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Thirty-First Sunday of the Year [C]

30th October 2022

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Christianity Is Not an Ornament

'Christianity Is Not an Ornament,' says creator of controversial 'Jesus the Homeless' Sculpture. Even though some Christians feel that the image of Jesus as a homeless person is offensive, the artist believes it's a clear representation of the Gospel message. The life-size bronze sculpture depicts Jesus Christ as a homeless person sleeping on a park bench. Earlier this year, a woman called the police fearing for the safety of her upscale community after believing that the statue was a vagrant sleeping outside St Alban's local Anglican church. Cindy Castano Swannack, the woman who had called police, said that even after she discovered the person she saw is only a sculpture of Jesus depicted as a homeless person, she further commented that the image is offensive. "Jesus is not a vagrant; Jesus is not a helpless person who needs our help. We need someone who is capable of meeting our needs, not someone who is also needy," Swannack asserted. Christian artist Tim Schmalz, who created the "Jesus the Homeless" sculpture after witnessing the enormity of homelessness in wealthy cities answered that Swannack is not alone in her criticism. "When some people look at it — and I've heard comments — they've expressed that it creeps them out. And they ask, 'How can you represent Jesus like this?'" Schmalz explained. When he was in Rome, he presented Pope Francis with a bronze model of "Jesus the Homeless," he said that he thought about Mother Theresa and her emphasis on Jesus wearing many disguises, as the sick and the marginalized. He further commented that he sees people's reaction to the piece as a cultural expression of "the value we place on people." "This sculpture is not an ornament," he asserted. "Some people say it frightens them. But I'm glad about that, because Christianity is not an ornament. Many people are used to putting their faith in a specific compartment of their life and bringing it out like something that can very much comfort them... This sculpture is for the marginalized people, so that when they come by it on a city street and they see the Son of man looking a lot like them, I think it will give them back something. And that's part of the power."



Thirty-First Week of the Year [C] 2022

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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 29 th October	31st Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (BR)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 30 th October	31st Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 31 st October	31st Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anna-Jo Galloway (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 6pm (L)	Funeral Mass for at 10am Patricia Carson
Tuesday 1 st November	Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Emma McVicar (A)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Celia Anderson (RD)</i>	Mass at 11am with St John's PS	Mass at 9.30am in St Anthony's PS Mass at 7pm (L)
Wednesday 2 nd November	All Souls Day Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	Mass at 7pm (L)
Thursday 3 rd November	Requiem Mass for Alice Hansler Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 4 th November	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, bishop Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael Ferguson (RD), Isabella Milligan (MM)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30 Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Denis Harvey (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 5 th November	32nd Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John Wilson (RD), Ann Caulfield (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

The Synod in Galloway - Quotes from our Report

"The majority of participants expressed a desire to walk together with other churches, despite our differences. Other churches were noted to provide outstanding support to, and great practical examples of, family inclusion and activities. It was widely considered that we can learn much from other churches, and that the potential to pool resources and expertise has been untapped. Combined youth groups, social events and charitable activities were all cited as promising potential initiatives. It was felt that further dialogue is required with other denominations to allow these projects to develop, although many examples of good relationships with members of other Christian traditions were cited, including World Day of Prayer, Churches Together, Salvation Army open days, social activities, fellowship groups and joint community projects. Some parishes felt that this is well done; others, less so. It was pointed out that even schools are separated, with council cluster meetings being held separately for Catholic and non-denominational schools."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Hugh Conway, Beryl Meechan,
Ennis McHugh, Tom McGreevy, Peter Richards.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Michael Ferguson (Irvine), Anna-Jo Galloway, Ann Caulfield
(Dalry) Isabella Milligan, Alice Hansler, Patricia Carson,
John Wilson, Celia Anderson, Denis Harvey.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

William Delahunt 1986, Bill Moore 1989
*The Christians martyred in the Cathedral of our Lady of
Deliverance in Baghdad 2010, Sadie Clegg 2011,*
John Finnigan 2020, John Martin 1979, Daniel Brown 1988,
Peter Hanratty 2013, Josephine Lundie 2007, Eileen Taylor 2005,
baby Lily Heron 2016, Thomas Kilbane 1983, Hugh McKay 1982,
May Cusick 2009, Teresa Kelly 1978, Isobel Morrison 2019,
Sarah Sammons 1970, Elizabeth Anne Tait 2004,
Mary Timmons 2011, Sanny Ballantyne 1991, John Higgins 2020,
Rose McCann 2017, Ian McNamara 1979,
Paddy Crozier, Anna Lizanec 2008, Margaret Martin 1962,
Father James McCarroll 1952, Catherine McMullan 1963,
Father Paul O'Brien 1999, Robert Reid 2006, John Whyte 1975

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ALICE HANSLER** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Alice Hansler [West Kilbride] who died on 20th October, aged 75 years. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Peter's on Thursday, 3rd November at 10am, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **NOVEMBER LISTS** Please hand-in your November Lists in the collection during Holy Mass and they will be brought up at the Offertory Procession and placed on the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls.

► **EMERGENCY ON-CALL FOR HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be available for emergencies in hospital this week. Please keep all those in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers.

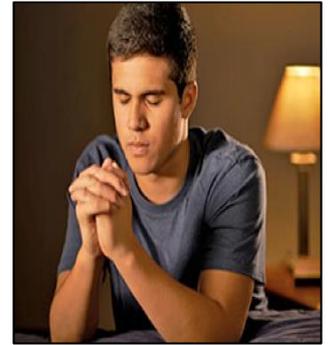
► **BREAKFAST FOR OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN** In the month of October we have been collecting cereal and cereal bars to provide a breakfast for our school children. A special thank you to all who have donated. Your generosity is outstanding, and the school is very grateful. The appeal finishes this weekend.



A Daily Prayer

All through this day Lord,
by the power of your Spirit,
let me touch the lives of
others for good,
whether through the word
or prayer I speak,
or the life I live.

Amen.



Remembering All Souls in November (and Beyond)

November 2nd is the solemnity of All Souls Day. It follows the solemnity of All Saints Day which is celebrated on November 1st. November is a month dedicated to the faithful departed, and the church sets aside the month to commemorate the deceased marked with the sign of faith. It is an act of charity and a corporal work of mercy to pray for and to visit the gravesites of those who have gone before us. The best way to remember a deceased loved one is to have Masses said for them. It is a good practice and a wonderful way to support your parish or a religious community to arrange to have Masses said as well. It is also beautiful to be able to attend the Masses you have set aside for loved ones and to be present for the Eucharist and partake. Be sure to invite family members to attend and mark your calendar to make it a habit each year in celebration of family and friends who have died. Whatever you decide to do for the month of November, invite children, family, and friends to join in. Losing a loved one is never easy, however joining in together to remember those souls is a precious way to love and commemorate them.

Notable Date

5th November Fr. Paul O'Brien died

Cost of Living Crisis

Anthony Horan has pulled together a guide to some of the key benefits available from the UK and Scottish Governments along with some suggestions of further support as people navigate the cost-of-living crisis. There may be parishioners and others in the community who may not be aware of what help is available. Anthony aims to update the guide as and when there are major developments. Any updates will be reflected on the online version here: Cost of Living Crisis: UK and Scottish Government Support – Catholic Parliamentary Office (rcpolitics.org). Leaflets with information are available in Church.

Just for a laugh...

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mum."

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Offertory Cash Collection 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022: £434.45  
Second Collection (Missio): £536.27

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Offertory Cash Collection 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022: £229.00  
Second Collection (Missio): £172.00

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