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Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year [C]

28th August 2022

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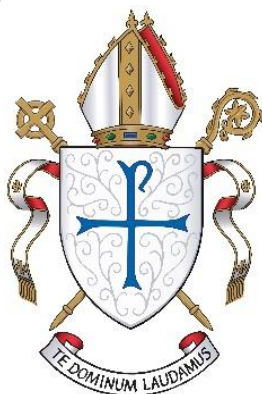
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

St. Bride's: By request.

**St. Peter in Chains,
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes
in the RC Diocese
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Mustard Seeds

✚ Priest gives his Life

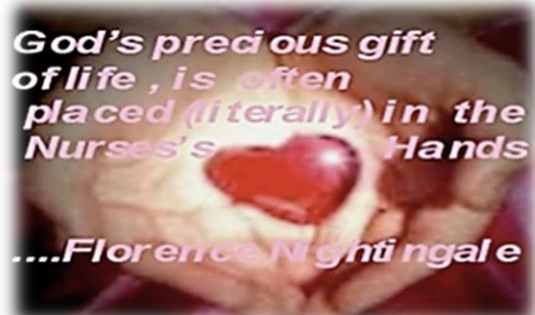
I was reading William F. Buckley's *Nearer, My God: An Autobiography of Faith* and came upon this story relayed by the late actor David Niven about a disaster at sea and the sacrifice of a priest. "David Niven told the engrossing story (I had never heard it) of a single episode in the chaotic flight from France after Dunkirk in 1940. One motley assembly, 'Royal Air Force ground personnel who were trapped, Red Cross workers, women, ambulance drivers and, finally, the embassy staff from Paris with their children — by the time they got to St. Nazaire at the mouth of the Loire, there were over three thousand of them and the British government sent an old liner called the *Lancastria* to come and take them away, with three destroyers to guard her. They were just pulling up the anchor when three dive bombers came. The destroyers did what they could, but one bomb hit, went down the funnel and blew a huge hole in the side, and she quickly took on a terrible list. In the hold there were several hundred soldiers. Now there was no way they could ever get out because of the list, and she was sinking. And along came my own favourite Good Samaritan, a Roman Catholic priest, a young man in Royal Air Force uniform. He got a rope and lowered himself into the hold to give encouragement and help to those hundreds of men in their last fateful hour.' 'Knowing he couldn't get out?' 'Knowing he could never get out, nor could they. The ship sank and all in that hold died. The remainder were picked up by the destroyers and came back to England to the regiment I was in, and we had to look after them, and many of them told me that they were giving up even then, in the oil and struggle, and the one thing that kept them going was the sound of the soldiers and the priest in the hold singing hymns.'" Winston Churchill hid the news of the deaths of possibly more than 7,000 men from the public as it might have damaged morale. He reportedly said, 'The newspapers have got quite enough disaster for today, at least.' Although the sinking of the *Lancastria* may be the worst maritime disaster in Britain's history with more deaths than the *Titanic* and *Lusitania* put together, it has not been truly recognised as such. Such stories serve to inspire and, I think, force us to question ourselves. When I hear a story like this I am terrified at the lack of my own faith?



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & 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 27 th August	22nd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Anne Ward (B), Tony Fraser (A), Peace in Russia & Ukraine</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 28 th August	22nd Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 29 th August	Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Patricia Carson (S)</i>			
Tuesday 30 th August	22nd Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McGrattan (A)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 31 st August	22nd Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Angela Body (B)</i>		Mass at 10am (L) Prayers of Reception Elaina Monaghan 6pm	
Thursday 1 st September	22nd Week of the Year (World Day of Prayer for Creation) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Frances McInness (RD), Jim Owen (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass (L) at 10am Elaina Monaghan	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 2 nd September	22nd Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Monan (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	Funeral Service at 1pm Joseph Cunningham
Saturday 3 rd September	23rd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Terry McGibbon (RD)</i>		Wedding Service at 2pm	Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm



A Thought for Nurses

Thro' many trying days his cross you've carried;
 Thro' long and dreary nights your vigil kept:
 You've closed the dying eyes of homeless strangers;
 you've washed away the tears his poor have wept.
 No blare of trumpets marked your quiet efforts;
 no headlines told the glorious work you've done.
 ONE only saw and loved your lonely vigils
 - in tending those you've tended - God's own Son.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Hugh Conway, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh,
 Tom McGreevy, Dawn Clark, Gabrielle Cahill (West Kilbride), Patricia Carson.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

Jim Monan, Frances McInness, Jim Owen, Jim Monan, Terry McGibbon.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

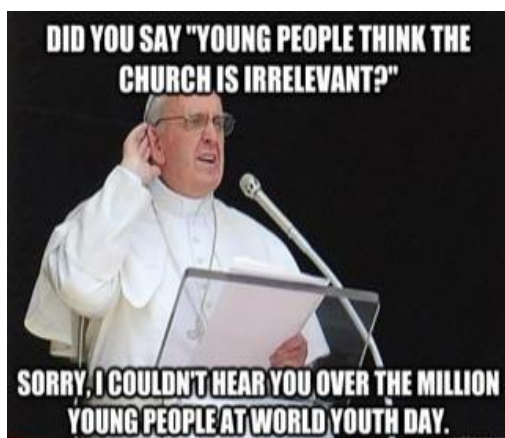
*Frank Coyle 2008, Vincent Cunningham 2015, Joseph Doyle 2005, Nancy Erskine 2006, John Kelly 2004,
 Michael Pollock 2008, Canon Eugene Dowd 2012, Sister Mary Peter 1999, James McGrattan 1982, John Stewart,
 Jim Duffy 2013, Sandra Rocks 2019, James Steele 2010, Thomas Wright 2008, John Dundas 2014,
 Flight Lieutenants Rick Harrison and Pete Mosley (air crash) 1994, Bert Kelly 2017, Grant Middlemiss 2005,
 Irene Millar 2000, John Sherry 2005, Samuel Cooper 1999, Elizabeth Loudon 1982, Joe Mallon 2016, James McCarthy 1985,
 Helen Mulhearn, Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989.*

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

- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S ADVENT BOOKLET** We have been asked to produce an Advent Reflection Booklet like the one we did 2 years ago. We shall shortly be contacting the people who contributed to our booklet last time. If there is anyone else who would like to take part this time around please contact Laura or Betty.
- ▶ **KNIT AND KNATTER AT ST PETER'S** The Knit and Knatter group restarts on Wednesday 7th September at 1pm in the Snug. New members most welcome.
- ▶ **THREE TOWNS YOUNG VOICES** A new choir for P5 – S1 will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Hall, starting on Wednesday 7th September.
- ▶ **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.
- ▶ **CHANA APPEAL** During the pandemic when we were not able to collect toiletries we were able to give vouchers to the support workers for those who were homeless. We spent £1,150 on vouchers. We are now able to collect toiletries and are appealing for the following. Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Soap, Roll on Deodorants for both Males and Females. There is a box at the back of the church where people can deposit their donations. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.
- ▶ **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN** Today 28th August, the Pilgrimage to Whithorn will be led by Bishop Brian McGee of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles. Mass will be at 4pm on the beach with a Mass also in St Martin and St Ninian's church at 4.30pm for those unable to make the walk to the beach.
- ▶ **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 25th September, in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette and will mark the Centenary of the Grotto. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Rt Rev Joseph A. Toal, Bishop of Motherwell.
- ▶ **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Tuesday 27th September. Further information will be available shortly.
- ▶ **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY – IRVINE AND THREE TOWNS DEBT CENTRE** Are a Christian Organisation that helps people struggling with personal debt issues to begin a journey out of debt. This service is free and will see clients face to face at the Connexions centre, Irvine or at any office location. Please call the freephone number 0800 328 0006.

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 or Fr Duncan by email ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01294 464063. We would love to hear from you!

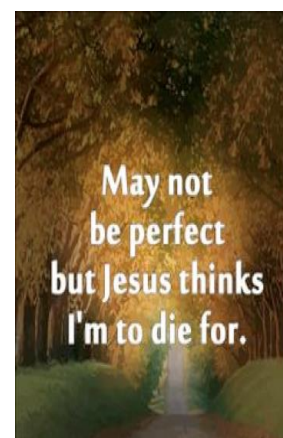


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Offertory Cash Collection 21st August 2022: £469.23
Second Collection (Building Fund): £213.03

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Offertory Cash Collection 21st August 2022: £84.00

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Just for a Laugh... Four brothers left home for university, and they became successful doctors and lawyers and prospered. Some years later, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who lived far away in another city. The first said, "I had a big house built for Mama. The second said, "I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her." The third said, "I had a hundred thousand pound theatre built in the house." The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this priest who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire bible. It took twenty priests 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute £50,000 a year for twenty years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it." The other brothers were impressed. After the holidays Mum sent out her "Thank You" notes. She wrote: "George, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks, anyway." "Louis, I am too old to travel. I stay home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. But the thought was good. Thanks." "Michael, you gave me an expensive theatre with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. But thank you for the gesture just the same." "Dearest Martin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much!"

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