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## ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE

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Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year [A]

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday between  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✝ My New Coat from God

I have a new coat, it was designed by God and given to me by Jesus Christ. All I had to do to receive this coat was to believe in God's only Son. I find it fits me perfectly unless I allow myself to become puffed up with foolish pride, then it's too tight. If I walk with my head high, trying to be above those about, then it is too short. But if I walk humbly as I should before God, it fits me just right. How is the coat made? The shoulders are wide and roomy so that I can help my fellow man carry his burdens. The collar is made of God's mercy, yes, the mercy of God's promises. First that I may become his child and second, that I will one day dwell with Him in that home prepared for His saints. The cuffs are narrow, so that there is no room to tuck away grievance and hard feelings toward my neighbours. The pockets are oversized, One is for the love of God; the other is to hold my love for my fellowman and all humanity. There are three buttons on my coat, which stands for faith, hope and charity. I check on them often so that none becomes loose or lost. The lining is made of God's forgiveness, which I need so often that I want it next to me at all times. The belt is made of God's love that encircles me everyday. The material is thick enough to protect me when the storms of life come my way, but not too thick that I will not be able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides me. There are many threads in my new coat, but not one thread of doubt that God's promises are true. Do you wonder about



the colour of my coat? Why, it's the colour of Jesus' eyes that must sparkle when a lost soul accepts Him. I will need my coat all through life. When I travel through the valley of death and when I view the future, I will always wear my new coat.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.

THANKS!

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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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 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> (Beginning of Vocations Awareness Week) <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Gordon Stirling (RD), Kenneth (Kenny) Brawley (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret McAuliffe (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Kathleen Quinn</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Memorial of St Teresa of Calcutta</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Betty McAtee (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret McAtee (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Lundy Family (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Forsaken Souls</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> (Beginning of Vocations Awareness Week) <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Shannon Maughan (SI)</i>			Wedding Service at 1pm  Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

### GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 23 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least two times a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 20th September at 7.15 pm. When a new bishop is appointed to Galloway Diocese it will be the task of the choir to support the singing at the bishop's ordination Mass. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact David on 07714 340854 or by email to: [david.robinson.mj@gmail.com](mailto:david.robinson.mj@gmail.com)

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023: £472.62  
 Second Collection (Building Fund): £327.34

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023: £83.00

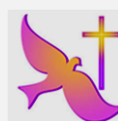
### ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND

Cash Donations £674, Just Giving £225, Total £899

**Many Thanks for your support and generosity!**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons.*



#### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Mary Gibson, Irene Coby,  
 Margaret McAuliffe, Betty McAtee,  
 Margaret McAtee (Aberdeen).*

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

*Michael Brown 1958, Ella Kirk 1996,  
 James Moore 1998, Canon Myles Moriarty 1989,  
 Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006,  
 Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015,  
 Enis Delahunt 1996, Jim Boyle 2022,  
 Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993,  
 Janette Little 2008, Matt Lunardi 2022,  
 Margaret Nicol 2007, Margaret Brodie 1964,  
 Mary McGlynn 2010, Frank Morrison 2004,  
 Jimmy Mulhearn 1992, Rona McNamara 2005,  
 Marie White née McManus 1997, Ellen Vance 2012,  
 Catherine Campbell 2003, James Duffin 1960,  
 Margaret Logan 2013, William Loudon 1977,  
 Joan McKnight 1976, Margaret Walsh 2015,  
 Helen Burns 2022, Harry Kaye 2000,  
 Susannah Kemp 1948, Florence Slavin 1998.*

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

► **ST BRIDE'S FUN DAY** A huge thank you to everyone for the success of the Family Fun Day. A great day of unity and fun.

► **KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting back at 1pm on Wed. 6th Sept. in St Peter's Centre Snug. Looking forward to seeing our old members and perhaps some new members at the start of another fruitful and fun year.

### **ST FIDELIS AND FAITHFULNESS**

When we make a decent effort to follow Christ honestly and wholeheartedly, not just pretending, then we become powerful witnesses and instruments of God's saving grace. In the early years of the Church, when it was illegal to be a Christian, it was this kind of authentic witness that opened people's hearts to the Gospel. When soldiers, senators, and slaves saw the courage and tranquility of the Christians in the face of violent persecution and even torture, they became convinced that Christianity had something going for it. The same thing has happened throughout the whole history of the Church. St Fidelis, a martyr from southern Germany who died in 1622, is a good example. Fidelis began his professional life as a brilliant and effective lawyer. From the way he practiced law, he accrued a reputation for honesty, integrity, and effectiveness. But his colleagues' habitual dishonesty and self-seeking disgusted him so much that he left his career and became a Capuchin friar. He put his lawyering skills to work in a heavy load of preaching, hearing confessions, and organizing care for the sick, many of whom he cured with miracles. Everywhere he went whole towns were renewed in an energetic adherence to Christ and his Church. When he and eight companions were sent to bring the Zwinglians (a branch of early Protestantism) of western Switzerland back into the Catholic fold, his mission met with similar success. Too much success, maybe. Soon the local leaders had had enough, and roused the peasants against him. They attempted to shoot him while he was preaching, but missed. Then they ambushed him on the road and beat him to death when he wouldn't renounce his Catholic faith. The prayers for his attackers that escaped from his dying lips converted a Protestant minister who witnessed the martyrdom. If we live our faith from the inside out, not only putting on a show, we will find the happiness we seek, and help others find it too.



### **AWAKEN THE 'WEARY' CHURCH BY BECOMING 'RESTLESS'**

A Catholic Church that has grown weary in countries shaken by the clerical sexual abuse crisis and cultural trends toward secularism must look anew to Jesus to revive their "restless" enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel, Pope Francis said at the World Youth Day, in Lisbon. "Now is the God-given time of grace to sail boldly into the sea of evangelization and of mission," the pope told Portuguese bishops, priests, religious and pastoral workers. In his homily, the pope reflected on the passage from St. Luke's Gospel in which Jesus gets into the disciples' fishing boat and invites them to let their nets down in deep water for a catch. Just as those fishermen didn't catch anything before Jesus' arrival, "there are moments in our ecclesial journey when we can feel a similar weariness -- weariness -- when we seem to be holding only empty nets," he said, noting how such a situation is common in countries with a long-standing Christian tradition but are now experiencing a "growing detachment from the practice of the faith." Often, he added, the reality of waning church participation in those countries is accentuated by the disappointment and anger people feel toward the church due to "our poor witness and the scandals that have marred her face and call us to a humble and ongoing purification, starting with the anguished cry of the victims, who must always be accepted and listened to." Looking at the crowd, he said the church must announce the Gospel to everyone - - "everyone, everyone, everyone". The pope's visit to Portugal, coupled with World Youth Day, will "brush the dust off the pews" for young people in the church. Pope Francis urged church workers in Portugal to continue lowering their nets and being a light in a world that has "lost a sense of enthusiasm, the courage to dream, the strength to confront challenges and to be confident about the future."

### **FILM NIGHT IN ST PETER'S**

You are invited to a screening of the film 'The Letter'

**St Peter's Parish Centre, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm**

'The Letter' introduces us to people from different parts of the world who came together in Rome to meet Pope Francis, and discuss how climate change is affecting their communities. They do so at the invitation of the Pope and in response to his encyclical, of 2015, Laudato Si. The theme of the encyclical and the film is 'care for our common home.' It calls on all peoples of the world to take action to care for our environment. What actions, large or small, can we take here in Ardrossan to 'care for our common home?' Tea, biscuits and time for discussion included.

### **JUST FOR A LAUGH...** 🤪🤪🤪

A teenage boy had just got his driver's license and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't got your hair cut.' The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.' To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

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