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12th Sunday of the Year [A] - St Peter's Day

25th June 2023

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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St. Bride's: By request.

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Some Food For Thought

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on holiday. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed – it faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.' Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. Today is a gift, that is why it is called "The Present".



12th Week of the Year 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
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 24 th June	12th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ann McDonald (MM)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 25 th June	12th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 26 th June	12th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Craig Kelly (A), Grace Edgar</i>			
Tuesday 27 th June	Requiem Mass for Ian Howie Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am with St Anthony's PS
Wednesday 28 th June	Memorial of St Irenaeus Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Barrett & McKinney Families (A)</i>		Mass at 10am with St John's PS Vigil Mass at 7pm	
Thursday 29 th June	Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (Holy day of Obligation) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret McMeechan (RD),</i> Mass at 7pm <i>Offered for Joe Baglietto (RD)</i>		Mass at 11am	Mass at 9.30am (L) Mass at 7pm
Friday 30 th June	Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Janey Adams (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Saturday 1 st July	13th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Fr Michael Lynch (A), Gertrude Cunningham (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

✠ Success Comes from God's Grace

Christ chose St Peter to be the first pope, to be, as he said in today's Gospel, "the rock" upon which he would build his Church. But this is the same Peter who denied our Lord three times the night Jesus was arrested, before the cock crowed. He betrayed his Lord, Saviour, and friend when being questioned by a mere servant girl. That's hardly the kind of dependability you would expect from a rock. It is said that Peter wept for this sin at least once every day for the rest of his life, until the tears wore two pale tracks down the skin of his face. Christ chose St Paul to be the Church's first and greatest missionary. And yet, Paul started out as the leader of a violent persecution designed to crush the infant Church soon after Christ's ascension. But Christ chose him to announce the Gospel all over the ancient world, planting Christian communities in dozens of cities for almost thirty years. And he didn't choose Paul because he was such a great public speaker and charismatic leader. He was short, bow-legged, skinny, and had a weak and whiney voice. The Bible tells us that his critics despised him because "His bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account" (2 Corinthians 10:10). How did these two men, so flawed, so human, become the two unshakable pillars of the Catholic Church? What transformed them into saints, martyrs, and history-makers? God's grace: the same grace that has kept the Church alive and growing for twenty centuries; the same grace we all received at Baptism. On today's Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, God wants to remind us that our success and fulfilment as Christians depends more on his grace than our efforts. What a relief!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Father Eamon Flynn, Ian Monan,
Irene Coby, Harry Sammons.*

✠ Those who have died recently:

*Ian Howie, Joe Baglietto,
Jane Adams, Margaret McMeechan*

✠ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Marade Ballantyne 1991, John Flood 2003,
Bill Mathieson 2014, Greta Murphy 1973,
George Russell 2005, Ben Walsh 1985,
Harry Boyle 2006, Fredrick Davis 2015,
Michael Fitzpatrick 2006, Elizabeth Paterson,
Joseph Sammons 1954, Margaret Burns 2006,
Katherine Fish 2002, James Little 1979,
Joseph McCormick 1977, Tony Ross 2008,
John Byers 1991, Anne Convery 1997, Betty Sloan 2007,
Daniel Harrigan 2012, Frank Lowey 2018,
Annie McCabe 2002, Margaret McCann 2000,
Sadie Morgan 2012, Mary Nolan O'Hare 1995,
James Conaghan 1999, Freddie McMillan 2018,
John, Peter, Francis Jim and Paul Breslin,
Margaret Donnelly 1953, Angela Holloway née Friel
2012, William Magee 1997, Peter McEvoy 1967, Rose
McKenzie 1998, Helen Taylor 1998, Rose Doyle 2008,
Ellen Wardrope 2018, Hugh Brodie 1964,
Patrick Burns 2000, Antonio Da Prato 1984,
John McFarlane 1956, Father Michael Lynch 2004.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR IAN HOWIE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ian Howie, who died on 31st May 2023, aged 73 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday, 30th June at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **A FOND FAREWELL AND THANKS TO SISTER MARIE MONIQUE** Sister Marie Monique has been called to another assignment in Preston. We would like to sincerely thank her for all she has done and contributed to the parishes in the Three Towns. There will be a special Afternoon Tea at St Mary's today Sunday, 25th June, from 2pm until 4pm. All welcome.
- ▶ **BIG THANK YOU** We at St Peter's thank Evelyn Agostini for her beautiful flower arranging over the last 20 years. The Parish will present an engraved Bon Bon Bowl to Evelyn at the 10.30am Mass today.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** We will take up our annual collection for Peter's Pence next weekend (1/2 July.)
- ▶ **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL THIS WEEK** Thursday, 29th June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul and is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Masses at 10am and also at 7pm.
- ▶ **ARCHBISHOP'S EYRE'S TRUST GRANT TO ST BRIDE'S** The Trustees have approved a grant of £1,500 for St Bride's Parish, West Kilbride. We are very grateful to the Archbishop's Trust for their generosity and their support. The grant will support the repairs and repainting of the Church roof and Presbytery.
- ▶ **SPECIAL DONATION ENVELOPES FOR ST BRIDE'S** Please take along a special envelope to raise funds for a new music system at St Bride's. Our Target is £2500 and we also have a crowd funding page on the internet. Please spread the word and be as generous as you can. Every contribution helps. Thank you for your support!
- ▶ **SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL - THANK YOU** Please see letters of thanks at the back of the church for our donations of £1173.00 (St Peter's) and £286.00 (St Bride's).
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The winner of the Monthly Draw for June is Paul Corrigan who wins £28.50.

Remember Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" on care for the earth

Pope Francis's groundbreaking encyclical letter on care for creation was a masterpiece. Here are the top five points in what Francis describes as a "dialogue with all people about our common home."

1. Climate change is real, and it's getting worse. Though some politicians in the still argue about the reality of the climate change, Pope Francis doesn't mince words: "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."
2. Human beings are a major contributor to climate change. While many agree that climate change is real, some believe that human beings don't contribute to it. The science suggests otherwise, and Pope Francis—a trained chemist—says human beings do have an effect on the Earth: "We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will."
3. Climate change disproportionately affects the poor. Climate change's worst impact, Pope Francis says, "will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and eco-systemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry." This environmental inequality creates a strange economic phenomenon: Poor countries are often financially indebted to rich countries. The world has what Pope Francis calls a "social debt towards the poor ... because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."
4. We can and must make things better. Some of those who study climate change believe this process to be irreversible, too far gone. But Francis—whose first major letter was entitled Joy of the Gospel—says he doesn't believe we should be robbed of hope. "Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start".
5. Individuals can help, but politicians must lead the charge. Francis argues that personal responsibility is an important step toward reversing climate change, but that political and structural transformations are needed for lasting change. "Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies." Some politicians argue that Pope Francis and the Catholic Church should stay out of climate change debates and "leave science to the scientists." But Francis and the church know that protecting creation is first and foremost a moral and religious issue. It's a response to God's ancient request that we preserve, protect, and sustain creation.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 18th June 2023: £611.28
Second Collection (White Flower Appeal): £439.62

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 18th June 2023: £96.00
Second Collection (White Flower Appeal): £75.00

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NOTABLE DATES:

2nd July 1981, Father Peter Magee was ordained.

2nd July 2004, Father Michael Lynch died.

And finally some humour...

Do You Really Have To Be Smart To Be A Lawyer? Recently reported in the Lawyers' Journal, the following are questions actually asked of witnesses by lawyers during trials and, in certain cases, the responses given by insightful witnesses:

Q: "You say the stairs went down to the basement?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "And these stairs, did they go up also?"

Q: "How was your first marriage terminated?"

A: "By death."

Q: "And by who's death was it terminated?"

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