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Tenth Sunday of the Year [B]

9th June 2024

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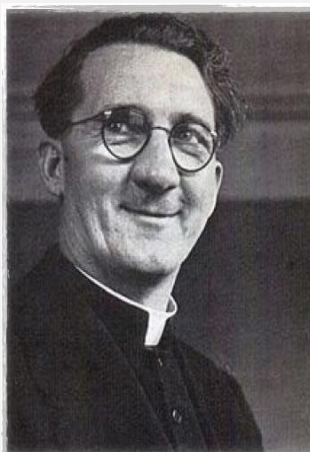
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Priest Honoured at the Vatican

An Irish priest who saved thousands of Allied soldiers and Jews in World War Two and whose heroism was turned into a Hollywood movie has finally been honoured at the Vatican. A plaque to honour Msgr. Hugh O'Flaherty, who was instrumental in helping to rescue and protect an estimated 6,000 vulnerable people in Rome during the war, was unveiled recently at a ceremony in the Campo Santo Teutonico within the Vatican walls. After thousands of POWs were released following the fall of Mussolini in 1943, they were in danger of recapture by the Nazis when Germany subsequently occupied Italy. Some of the POWs managed to get to Rome and ask him for help. The Irish priest then recruited help from others including priests, spies, diplomats and even communists to create what became known as the "Rome Escape Line". Partly under Msgr. O'Flaherty's coordination, he and his allies concealed an estimated 4,000 escapees, mainly Allied soldiers and Jews, in flats, farms and convents. He himself wore various disguises when venturing outside the Vatican walls, and escaped Nazi attempts to arrest him by seeking refuge in Vatican City. Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Kappler, head of Rome's Gestapo, ordered a white line to be painted on the edge of St. Peter's Square to signify the border between Vatican City and Italy, and threatened Msgr. O'Flaherty would be killed if he crossed it. He was also threatened with torture if he were ever captured. At the time of Rome's liberation, the "Rome Escape Line" was protecting not only nearly 4,000 POW escapees from 25 countries, but also many Jews and others. After the war, Msgr. O'Flaherty frequently visited Kappler in prison whom he eventually received into the Church. The plaque, which was funded by the Irish government, reads: "Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, born in Ireland 28.2.1898. Founder of the Rome Escape Line. Tireless defender of the weak and oppressed. Resident at this College 1938-1960 from where he saved over 6000 lives from the National Socialists. Died 30.10.1963. Buried in Cahersiveen, County Kerry, Ireland." Msgr. O'Flaherty's heroism was portrayed in the 1983 film *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck as O'Flaherty, Christopher Plummer as Colonel Kappler, and Sir John Gielgud as Pope Pius XII.



Tenth Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> assisted by <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
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 8 th June	10th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Tom Atkins (A), Alison Dunn (A), John Maher Snr (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 9 th June	10th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 10 th June	10th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Jim Grier (SI), Hugh O'Pray (RD), Josephine Downie (RD)</i>			Funeral Mass 10am Cathy Frye
Tuesday 11 th June	MEMORIAL OF ST BARNABAS Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Wilma McDougal (RD), Catherine Newell (RD), Mrs Louie Grier (SI), John O'Connor (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 12 th June	10th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Veronica Hendren (A), Mamie Scahill (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 13 th June	REQUIEM MASS 10am WILLIAM RALSTON			Mass 9.30am in St Anthony's PS
Friday 14 th June	10th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ennis McHugh (RD), Bishop Maurice Taylor (RIP 2023)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 15 th June	11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for James Monan (RD), Jacky Johnson, Michael Collins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Walter Koln, William Ralston, Hugh O'Pray, Wilma McDougal, Mamie Scahill,
Josephine Downie, John O'Connor (Glasgow), James Monan.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Millie Ferguson 2021, Rose McKenzie, Sheena Walker 2017, Martin Francis Brown 1998,
Vincent McBride 2013, Elizabeth Dailly, Hilda Reid, John Spencer 2002, Alice Ferrie 2010,
John Maher 2002, Helen Taylor 1998, Margaret Duffy 2000, Edward Swiercz 1991
Elizabeth Higgins 2022, John Higgins 1973, Sheelagh Kelly 2010, Anthony Forbes 2002,
Bobby Findlay 2014, Molly Monaghan 2008, Felix Murphy 1997, Rita Kelly 2014,
Catherine Carroll n e Rice, Sarah Sweeney 1997, Bishop Maurice Taylor 2023,
Jane Adams 2023, Tom Atkins 2010, Rena Freer 2010, Julia Petrie 1998, Agnes Blake 2008.*



Top Ten Favourite Excuses that People Give for Not Going to Church

Here's the Second One: I Have Small Children - Oh, they're the worst. Noisy little things... I have them, too. You know, the first thing they do when they exit the womb is scream? And it doesn't stop there—if you bring them to Church they will choose the quietest time of Mass to scream like you're murdering them—the homily, the Consecration—they know how to pick it. One mum said: "When my children were little, I used to get ready for Mass and wonder what fresh hell I was in for this week. There were Sundays when my husband would take one of my screaming, writhing kids out of Church and I'd wonder if I would ever see either of them again." So, why did we put ourselves through it? Because now they come with us cheerfully—not perfectly—but cheerfully enough. I still have to sit between them and give them the eyeball once in a while. Church is what we do on Sunday. It's the main event and the rest of our day and the rest of our week is better for it. Number 3 Excuse next week!

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR WILLIAM RALSTON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bill Ralston, who died on 1st June 2024, aged 84 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 13th June at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **GENEROUS DONATION TO ST BRIDE'S** A sincere thank you for the very generous donation of £1000 to St Bride's for the new Lectionaries that will begin in Advent this year. The donation has been given in memory of Paul McNulty.
- ▶ **DONATION TOWARDS THE NEW LECTIONARIES FOR ST BRIDE'S** The SVdP at St Bride's have donated £250 towards the new Lectionaries for the Church. This is from a donation of Eric Gibney, who had received regular visits from the SVdP at home and when he was resident at Arran View Care Home. The donation is given in his memory.
- ▶ **TABLE-TOP AUCTION AT ST PETER'S** Table-Top Auction has now raised a total of £1056 for the new Lectionaries, thanks to additional donations. Thank you – Thank you!
- ▶ **DONATIONS FOR THE NEW LECTIONARIES** If anyone would like to give a donation towards the new Lectionaries, their names will be recorded at the front of the Lectionary Book. Donations can also be made in memory of family members or loved ones.
- ▶ **FAMILY DAY COMING UP AT ST BRIDE'S** After the great success of our Family Day last year, Jo Gibson will be getting the teams together for this year's event. Watch this space!
- ▶ **DIVINE MERCY** Anyone interested in establishing a Divine Mercy Group in the Three Towns can contact Miriam on 07377457657 or contact the parish office at St Mary's 01294 463461.
- ▶ **HCPT Lourdes Group** 376 Lourdes water is still 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.



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.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 2nd June 2024: £493.83

Second Collection (Building Fund): £274.94

Standing Orders for May 2024: £3752.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 2nd June 2024: £140.55

Standing Orders for May 2024: £1026.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Catholic home, and I want to stay with you."

Painting Ourselves into God's Pictures

A powerful truth of our faith comes across in a curious way in traditional Catholic art. Especially in our older churches, you often find altars decorated with paintings of Christ crucified, or other scenes from our Lord's passion and death. The scenes are often depicted with a lot of realism. Christ's wounds are open and bleeding; Jesus looks like he is in extreme pain; Mary and the soldiers are shown beneath the cross. But sometimes, if you look closely, you find some things that aren't quite so realistic. For example, the background of the scene, instead of showing Jerusalem or the countryside of Judea, will show an Italian Renaissance town, or the port of London. And then, mixed in with the soldiers and the disciples, who are dressed in authentic ancient clothing, you will see someone dressed in Renaissance garb, or cloaks and robes from the Middle Ages or the eighteen hundreds. What's going on here? It's very simple, really. The family who paid for the painting asked the artist to put them into the scene, to paint them right into the agony and the suffering of Jesus. This is more than just a pious tradition. It has deep meaning. Jesus really did suffer for us, to pay the price for our sins and to convince us that we never have to suffer alone, that we can always turn to him in our dark moments and find him right there, linking his cross to ours. The meaning can even go deeper. In one of Rembrandt's etchings of the crucifixion, for example, he made a self-portrait of a Roman soldier who was helping to crucify our Lord. He understood the deep connection between Christ's own sufferings and our sins. We can paint ourselves into Christ's sufferings through prayer and faith, because he first entered into ours, so that we would never have to suffer alone.



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