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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year [C]

9th October 2022

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

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

Mustard Seeds

✠ Ship-wrecked

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agree that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing. Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?" "My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything." "You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings." "Tell me," The first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?" "He prayed that all your prayers be answered." *For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us. "What you do for others is more important than what you do for yourself." I hope you will share this with your friends and loved ones - it's a message we all need to hear and understand.*

LORD, IF YOU BLESS ME,
I'LL **THANK** YOU,
BUT IF YOU DON'T,
I'LL BE THANKFUL FOR
WHAT **I HAVE.**

PAUL ROBERTSON



Twenty-Eighth 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 assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & 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 October	28th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John Collins (SI), John Wilson (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 9 th October	28th 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 10 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Helen Burns (MM)</i>			
Tuesday 11 th October	Memorial of St Pope John XXIII Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sheila Millar (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 12 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Sheridan</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 13 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ann McEwan (A)</i>			Mass at 10am
Friday 14 th October	28th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joseph Micallef (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30 Mass 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 15 th October	29th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John & Josie McPherson (SI)</i>		Wedding Service at 2pm	Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

The Synod in Galloway - Quotes from our Report

"The importance of the clergy was acknowledged by almost everyone who participated. The need to provide them with better support and encouragement was frequently stated. Some parishes clearly communicated deep satisfaction with the work of their parish priest, with specific responses praising inspirational leadership, a good homilist, and well run and organised ministries. Gratitude was repeatedly expressed for the work of all our diocesan clergy... The impact of Covid-19 on worship has been enormous. Many people reported a renewed sense of appreciation for the Mass when gathering together was not permitted. Communal prayer was discovered to create a sense of belonging, to create a closeness to God, and to provide peace and inspiration. People who have returned to Mass spoke of the joy and comfort this created. Others who have not felt confident about returning describe live streaming as "a God send", although they miss receiving Holy Communion. Gratitude was expressed to those parishes who bring Communion to the housebound."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Hugh Conway, Beryl Meechan,
Ennis McHugh, Tom McGreevy,
Peter Ross, Irene Coby.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Adeline Hughes (McCann), John Wilson,
Joseph Micallef (Malta)*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Seamus Boyle 2021, Joe Brady senior 1963,
Vincenzo Carrino 1980, Alex Jamieson 2006,
Bill Henderson, Mary Colvin 2000,
Jane Coulter 1998, Dan Donnelly 1941,
Chrissie Ferguson 2006, Mary Paton 2019,
Joseph Harvey 1998, Harry Kemp 1972,
James McKay 1992, Shannon McTaggart 1996,
Maureen Haddington 2002, Ena Millar 1987,
Vincenzo Marchetti 1968, Mary McCarroll 1913,
Ann McEwan 2020, John Petrie 1966,
Bruce Gallacher 1995, Robert Ireland 2008.*

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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Saoirse O'Connor who will be baptised this Saturday at St Peter's. Congratulations to the parents and Godparents.

► **GOLDEN WEDDING** Congratulations to Phyllis and Colin for 50th Years We wish Phyllis and Colin and all their family many blessings and thanksgiving for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Colin and Phyllis will receive a special Anniversary blessing at Mass this Sunday.

► **IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH** At St Peter's we had an urgent big repair at the front side doors of the Church. I'm very grateful to Pat McCallum who spent the whole day making the repair. Also work has begun on the refurbishment of the Ladies Toilet in St Peter's Centre. This work should finish around Thursday of this week.

► **ST. BRIDES ADVENT BOOKLET** A gentle reminder to all contributors to the Advent Booklet. Please submit your written work to Betty or Laura by 15 October. *Thank you.*

► **BREAKFAST FOR OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN** In the months of October and November we will be doing a support collection for our primary school children so that they can all have a proper breakfast when they arrive at school. We will be collecting only cereals and cereal bars. When you go shopping please buy an extra pack of cereal and bring it to Church. There will be a large basket at the back of the Church, and we will bring this down at the Offertory. Please be as generous as you can for our children.

► **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.

St. Peter's SSVV

"St Peter's Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has a new phone number. It is **07825 726904**. Please contact this number if you or someone else is in need, leaving name and contact details."

Why am I here?

I asked the Lord today,
What is the meaning of my Life?
Why was I born?
What good have I done?
My child, came the reply
look back along the road,
you have just trod.
Look at all the peaks and troughs
in that road that runs straight as a dye.
over hill and down dale.
look at all you have learned
and all you have done.
You will never know
the full impact
of your life until
you reach the
Kingdom and
meet all you have
helped along
life's way...



Notable Date.

Canon Lawrence Fischer
died on 10th October 1980.



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 2nd October 2022: £516.86
Second Collection (Building Fund): £237.82
Standing Orders for September 2022: £3991

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 2nd October 2022: £99.00
Standing Orders for September 2022: £1067

STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office. ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a laugh...

Children in Church - have a read of this...

3-year-old Reese: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name.. Amen.'

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A little boy was overheard praying:

'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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

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