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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (Mission Sunday) [A]

22nd October 2023

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✠ Fighting our Lepantos

Christ came to serve, not to be served, and he calls us to do the same. But we can't follow his example if we don't contemplate his example – not just on Sundays, but every day. Other standards of behaviour and happiness – false, self-centred standards – are constantly vying for our attention. How can we keep Christ's standard in focus? The Church gives us many helpful instruments, and one of the simplest, most ancient, and most powerful, is the Rosary. October is, traditionally, the month of the Rosary. This tradition goes all the way back to the sixteenth century, when Pope St Pius V called on all the Catholics of Europe to unite in prayer through the Rosary, as a way to support the Christian soldiers and sailors who were defending against a Turkish, Muslim invasion at the Battle of Lepanto. Outnumbered and out gunned, the Christian forces were somehow able to win the victory on October 7th, 1571. As individuals, each one of us has to battle, every day, against the forces of self-centredness, self-absorption, and self-righteousness. We too can find strength, encouragement, and victory through this ancient prayer. The Rosary, when prayed properly, is much more than just the empty recitation of Our Fathers and Hail Marys. It consists in the serene contemplation of all the most poignant moments from the life of our Lord. In the company of Mary, his Mother, we turn our hearts and minds to him through this prayer, and his grace has a chance to touch our souls, making us more like him, better citizens of his Kingdom, better soldiers of the Church. Let's thank our Lord for loving us enough to put us first and let's ask him to teach us to follow his example.



29th Week of the Year 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & 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 21 st October	29th Sunday of the Year (Mission Sunday) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Anne Ward (A), Michael & Philomena Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 22 nd October	29th Sunday of the Year (Mission Sunday) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass At 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 23 rd October	29th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Andrew Mitchel (RD) Offered for Joseph G Higgins (A)</i>			
Tuesday 24 th October	29th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter Fitzpatrick (RD) Betty Craig (SI) Lesley O'Rourke (SI)</i>	Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Scott (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service 10.00am
Wednesday 25 th October	Requiem Mass for Dr James Dalton Mass at 10am		Mass At 10>00am (L)	
Thursday 26 th October	Requiem Mass for Mary Margaret Main Mass at 10am			Eucharistic Service 10.00am
Friday 27 th October	29th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John & Mary McCann (A) Fred Stone (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Mass At 10.00am (L)	
Saturday 28 th October	30th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Patricia Carson (A), Margaret McDermott (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Elizabeth Macrae, Edna McKinnon,
Lesley O'Rourke*

✚ Those who have died recently

*Dr James Dalton, Mary Margaret Main, Keith Fenn,
Andrew Mitchel, Peter Fitzpatrick, Fred Stone, Margaret McDermott,
Patricia Clarke*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year

*John Higgins 2001, Hugh McGoogan 2009,
Mary Jane McKay 1952, Patrick McNamee 1918,
Patrick O'Hare 2001, Tom Adamson 2006,
John and Isabella Connor,
Mary Ferguson 2015, Cecily Grant 1980, Christine McAteer 1988, Annie
McConnachie 2016, Dougald McMurchie, Ellis Nesbit, Monica Ann
Taylor née Reilly 2015,
Jim Hainey 2019, Celia Hilferty 2001, Peggy McKay 1992, Kathleen
Robinson 2012, Terence Burns 1997,
Henry Fitzsimmons 1959, Helen Grober 2008, Morvia Logue 2014,
Tommy Mulhern 1996, William Paterson 1963, Alice Procter 1995,
Samuel Cambridge 1979, Mary Fleming 2012,
Margaret Newell 2005, Douglas Mayberry 2005,
James Delahunt 1976, James McDermid 2003, John O'Neill 2012.*

ARDROSSAN CEMETERY MASS

Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5th November 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.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 15th October: £527.61
Second Collection (Building Fund): £302.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 15th October: £102

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARETTA MAIN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Margaret Main, who died on 29th September 2023, aged 91 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 26th October at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 1st November 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR DR JAMES DALTON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James Dalton who died on 9th October 2023 aged 81 years. His requiem mass will be on Wednesday 25th October 2023 followed by cremation at Clyde Coast & Garnock Valley Crematorium. His month's mind Mass will be on Thursday 9th November 2023. May he 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 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.

► **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.

► **"WHEN YOU PRAY" MEETINGS** 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 at St Peter's and Wednesday evenings, 8th and 15th November, from 7pm until 8.30pm at St Bride's. Please invite others and come along. desperate need of them. Please remember, strictly tea and coffee only. Thank you.

EMERGENCY ON-CALL AT AYRSHIRE HOSPITALS

Father Duncan will be available for energies on-call at the hospitals this week, from, Sunday 22nd October until Sunday 29th October. Please keep the sick and those in hospital in your thoughts and prayers.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday this year will take place on 22nd October. On this day, the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'

MOTHER CABRINI'S MOTTO

The best way to show our love for God is to let him be God, to trust in him. St Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonised, had the right attitude. She founded a religious order of missionary nuns, in addition to 67 separate institutions before her death in 1917, at the age of 67. She started orphanages, hospitals, sick houses and poor houses both in Italy and all across North and South America, where Pope Leo XIII had sent her in order to care for the thousands of Italian immigrants who poured into American society at the start of the twentieth century. This kind of work put Mother Cabrini up against an unending series of mountainous obstacles. In the face of them all, her motto was: "I can do all things - in HIM!" Another phrase she wrote down in her notebook can also be instructive. It shows the kind of confidence and lavish trust that should characterise a truly Christian perspective: "O Jesus, I love you very much... Give me a heart as big as the universe!" Whenever her sisters came to her with some insurmountable problem, desperate, anxious, and fearful, she would always tell them the same thing: "Who is doing this? We - or the Lord?" Jesus wants us to trust in him by following where he leads, so that he can do wonderful things for us. As St Alphonsus Liguori put it: "Those whose hearts are enlarged by confidence in God run swiftly on the path of perfection. They not only run, they fly; because, having placed all their hope in the Lord, they are no longer weak as they once were. They become strong with the strength of God, which is given to all who put their trust in Him.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... 🤪🤪🤪

Moses, Jesus and another guy were out playing golf one day. Moses pulled up to the tee and drove a long one. It landed in the fairway but rolled directly toward a water trap. Quickly Moses raised his club, the water parted and it rolled to the other side, safe and sound. Next, Jesus strolled up to the tee and hit a nice long one directly toward the same water trap. It landed directly in the centre of the pond and kind of hovered over the water. Jesus casually walked out on the pond and chipped it up onto the green. The third guy got up and sort of randomly whacked the ball. It headed out over the fence and into on-coming traffic on a nearby street. It bounced off a truck and hit a nearby tree. From there it bounced onto the roof of a nearby shack and rolled down into the gutter, down the downspout, out onto the fairway and right toward the aforementioned pond. On the way to the pond, it hit a little stone and bounced out over the water and onto a lily pad where it rested quietly. Suddenly, a very large bullfrog jumped up on the lily pad and snatched the ball into his mouth. Just then, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the frog and flew away. As they passed over the green, the frog squealed with fright and dropped the ball, which bounced right into the hole for a beautiful hole in one. Moses then turned to Jesus and said, "I don't like playing with your Dad – I really don't!"

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