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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year [C]

18th September 2022

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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

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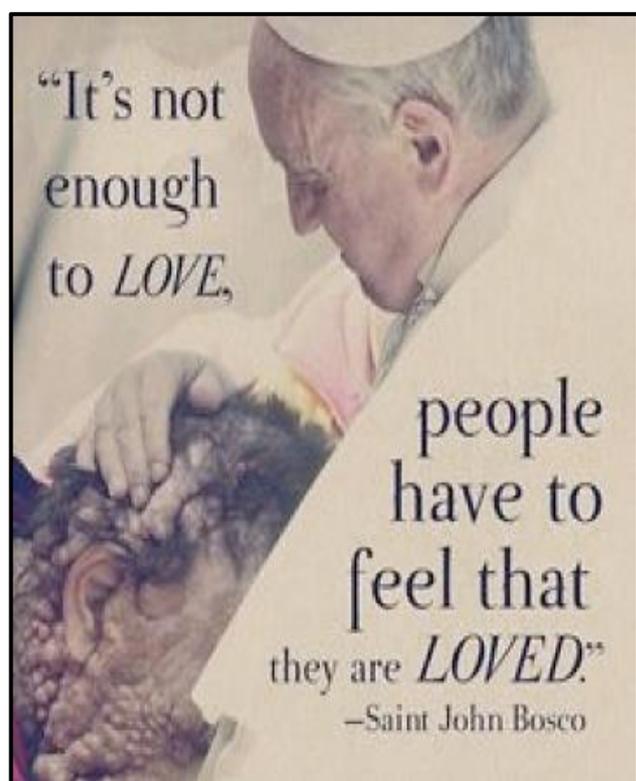
✝ Cristiano Ronaldo Is Alive Thanks to a Conscientious Objector

At least seventy individual prizes, among which are two Gold Balls and a FIFA World Player, a jumble of trophies won with the jerseys of Sporting Lisbona, Manchester United and Real Madrid. And even a string of records that require a good measure of patience for one who wants to read them all, as well as two high honours conferred by the Portuguese State. No small merit for these achievements is owed to an unknown Portuguese doctor. Small and fragile is the vulnerable body that grows day by day in the womb of a woman, but great is the noble gesture of one who carries out his work with professionalism and faith and thus succeeds in saving a human life from abortion. Back in 1984, the life that this man saved was that of Cristiano Ronaldo, one of the most prolific football players in terms of achievement in recent years. It was the mother herself of the star player of Real Madrid and the Portuguese national side who revealed the behind-the-scene action in her auto-biography *Mother Courage*, which came out last Friday in Portugal. In one of the most touching passages of the book, the woman, who is called Dolores Aveiro, recounts when she discovered she was pregnant with the child who would later become the famous Cristiano Ronaldo. "At the time I was already 30 and had three children, and it seemed to me I couldn't face a new birth and enlarge the family so I turned to a doctor who, however, refused to operate on me," she explains. It was anything but a rosy picture in her home, having to feed her children Hugo, Elma and Catia Liliana, which every day became a more arduous challenge with a husband, Joser Dinis, who was unemployed (he died in 2005 an alcoholic, and with savings reduced to a minimum). However, that doctor's reluctance and his attempt to dissuade her from aborting did not stop the woman's determination, who tried to end her pregnancy with a "home-made" medicine suggested to her by a friend. "She told me to drink dark hot beer and the child would die." However, the beer did not succeed in stopping the vital energy of the beating heart in Dolores' womb. A few hours after having taken the potentially murderous drink, tranquillity continued to reign in the lower part of her abdomen, a sign of the ineffectiveness of the "home-made medicine." Little by little the woman – already accustomed to nursing, diapers and night crying – decided to have her fourth child. "If it's God's will that this child be born, so be it," was her profound thought. On February 5, 1985, Cristiano Ronaldo was born, a strong and healthy baby, who saw the light of day in an anonymous place and who would become famous throughout the world for his exceptional football talent. A rather delicate behind-the-scenes story, which his mother decided to publish after being authorised by her son Cristiano. If that doctor had not been faithful to his oath and, therefore, firm in his opposition to abortion, today the football world would have one star less. Conscientious objection is always a gesture that looks on high.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & 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 17 th September	25th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kathleen Langridge (RD), Beryl Meechan (SI) William & Elizabeth Louden (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 18 th September	25th 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 19 th September	25th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Helen Burns (SI), Kate Cassidy (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 20 th September	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Boyle (RD), Patricia Carson (S)</i>	Adoration at 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 21 st September	Feast of St Matthew Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered in Thanksgiving for Yasmin & Family here and in China, William Sheehan (SI), Anne Sheehan (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 22 nd September	25th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
	Requiem Mass for Jim Boyle at 12.30pm			
Friday 23 rd September	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jean Ward (RD), Joe & Mary Cluckie (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration at 9.30am Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 24 th September	26th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ronnie Cairns (A), Lindsay Brown (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Hugh Conway, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh,
Tom McGreevy, Dawn Clark, Morag Munroe, Patricia Carson.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Jim Boyle, Jean Ward, Helen Burns,
Kathleen Langridge, Winnie McFadden.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Cornelius Burke 1988, Chris Glenn 2011, Eamon Lennon junior,
Margaret Finnegan 2010, Patrick Joseph McKay 1989,
Sister Pauline Cross and Passion 1999, Father Alastair Tosh 2007,
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,
Lindsay Brown 2021, Alice Docherty 2017,
Isabella Farrell 2012, Mary McGraa 2002.*

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

- **REQUIEM MASS FOR JIM BOYLE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Boyle, who died on 8th September aged 75 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 22nd September at 12.30pm, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **SCIAF** Tony Gribben has kindly donated £135.00 to SCIAF. This money was raised through the sale of tomatoes and potatoes. Thank you.
- **ST BRIDE'S TEAS** Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the hall after mass on Sunday 18th September. We hope you will come along for a chat and opportunity to sample Lorraine's delicious home baking.
- **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place together with the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Tuesday 27th September, in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette. A coach will leave St Peter's at 9.30am, 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 for those wishing to reserve a seat on the coach. The list will close after 10am Mass on 21st September.
- **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN** The National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 25th 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.

Birthday Greetings to Canon Matt

Canon Matt celebrates his Birthday on 22nd September. We wish him every blessing, joy and Birthday greetings!
He's 21 plus VAT!

Only a Prayer Away

Rainbows appear after mighty storms,
When things look their very worst,
Just when the skies are darkest grey,
Look for the rainbow first.

The rainbow is a sign of God's promise,
That He will guide us through any storm,
That He will see us through all our troubles,
No matter what their form.

When you feel battered by life's storms,
And you are filled with doubt and dismay;
Just remember God's rainbow is coming -
It's only a prayer away.



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. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the church should contact the parish office or Fr Duncan by email ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01294 464063. We would love to hear from you!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 11th September 2022: £492.83
Second Collection (Retired Priests Fund): £353.67
Standing Orders for August 2022: £3996

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 11th September 2022: £90
Second Collection (Retired Priests Fund): £108.00
Standing Orders for August 2022: £1069

STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

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Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full." The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies." The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..." Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion." The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?" Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a Virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem." "Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more." Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger." "That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?" Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because an idiot like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"

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