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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year [A]

16th July 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Three Reasons for Hope

It's a conundrum. As citizens and conscientious Catholics, we want to (and should) keep informed of current events. That's not easy. When our news overflow with examples of immorality, religious persecution, heinous crimes and devastation, we can feel discouraged, fearful, and even hopeless. But if we lose hope, we lose everything. Hopelessness leads to apathy, and apathy leads to inactivity. Inactive Christians become monuments – they display nice words about God, but don't carry those words into the world around them. We must not become monuments by succumbing to hopelessness. It's human nature to feel overwhelmed from time to time, but it's God's nature to uphold you in his grace. Never forget that. No matter how bad things look from your point of view, God sees the world from an entirely different perspective. In that respect, there are three things to remember when you're feeling hopeless.

1. God will not desert you. Oh, it may feel like it at times, but it hasn't and isn't going to happen, no matter what. True, Jesus instructed us to live and speak his message in the world, which means being a part of the world rather than hiding away from it. However, he also promised that he'd go with us. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28-19-20) Our Lord will not abandon you, no matter how tough things get – until the end of time.

2. You are a child of God. You received that gift at your Baptism, when you were incorporated into Christ, configured to him, and sealed with an indelible spiritual mark (character) of belonging to Christ. It's a mark that can never be removed (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1272). You're loved and cherished by God beyond your human comprehension. Jesus has assured us of that. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Mt 10-29-31) Fear not, therefore, Jesus tells us.

3. God has overcome the world. The headlines may scream mayhem, but that doesn't mean God's lost his grip on you. He never turns his back on you, even when you turn your back on him. What's more, there is no power greater than his. "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33) Even in the worst of tribulations, you have reason to be at peace in our Lord. Yes, pay attention to those worrisome headlines, but don't become obsessed by them and slide into hopelessness. There may be reason for concern, but there is always a reason for hope.

Faith ✦ Hope ✦ Love

15th Week of the Year 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change.		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 15 th July	15th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for James McKay (RD),</i> <i>Sadie Templeton (A), Sadie Sloss (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 16 th July	15th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 17 th July	15th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Effie Speirs (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 18 th July	15th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Boyle (A), Patricia Woodcock (BR)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Helen Lynn
Wednesday 19 th July	15th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Beatrice (née Thompson) (A),</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 20 th July	15th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Forsaken Souls (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 21 st July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene (normally 22 nd July) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Irene Smith (A)</i> NO Exposition and Benediction today	Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ignatius McAleavy (A)</i>	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 22 nd July	16th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Annmarie Dickie (B), Marilyn Cotter (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Re-introduction of Chalice Communion

On the first Sunday of September, 2nd/3rd September 2023, we are able to return to the normative practice of receiving the Precious Blood of the Risen Lord from the Chalice at Mass. "While the heart of the celebration of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer, the consummation of the Mass is found in Holy Communion" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #5). Parishioners have been asking if receiving from the Chalice was a common practice? From the first days of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion consisted of the reception of both species in fulfilment of the Lord's command to "take and eat... and take and drink." The practice continued until the late 11th century when the custom of only receiving the bread, as the Body of Christ, began to grow. In 1415, it was decreed that Holy Communion under the form of bread alone would be distributed



only. The Fathers of the 2nd Vatican Council restored Holy Communion under both kinds and became allowed in 1970.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Father Eamon Flynn, Ian Monan,
Irene Coby, Harry Sammons.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Sarah Sloss, James McKay (Wales),
Effie Speirs (Blantyre), Marilyn Cotter.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Canon Eugene Matthews 2010, Sally Walsh 1957,
Patrick Carry 1976, Eileen McCann 2013,
Jackie McMurdo 2016, Brian McNulty 2018,
Andrew Murphy 1979, Gavin Finnegan 2007,
Robert MacRae 1986, Susan McDonald 2018,
Annie McGrath 2002, Monsignor John Barry 2003,
Peggy Clark 2011, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray 1993,
Geoffrey Kelly 1906, Catherine McIntosh 2021,
John McJay 1993, Brian Narducci 2000,
Betty Cutland 2014, Charlie Gribben 2002,
Julia Grogan 1971, Agnes McCourt 2000,
Elizabeth Nicholson 2003, Jack Quirk 2022,
Irene Smith 2015, Sister Mary Campion CP 2016,
Bobby McLaren 2007, Mary McPolin 1987, Joseph Mulgrew 2002,
Jim Murphy 2010, Canon Denis Quinlan 2015,
Elsie Brodie 2019, Jean Clark 2022, Margaret Donnelly 1953,
Rebecca Murray 2004, Esther Ferry 2010.*

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

► **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** A Sing-Song, a Quiz and a Blether, 7th October 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre, hosted by George and Michael £5, BYOB.

► **ST BRIDES FAMILY FUN DAY** We would love to welcome families and friends back to our family fun day! This will be held on Saturday 19th August from 12noon till 4pm in the church garden. Please come along and catch up with friends, old and new. A planning meeting, for those who would like to help out with the event, will be held on **Monday 24th July** at **7pm** in the church hall. All help gratefully received. For more info, contact Jo Gibson at quinnjo@hotmail.com

► **SPECIAL APPEAL AT ST BRIDE'S** We are hoping to raise around £2500 to invest in a new recorded music system. Please take an envelope along for yourself or for neighbours and family and, if you are able, make a donation for our appeal. If you pay tax and fill in the reverse of the envelope, the Parish can claim an extra 25p per £1. We also have a "crowd-funding" page for the Parish. Thank you in anticipation for any support you can give and for your help and generosity.

The Lord's Prayer

By a 15-year-old school teenager who got an A+ for this entry. The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most U.S. Public schools any more. A teenager in Minnesota, wrote the following:

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offence; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all..
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State..

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...
They've not outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong...

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles...
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take! Amen.



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 9th July 2023: £533.55
Second Collection (Building Fund): £269.58
Standing Orders for June 2023: £3847.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 9th July 2023: £223.00
Standing Orders for June 2023: £1067.00

STANDING ORDERS - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

Please consider taking out a Standing Order?

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ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or call 01294 464063.

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😊 **Just for a Laugh...** It seems a man from the South of England decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by travelling to London, and started working north from there. He went to a very large church and began taking photographs, etc. He spots a golden telephone on a wall and is intrigued with a sign, which reads "£10,000 a minute." Seeking out the priest he asks about the phone and the sign. The priest answers that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. He thanks the priest and continues on his way. As he continues to visit churches in Cardiff, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Bolton and on around the country, he finds more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each priest. Finally, he arrives in Scotland. Upon entering a church in Glasgow, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign reads "Calls: 25 pence." Fascinated, he requests to talk to the Parish Priest. "Father, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but, in the other churches the cost was £10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 pence a call. Why?" The priest, smiling benignly, replies, "Oh, my son, that's very easy to explain. You see, you're now in Scotland and, of course, it's just a local call from here."

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