

ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year [A]

30th July 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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Mustard Seeds

✠ On the Other Side

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know?" the man said. "You, a Catholic, do not know what is on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear." "I



know little of what is on the other side of death," the doctor continued, "but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

"The Merton Prayer" from Thoughts in Solitude

17th 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 Ursula, Sr Anna</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 Ursula, Sr Anna</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 29 th July	17th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Bishop Maurice Taylor (RD)</i> <i>Jack Quirk (A), Marie Lang (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 30 th July	17th 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 31 st July	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Betty Craig (SI), Jim McEvoy (T)</i>			
Tuesday 1 st August	Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Duncan McVicar Snr. (BR)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 2 nd August	17th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sadie & Frank Hamilton (A), Caroline (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 3 rd August	17th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Angus McCrae & Robert McCrae (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L) Prayers of Reception at 6pm Gilbert Templeton
Friday 4 th August	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gilbert Templeton (RD), John McKenzie (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Gilbert Templeton
Saturday 5 th August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Davena Reid (RD), Frank Keegans (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Re-introduction of Chalice Communion

On the first Sunday of September the 2nd/3rd September 2023, we are able to return to the normative practice of receiving the Precious Blood of the Risen Lord from the Chalice at Mass. A question from Parishioners: If I receive the Consecrated Host only and not from the Chalice is my reception of Holy Communion full and complete? "The real presence of Christ in the eucharistic elements – whole and entire – is in each element of consecrated bread and wine". The doctrine of concomitance states that since Christ is indivisible, no part of Christ's substance can be divided. Thus, Christ's body cannot be separated from his blood, which means that Christ's full presence is in each element fully. This is the Priest's Prayer before reception of Holy Communion – Roman Missal III: "May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgement and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection of mind and body and a healing remedy."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Father Eamon Flynn, Irene Coby, Harry Sammons, Morag Farrell, Jim Donnelly, Edna McKinnon.

✦ Those who have died recently:

James McDermott, Frank Keegans, Gilbert Templeton, John McKenzie (Ayr), Davena Reid.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Des Blanch 2017, Annie Cavani 2012, Alice Gibbons 1997, Desmond McGarvey, Caroline Dunlop 2013, William Johnston 1999, Michael Marshall 2011, David Shaw 2019, Annie Cavani 2012, Joseph Giblin 2016, George Pettigrew 1988, Maureen McCubbin 2008, George Tonner 1931, Phyllis Doherty 2017, Geraldine Leadbeater 2016, Sean Paul Marshall 2013, Cathie McLaren 2007, Leslie Aitken 2010, Joseph Barry 2013, Mary Harper 2012, Isabelle Rennie 2004, Robert Tumilty 1981, Mara Cheshire 2007, Brian Collins, Joe Dougherty 1977, Breda Doyle 2020, Agnes Gorman 2016, Laurence Hamilton 1998, Ann Kennedy 2010, Margaret McGuinness 2004, William Tumilty 1980, Isabella Welsh (Brownlie) 2008, Helen Clarke 2016, Lawrence Tumilty 1993, Noleen McFadyen née Delahunt 2012.

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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Eilidh Nicole Thompson who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

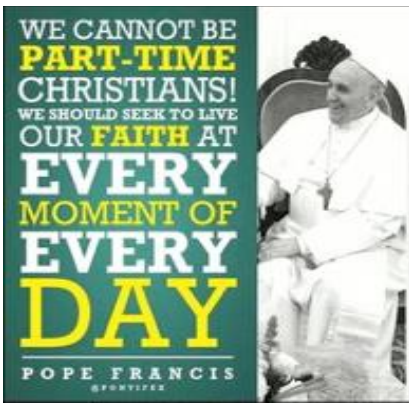
► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** The Annual Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 27th August with Mass on the shore at 4pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone wishing to go on the coach travelling from the three towns. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £6 per person to offset costs.

► **ST BRIDES MONTHLY DRAW** The Draw for 2023/24 is due to start in September. It is still £12 per year. The money will be collected during the month of August. The rules and arrangements are the same as last year and they are on the notice board at the back of the Church. Remember half the money collected in goes on prize money and half to the Church Funds. The last draw of 2022/23 will take place on Sunday 6th August. Good Luck!

► **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** A Sing-Song, a Quiz and a Blether, 7th October 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre, hosted by George and Michael £5, BYOB.

► **ST BRIDES FAMILY FUN DAY** We would love to welcome families and friends back to our family fun day! This will be held on Saturday 19th August from 12noon till 4pm in the church garden. Please come along and catch up with friends, old and new. A planning meeting, for those who would like to help out with the event, will be held on **Monday 24th July** at **7pm** in the church hall. All help gratefully received. For more info, contact Jo Gibson at quinnjo@hotmail.com

► **SPECIAL APPEAL AT ST BRIDE'S** We are hoping to raise around £2500 to invest in a new recorded music system. Please take an envelope along for yourself or for neighbours and family and, if you are able, make a donation for our appeal. If you pay tax and fill in the reverse of the envelope, the Parish can claim an extra 25p per £1. We also have a "crowd-funding" page for the Parish. Thank you in anticipation for any support you can give and for your help and generosity.



A Gardener's Reflection

First look at the weeds:

weed out the gossip,
weed out the laziness
weed out indifference
and weed out pride

Plant five rows of peas:

patience, peace, promptness, politeness
and prayer

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

let us be faithful,
let us be loving
let us be useful,
let us be trusting
and let us be grateful

Then we can turn to the reliable turnips:

turn up on time,
turn up with a smile,
turn up with a new idea
and turn up with new determination.

NOTABLE DATE

4th August, Feast of St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.
A first-class relic from his body was embedded in the altar before the church was opened in 1938.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 23rd July 2023: £528.73
Second Collection (Building Fund): £268.90

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 23rd July 2023: £111.00

ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND

Cash Donations £130.00
Just Giving £ 160.00

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Please consider taking out a Standing Order?

It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.

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Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Tommy Cooper's Just for a Laugh...

😊 Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head.

Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

😊 'You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today.

They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.'

😊 A man walked into the doctors, he said, 'I've hurt my arm in several places'

The doctor said, 'Well don't go there anymore'

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