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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity [B]

26th May 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ An Old Jewish Tale

There is an old Jewish story about God's patience. According to the ancient tale, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and many travels, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted him, and then invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink. The hungry traveller immediately began eating, just as soon as Abraham put the food in front of him. He didn't pause to say any kind of grace or prayer; he didn't bless the food or anything. So Abraham asked him, "My brother, don't you worship God, the Creator of the world, who has given us the earth and all its bounty of food and drink?" The old traveller paused and looked up at Abraham. Then he looked back down at his plate, started eating again, and replied, "I worship no god." When Abraham heard this, he was shocked; then he became angry. He knocked away the plate of food, grabbed the old man by the shoulders, and threw him out of his tent into the cold night air. The old man said nothing, took one last look at Abraham as he stood in the opening of the tent, and then began to walk slowly into the desert. Abraham watched him go, then turned and went back inside. Then God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth,



I sent that old man away because he did not worship you." God answered, "My son! I have suffered him and watched over him these eighty years, although he dishonours me. Could you not endure him for one night?" How gentle God is! How patient! How easily we take his patience for granted!

Date for your diary...

Organ Recital at St. Peter's

Recitalist: Alessandro Bianchi

Wednesday 19 June at 7 pm

St Peter in Chains Church, 1 South Crescent Road
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU.

Admission Free – Retiring Collection.

No booking required – Just come along.

Eighth Week of the Year [B]

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</i> <i>(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 25 th May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for all our young people sitting exams at this time</i>			Wedding Service 1pm Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 26 th May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 27 th May	8th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Dennis Kelly (A), Little Family (A)</i>			
Tuesday 28 th May	8th WEEK OF THE YEAR Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Andy Farrell (RD), Donald John MacCormick (RD)</i> RECEPTION OF SANDRA ROLLIE 5.30pm	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Joe O'Kane</i> (RD)		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 29 th May	REQUIEM MASS 10am SANDRA ROLLIE		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 30 th May	8th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Susan Craig (RD)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 31 st May	FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ian Howie (A)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 1 st June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Gerrard Lennon (RD), Joe O'Kane (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan,
Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Beryl Meechan.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Donald John MacCormick, Sandra Rollie, Andy Farrell,
Susan Craig, Joe O'Kane (Lanarkshire), Ennis McHugh.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Bobby Flood 2018, Joseph Higgins 2006, Jim Little 1945,
Robert and Margaret Monan 1977, Lily Peppard 2004,
Georgina Akins 1961, Mary Lynn Beattie 1998,
Bernard Little 1999, Sarah Ramsay 2000, James Kyle 1992,
Desmond Langan 2005, Dora Grogan 2010, Ian Howie 2023
Andrew McCarroll 1967, Hugh McEvoy 2016,
William McNeil 2007, Robbie Smallridge 2022,
William Stewart 2006, Kenny Breen 2018, Gerald Kelly 2014,
Des Madine 1982, Brian Towie 2013, Cameron Walsh 1987,
Joseph Bale 2011, Simon Brannan, Tilly Doherty,
Sadie Grant 2001, Anthony Lundie 2010, Pat Walker 1999,
Maria Manfredini 2018, Isabella McCarroll 1968,
Anne-Marie McLaughlin 2017, Kathleen Conway 1989,
Bessie Grant (McCourt) 2002, Canon Nicholas Murphy 1992,*

Parish Safeguarding self-evaluation Audit

The Parish Safeguarding self-evaluation Audit has been completed and submitted to the Diocese this week. Sincere thanks to Fran McCann and to Myriame Sammons and George Poole for all the hard work and dedication. Our Parishes are grateful for their responsibility to keep our places of worship and community centres safe.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19th May 2024: £545.69
Second Collection (Building Fund): £261.59

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19th May 2024: £143.05

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!



Rosary in the Month of May

We are invited to pray the Rosary every day in the month of May in honour of our Blessed Lady and for our personal intentions.

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR SANDRA ROLLIE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sandra Rollie, who died on 2nd May 2024, aged 68 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Tuesday, 28th May at 5.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 29th May at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** You are invited to come along to a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 28th May at 7pm in our church. If you can't attend but would like to ask a question or make a suggestion, please send it to Phyllis Howie, Secretary, at howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th.
- ▶ **MARY'S MEALS** The team would like to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our fundraiser night such a great success. A total of £1,386.25 was raised! Amazing!
- ▶ **HCPT Lourdes Group** 376 Lourdes water is now available at the stall.
- ▶ **USED STAMPS** Please save your used stamps and hand them in to St Peter's or to Alfie Agostini who is collecting them to raise funding for medical science.



Eucharistic Revival - Great Faith and Great doubt go hand in hand

Once upon a time there was a priest who was plagued with doubts about whether Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist... until one day. After that day he never again doubted that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist. This opening may make this sound like a story, but it is a true story as we will soon discover, and there are more than a hundred like it that have been recognised by the Church. Even though he was filled with doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the priest faithfully celebrated Mass every day in fulfilment of his vocation. On this particular day, around the year 700, in Lanciano, Italy, this priest was celebrating Mass in a small church and as he said the Words of Consecration ("Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you") the bread changed into living Flesh and the wine changed into Blood before his eyes. Today, you can go to Lanciano and see the Flesh and Blood that has remained there for more than 1,300 years. The Flesh and Blood have been studied by scientists on a number of occasions, and the following conclusions have been drawn: The Flesh is real human flesh, and the Blood is real human blood. The Blood is type AB (the same in all approved Eucharistic miracles). The Flesh is muscular tissue from the heart. And there is no evidence of preservatives or any other chemical agents present. Great faith and great doubt often go hand in hand, especially when it comes to accepting that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. (*Matthew Kelly*)

How the push to legalise assisted suicide robs people of dignity

In the front room of a small home, a man was spending his last days in peace and surrounded by support. He looked to be in something deeper than sleep, and could not have been aware of the young woman at his bedside. She gently wiped his face and head, then reached for the Bible near him — he likes when his Bible is read to him, she said. She opened to a bookmark with a list titled "Psalms for the sick." She began to read aloud to him: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth..." Just a few days later, having completed his earthly pilgrimage in the care of staff and volunteers of Mother Teresa House, his soul departed this world. Karen Bussey, who founded and runs the home-based hospice, said her ministry exists to "walk the last little way, walk the last part of the last mile with the person." Compassion means "to suffer with," and true compassion for people at the end of their life is to care for them and be with them in their final moments. Yet the word "compassion" has been co-opted by those who believe it means to allow or even encourage people to take their own life with a prescription of lethal drugs. This becomes known as "assisted suicide" when those drugs are provided by a physician. The Catholic Church calls for honouring and protecting the dignity of human life at all stages until natural death. Assisted suicide stands in direct contrast to the respect of life, which includes respect for one's own life. Assisted suicide not only threatens the lives of the sick and dying, but also the lives of other vulnerable people: the disabled, the homeless, and those who suffer from depression or mental illness. "What people need is someone to be there, and that's something we can all do," Bussey said. Even when death is imminent, allowing life to run its natural course is important for the dying person. It is a time of "intense reconciliation... They are reconciling with themselves and what their life meant, they're reconciling with other people, they're reconciling with God". Every guest of Mother Teresa House has dignity, regardless of what he or she is going through. "It's just recognising the dignity that's there," she said. "We don't have to give them any dignity; they have it — to honour it, to go the distance, to go with them to those moments, including suffering." Accompanying the dying in their final days is not always the easy path, but it is what true compassion looks like. Assisted suicide, on the other hand, eliminates the person: the person who needs care, or just needs someone by their bedside — perhaps to read the Psalms.

Just for a Laugh –

A young, newly ordained priest preaches at his first parish. After a few weeks he notes that a lot of the congregation is falling asleep. Dismayed, he seeks out the elder priest. "Father, I can't seem to give an effective sermon. People fall asleep. What can I do?" "Well, my boy, it's all a matter of practice. For the next week sit in your study, prop a mirror in front of you, and practice your sermon. Add some gestures. Vary your voice tone. That kind of thing." Encouraged, the young priest does as the Father had suggested. Come Friday, the two priests are having lunch. The elder priest asks. "Well, how did it go?" "I'm not sure," replies the young man. "How so?" "I fell asleep."

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