1. Why should you never lose your rosary? Because you'll end up searching for decades.
2. An old Scotsman, McDougal, had a loyal and faithful dog who died. McDougal went to his parish priest and asked, "Father, could you say some prayers in Mass for my dog?" The priest said, "McDougal, you know very well that we don't pray for animals at Mass. Why don't you go down to that Baptist church and ask them? I'm sure they'll do it." "Well, ok, Father, I think I'll do just that. Oh, by the way, do you think they'll be offended if I offered them £5,000 to pray for my dog?" Father exclaimed, "Why, McDougal, you never said your dog was Catholic!"





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