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25th Sunday of the Year [B]

19th September 2021

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

**St. Peter in Chains,
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes
in the RC Diocese
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Mustard Seeds

✠ A Thousand Marbles

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it. I turned on the radio and listened to a man talking about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say. "Let me tell you something, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles." "You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, people live about seventy-five years. Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime." "No, stick with me, I'm getting to the important part." "It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail"; he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy." "So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focus more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight. Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time." This man gave me a lot to think about. I had planned to work go shopping that morning, and then I was going to watch football. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "Lets go, I'm taking you and the children to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles.... "



Year of
ST. JOSEPH



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year [B] 2021

September 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar	Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		
			St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 18 th September	Baptism of Jenna Christie at 11am Wedding Service at 12.30pm for Lucy Milson & Michael Lamont 25th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ronnie Cairns (A), Jim Bradley (A).</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 19 th September	25th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30 (L)	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 20 th September	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Katherine Conwell (RD), Mary McNamara (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 21 st September	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gerry McCulloch & Family (SI)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 22 nd September	Votive Mass of St Joseph Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), Francis Stalker (A), Anna Wanna Rungruangkanokkul (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 23 rd September	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Bridie Leslie (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 24 th September	25th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	Mass at 12 noon <i>Offered for Mary Cluckie (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 25 th September	26th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Brian Monaghan (RD), Duncan McVicar Snr. (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	

Time for Prayer

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." — *St. Gianna Molla.*

In a world centred around hectic schedules, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life. Spending time with God offers respite from the busyness of daily life. We need to ensure we set aside some time for prayer and reflection every day, plan it into your daily schedule. Around work, children's activities, and social engagements, schedule time for God. You won't regret it.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.



Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Pat Breen, Harry Sammons, Jayne Adams.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Katherine Conwell, Mary McNamara, Anna Wanna Rungruangkanokkul, Bridie Leslie, Mary Cluckie, Brian Monaghan.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Brian Loy 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, Ronnie Cairns 2018, Greta Foran 2002, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Emilio Forbes 2011, Mary McKernon 2007, Catherine McLaughlin 1998, Roseleen Casey 2010, Isa Donald 2016, David Dunbar 2005, James Forbes 2011, Bob Harriman 2014, Billy McCann 2017, Jimmy McLaughlin 2007, Rita Michelini 2002, Father Gerald Muir 2015, Francie Stalker 2020, Helen Steele 2012, James Tomelty 2011, Margaret Donnelly 1997, George Logue 2011, William McNamara 2001, Patrick Breen 2015, Alice Docherty 2017, Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002, Colin James Boyle 2017, Jamie Clarke 2015, Margaret Gallacher 2016, Bert Gilmour 2017, Tom McGhee 2011, Sister Mary of Saint Joseph 1975.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

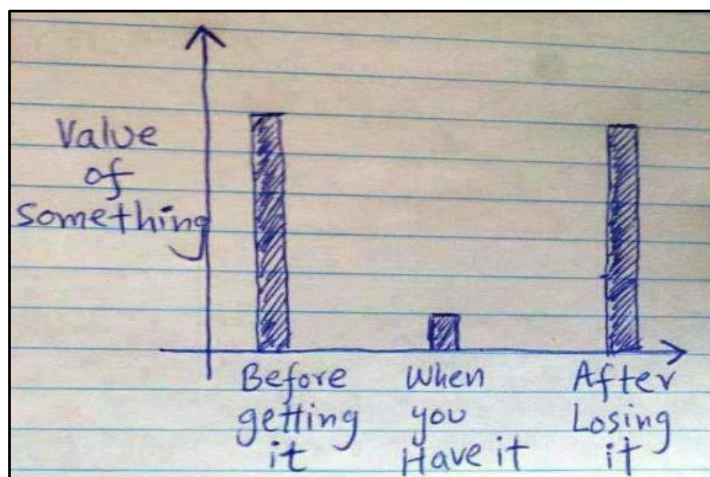
► **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - PARENT'S MEETING** The Meeting for Parents for the children receiving Confirmation this year will be on Thursday, 23rd September at 6.30pm in St Peter's Centre. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

► **CHILDRENS LITURGY** The Childrens Liturgy group will be re-opening after the October School Holiday. There will be a meeting for the childrens liturgy group leaders on Tuesday 21 September at 7pm in the Presbytery. To keep running the Childrens Liturgy Group every Sunday we require more adult volunteers to help with this important and very worthwhile ministry. If you can help please speak to Father Duncan or contact the parish office: ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or telephone 01294 464063.

► **ST PETER'S RETURN OF FRIDAY EXPOSITION** Parishioners have asked that our weekly time of Exposition be restarted this Friday, 24th September. After Mass we will have a short time of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and then a simple Benediction. Bishop Fulton Sheen referred to his daily time spent before the Blessed Sacrament as his "hour of power" for spiritual renewal. Please join us if you can, starting this Friday.

► **ST PETER'S KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting again on the 22nd of September. Our meetings will still be on Wednesdays from 1pm till 2.45pm but now in the Lesser Hall instead of the snug. Looking forward to seeing you all again and if anyone who likes to knit, crochet, or just have a chat please come along you will be made very welcome. For more info call Fiona on 01294 462470.

► **THE AUTUMN CLUB** The Autumn club which is opening on 4th October provides a meeting place for social/leisure activities for the older age group of the community. It is non-political, non-denominational and non-profit making. The club meets on alternate Monday afternoons at 2pm between September and May in the hall of Park Church, which stands on the corner of Dalry Road and Stanley Road, Ardrossan. For further information and to register please contact Maureen Hunter on 01294 464969.



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 12th September 2021: £536.36
Retired Priests Fund: £163.54

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 12th September 2021: £121.00
Retired Priests Fund: £133.00

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Guideposts in the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

No Time Is Without Its Grace - Christ's death and rising is a grace that should shape every day of a Christian's life, and above all in these days. In this time of trial we are called to seize the grace of showing ourselves, by the power of the Spirit of Christ, to be, like Christ, filled with faith in God's care for us. God in Christ is the Lord of history. He's in charge. His providential plan for our salvation and happiness cannot be defeated. Right now all of us are still concerned about the virus, but that doesn't mean our work to "unleash the Gospel" has been abandoned. Quite the contrary. Our Parishes still must be about evangelisation. That's always our mission. This is a providential time for us to witness to our sure confidence in Jesus as Lord of history, to manifest to the world that we face this challenge with unshakeable trust that the Lord will sustain us.

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic is a process of falling in love. The person we're falling in love with, over and over again, more and more deeply, is Jesus Christ. To become Catholic, you have to open your heart to the love Jesus has for you and return that love as best you can. It involves four things: A conversion of mind and heart, an understanding of what the Church teaches, a loving heart, and a true desire to be received into full communion. We would love to hear from you!

Just for a Laugh...

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

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