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Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year [C]

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

**St. Bride's:** By request.

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and St. Bride's,  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✝ 10 Point Plan for Happiness

In a new interview, Pope Francis has given a 10-point plan for happiness: "The Romans have a saying, which can be taken as a point of reference," the Pope said. "They say: *Campa e lascia campà* (Live and let live). That's the first step to peace and happiness." He then went on to list the other nine, the next being "giving oneself to others." "If one gets tired," he said, "one runs the risk of being egoistic, and stagnant water is the first to be corrupted." Third, he proposed that one "move quietly" and cited the Argentine novel *Don Segundo Sombra*, - there is a very beautiful thing, a man who looks back on his life, the Pope says. In his youth, the protagonist was a rocky stream that ran over everything, but as he became older, he was a running river and in old age was "quietly peaceful." He also repeated his concern that a people who doesn't take care of its elderly "has no future." Fourth, the Pope advocated playing with children and the importance of a healthy culture of leisure, reading and enjoying art. "Consumerism has led to the anxiety of losing" this culture, he said. Fifth, the Pope stressed the importance of sharing Sundays with family. Sixth, he said helping young people find employment is a key to happiness. He said it's important to be creative with them because if they lack opportunities, "they fall into drugs." He said the rate of suicide is "very high among young people without work." Turning to the international situation, the Pope drew attention to the increasing number of conflicts and wars across the globe. "War destroys," he said. "And we must cry out for peace. Peace sometimes gives the idea of stillness, but it is never stillness. It is always an active peace... Peace is the language we must speak." The Holy Father also spoke about those fleeing the horrors of war and other calamities and how many countries are not generous in helping refugees. The Pope also spoke about environmental issues and how mankind continues to waste the bounty given by God. He also appeared to voice his opposition to extracting wealth from the earth at the expense of the environment. This has been taken by many to imply fracking — a controversial method of extracting gas that opponents say risks contaminating water supplies. "When, for example, you want to make use of a mining method that extracts more than other methods, but it contaminates the water, it doesn't matter," he said, according to Vatican Radio's report on the interview. "And so they go on contaminating nature. I think it's a question that we are not facing: Humanity, in its indiscriminate use of and tyranny over nature, is it committing suicide?" In the interview, the Pope also reiterated the Church grows by attraction, not proselytizing. "The worst thing you can do is religious proselytizing, which paralyzes," he said.

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Terry McGibbon (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jean Ward (RD), Rosemary Grant (A)</i>			Prayer of Reception at 6pm <b>Frances McInnes</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Monan (RD), Angela Body (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Frances McInnes</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sadie Templeton (RD), The Forgotten Souls</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Annie Hand</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Kathleen Langridge (RD), Alfonas Kvedy's</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joseph McLaughlin (MM), K. Collins (T)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Phil Wylie</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> (Vocations Awareness Week) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Trish Kavanah (RD), Euan Thomson (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

### Vocations Awareness Week

This special Week of prayer is a way of inviting the whole Catholic community in Scotland to pray for and think about the importance of vocations to priesthood and religious life, and to encourage those considering a vocation to serve in the Church to come forward to reflect more intently on it. We are invited to pray this prayer from Pope Benedict every day this week:

*"O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful. Give us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness. Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptised in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### 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), Morag Munroe.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Jim Monan, Terry McGibbon, Jean Ward (Rutherglen), Sadie Templeton, Kathleen Langridge,  
Trish Kavanah (Dublin), Euan Thomson (Largs), Phia Boyle.*

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

*Alex Doherty 2016, Cathie Mitchell 2006, Margaret Prince 2015, David Shaw 2015, Enis Delahunt 1996,  
Ann Marie Gilmour 2018, James Graham 1993, Janette Little 2008, 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, Harry Kaye 2000, Susannah Kemp 1948,  
James Moore 1998, Florence Slavin 1998, Father Martin McCluskey 1996, Tom McLaren 2014, Rosemary Grant 2021.*

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

- ▶ **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION** The annual special collection for the retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Olivia Rose Tweedie who will be baptised on Sunday at 12 noon. Congratulations to her Parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- ▶ **THE AUTUMN CLUB** The Autumn club re-opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the premises of Park Church, Dalry Road, Ardrossan. Meetings are fortnightly and open to all for an afternoon of social interest and entertainment. New members very welcome.
- ▶ **JULIE CARSON DANCING CLASSES** Dancing classes have resumed here at St Peter's Parish Centre from 9.15am on Saturday mornings. Places available ~Intro to Dance~ ages 2 ½ years.
- ▶ **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place together with the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette. A coach will leave St Mary's at 9.45am and St John's at 10am. Due to onset of costs there will be a charge of £6. There is a list at the back of the Church.
- ▶ **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ▶ **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.

**WITHOUT GOD**  
our week would be  
**SINDAY**  
**MOURNDAY**  
**TEARSDAY**  
**WASTEDAY**  
**THIRSTDAY**  
**FIGHTDAY**  
**SHATTERDAY**  
7 days without God  
makes **ONE WEAK**

### Prayer Before Examinations

Lord, it seems as though our lives are one test after another, weighing us in somebody's balance. Save us from taking the coming tests too seriously or too lightly, but grant that we may reflect the best of the work we've done and the best of the teaching we've received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor

The Diocese is delighted to announce the appointment of Tony Fisher as the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor. Tony will take up his appointment this month.

### Emergency Call-Out at our Hospitals

Father Duncan will be on emergency call-out at our hospitals this coming week. Please keep all the sick and those in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers.

### The Relics of Saint Bernadette

This September, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time, including a stop at Carfin Grotto, Motherwell. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people across our Diocese to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. An exciting official trailer for the relic tour has now been released, which you can see on our website. Throughout the period in Carfin, parishioners will have the opportunity to visit the relics, in addition to joining us for a number of Masses, services, and other events.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022: £542.79  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £240.97

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022: £61.00

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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### SOME NOTABLE DATES

7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Canon Matt McManus retired as Parish Priest of St Peter in Chains.

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Father Duncan McVicar became Parish Priest of St Peter in Chains.

**Just for a Laugh...** There was a Catholic lady that had to do a lot of travelling for her business, so she did a lot of flying. But flying made her nervous so she always took her Bible along with her to read and it helped relax her. One time she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing. After a while he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?" The lady replied, "Of course I do, it is the Bible." He said, "Well what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?" She replied "Oh, Jonah. Yes I believe that, it is in the Bible." He asked "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?" The lady said "Well I don't really know I guess when I get to heaven I will ask him." "What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him," replied the lady.

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