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Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year [A]

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

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

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Power to Change

The following account is written by Noel Kenny, one of those who featured in the Power to Change campaign in Ireland in 2002. "Around 1979 the heroin epidemic swept through our community, the inner city of Dublin, and all the young people ended up hooked on it. I had two brothers that became addicts and after seeing the devastation it brought into our home and into their lives, I made a vow that I would never be addicted to anything. When I was 18, however, I started hanging out with a young man named Mick and we smoked some dope together. I was sort of an inward type and this gave me confidence—something I needed in my life. For the next four years it just became my everything. The things I had dreaded about my brothers' life had come upon me. I started to dislike myself and everything I was doing. In 1989, Mick came strolling through the flats [condos] once again. He'd been away for some time, but all of a sudden he was there with a Bible in his hand saying "Jesus Christ can change your life." We thought, "Look what drugs have done to poor Mick. Now he thinks he's God." With the gang it was easy to jeer and to slag him off, but when I was on my own, I knew he had something that I needed in my life. There was a peace in Mick's face that I didn't see in anyone else's in my community. So I invited him up to my flat to smoke some dope, for old time's sake. He came up, but instead of doing drugs, he told me about the love of God. "If I did believe there was a God he sure wouldn't come down to the flats [condos] and have anything to do with all of us," I said, secretly hoping that was not true. I kept saying to Mick, "What do I have to give him? Do I have to give God my drugs? My money?" But Mick said, "No, he loves you just the way you are. But he also loves you enough to change you from the way you are." Eventually, I committed my life to Christ. I didn't have any great revelation, but I just knew my sins were forgiven. I just knew! When I go to bed at night, I have a peace in my heart. I have peace in my mind. I can put my head down to sleep and know that I'm going to wake up in the morning with no shame, no guilt and no sin hanging over my life. This is the love, this is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I gave up drugs for ever, I have since had the privilege of leading many drug addicts and other hurting people to a personal relationship with Jesus. For me this demonstrates the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to change lives."

# 26<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Dennis Atkins (SI), Iain Tarbet (A)</i>		<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>at 11.30am</b> <b>in St John's Church Hall</b>	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm <b>(L)</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm		Mass at 10am <b>(L)</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Requiem Mass for Jim Conlan</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</b> (Normally celebrated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Paul Anderson (RD), Matt Geddes</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jean Fenn (A)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jim McMenemy (S), Hugh Ralston Bell (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass at 1pm <b>(L)</b> <b>Peter Fitzpatrick</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> (Normally celebrated on 7 <sup>th</sup> October) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am with Blessing of the Rosaries</b> <i>Offered for Uda O'Dowd (S)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am with Blessing of the Rosaries		Eucharistic Service at 10am
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Lindsay Brown (A) Micheline McClusky (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm <b>(L)</b>

## FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Please bring your Rosary Beads and place them on the altar before the beginning of Mass at St Peter's and St Bride's. Our Rosaries will be blessed during Mass on this special day.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Betty Craig, Jim McMenemy, Uda O'Dowd.*

#### ✦ Those who have died recently

*Paul Anderson, Micheline McCluskey (Greenock),  
Hugh Ralston Bell (East Kilbride), Jim Conlan.*

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

*Bert Body 1985, Bridget Carroll 2016, John Connor 1983,  
Charles Coulter 1992, Kathleen Mulhearn 2009, Kirsty Bell 2012,  
Sadie O'Reilly 2019, Isabella (Tibby) Avey 2019,  
Canon Lawrence Fischer 1980, Patrick Giffney 1971,  
Kathleen McIlroy 1973, Isabella Milligan 2022,  
Peter Morgan 2010, Lily Murphy 1990, Duncan Rhodes 2012,  
Hannah Burns 2002, Joseph Griffin 2001, Francis Ketchen 2013,  
Catherine Helen McMullan 2000, John Paterson 2005,  
Teresa Walker 1987, Bill Andrew 2017, Gerry McGinn 2008,  
Adeline Hughes née McCann 2022, Russ Otto 2012,  
Robert Paterson 2004, Seamus Boyle 2021, James Martin 1997  
Hugh O'Hare 2004, June Piacentini 2021, John Goan 2012,  
Charlie Scullion 2010, Elizabeth McKay 2005,  
Terence O'Neill 2002, Karen Marie Boulcott 2007,  
Greta Brennan 2017, William Cambridge 1990, Eunice Ward 2001.*

### Special Prayer for the Synod of Bishops in Rome

The People of God have been on the move since Pope Francis convened the whole Church in Synod in October 2021" (Instrumentum laboris, I), and now we have reached another milestone in this process that began with the consultation of the People of God. In a few days, the Holy Father will open the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, "For a Synodal Church. Communion, Participation, Mission." The Synod is, above all, an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly, but every baptised person and every particular Church.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 24<sup>th</sup> September: £499.61  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £263.53

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 24<sup>th</sup> September: £78.00

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

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

### ► REQUIEM MASS FOR JIM CONLAN

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Conlan, who died on 16th September 2023, aged 79 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 2nd October at 10am, followed by Interment at High Road Cemetery, Stevenston. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Monday, 16th October 2023. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### ► ST PETER'S PARISH EVENT

You are cordially invited to the Parish Sing-Song, Quiz and Blether evening on Saturday 7th October, 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre, hosted by George and Michael £5, BYOB.

### ► 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 getting some team together. If you would like to go on a rota and join a team, please get in touch with Marade or the Parish Office.

### ► ST BRIDE'S LARDER COLLECTION

The Larder Collection is on again until 8th October. All groceries welcome, but specifically Toilet Rolls, Biscuits and Weetabix.

### ► 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.

### ► MORNING PRAYER FOR ADVENT

The most important prayer of the Church is the Holy Mass. The second most important is the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary. We would like to reintroduce this beautiful prayer on the Tuesdays of Advent and Christmastime this year. Before the start of Mass at **9.30am in St Peter's** and **9.40am in St Bride's**.

### ► "WHEN YOU PRAY" MEETINGS - ST PETER'S

Following the great success of the "Sycamore Evenings", you are invited to two evenings of thought and discussion on growth in our prayer life. "When you pray - Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of your Soul" will be on Tuesday evenings, 24th October and 14th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm. Please invite others and come along.

### ► ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM

Our Just Giving fundraising appeal to raise funds for the new Music System has now closed and through Just Giving, Donations and Collections we have raised £955.72 towards the installation of the new music system. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the kind help and support.

### ► HARVEST COLLECTION FOR ARDROSSAN FOOD BANK

Our last collection in October was a tremendous success and a real support for the Food bank in Ardrossan. This year we would do the collection again for the four Sundays of October. When you go shopping please buy an extra box of tea bags or small jar of coffee and place it in the baskets at the back of Church. The baskets will be brought down with the Offertory and placed in front of the altar. We will pass on your donations to the Food Bank who are in desperate need of them. Please remember, strictly tea and coffee only. Thank you.

## Three Reasons Why You Should Turn to Our Lady of Sorrows

When you imagine the Blessed Virgin Mary, what do you see? A beautiful, peaceful face, and hands folded in prayer? This portrait undoubtedly captures the essence of Our Lady, who was full of grace and eager to carry out God's will. But there



is another side to Mary: intense agony. She witnessed her son's brutal crucifixion and the jeers and hatred He received from onlookers. This fulfilled the prophecy of Simeon who — while holding the Christ child — told Mary that "a sword will pierce through

your own soul" (Luke 2:35). Yes, Mary was no stranger to suffering, which is why the Church invokes her under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. We commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows every year on September 15. Here are three reasons why you should turn to her in your sadness and desolation.

1. She experienced heartbreak more intensely than any of us. No human being loved as much as Mary. Being free from sin, her love was unencumbered by selfishness or despair. But the greater the love, the greater the wound. We know the intensity of a mother's love, but no mother has ever loved a child as perfectly as Our Lady loved her divine son. Therefore, her heartbreak at his crucifixion was — in a sense — the greatest heartbreak in history. She experienced the depths of human suffering, and so is eager to help you in your moments of pain.

2. She is your mother. The Church tells us that when Jesus gave Mary to St. John to be his mother, He was also giving her to all of us. As your mother, she is attentive to your needs. She only waits on you to ask for her help. Take heart from her words to St. Juan Diego: "Listen and understand, my littlest son, let nothing frighten and afflict you or trouble your heart. Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow? Am I not your health?"

3. She never gave way to despair and now enjoys the eternal joy of heaven. Don't let suffering undermine your faith in God. Easier said than done, right? Yet Our Lady proves the words of St. Paul that "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39). She persevered in her faith, and is now reunited with her son forever in heaven! We shall do the same, if only we stay true to our Savior while wandering the dark paths of this life. She'll obtain that grace for us if we only ask!

## JUST FOR A LAUGH... 🤔🤔🤔

Darlene was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, 'Grandpa, did God make you?' 'Yes, darling,' he answered, 'God made me a long time ago.' 'Oh,' Darlene paused, 'Grandpa, did God make me too?' 'Yes, indeed, poppet,' he said, 'God made you just a little while ago.' Feeling their respective faces again, Darlene observed, 'God's getting better at it, isn't he?'



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