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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year [A]

23rd July 2023

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Mobile Phones vs The Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phones.

What if we carried it around in our handbags or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?



What if we gave it to children as gifts?

What if we used it as we travelled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our mobile phones, we don't ever have to worry about our bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill!

✠ Prayer and Action: The Two Poles of Christian Life

Jesus' Apostles had completed their first successful missionary endeavour. After being with him for a long time, under his tutelage and guidance, they had been sent out to be his ambassadors, to announce his message and testify to its truth. Now they returned to report their progress. We know from the other evangelists that this moment of reunion was full of rejoicing and energy - they had experienced the power of God working through them, moving people's hearts through their words and deeds. And how does Christ respond when his missionaries return from their exciting and busy adventure? He takes them aside to rest, to be with him again in the quiet intimacy of their small community. The lesson is clear, but so hard to put into practice: active apostles, Christians who are energetically engaged in evangelising the world around them, need to balance their activity with contemplation, with time spent in personal conversation with the Lord. Sometimes we can wonder why we get so emotionally and spiritually exhausted by the busy-ness of our lives. It's because we aren't recharging our spiritual batteries. Stress, discouragement, and other crippling emotions can wear us out if we aren't daily reinforcing our faith in Jesus Christ. Only our friendship with Christ can supply us with the strength and wisdom we need to be truly successful, successful not just in the roles we play, but in who we are beneath those roles. Without prayer, study, and time alone with God, our well will soon run dry - we will have nothing substantial to offer others. But without action, without giving freely to others what we have freely received from God, our spiritual waters will become stagnant, lifeless - like a lake with no outlet. Contemplation and action, prayer and work - such was Christ's way, so such should be every Christian's way.

16th 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 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)
Sunday 23 rd July	16th 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 24 th July	16th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James & John Mullen (A)</i>			Prayers of Reception at 6pm Davena Reid
Tuesday 25 th July	Feast of St James the Greater Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sarah Wright (BR), Agnes C. Higgins (A), John & Mary Hutson (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Davena Reid
Wednesday 26 th July	Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne <i>(Special Mass for all our Grandparents)</i> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 27 th July	16th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Moran (B 102 years), Morag Farrell (S)</i> Reception of Sarah Sloss at 5.30pm			Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Agnes Crawford
Friday 28 th July	Requiem Mass for Sarah Sloss Mass at 10am	No Mass Today	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 29 th July	17th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Bishop Maurice Taylor (RD)</i> <i>Jack Quirk (A), Marie Lang (A)</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. Some Parishioners have been asking: Is it safe to receive from the Chalice? The risk for infectious disease transmission by a common Communion chalice is considered low when appropriate safeguards – that is wiping the interior and exterior rim and rotating the cup – are maintained. As always, if a person is not feeling well, they should refrain from receiving from the chalice. Another common question is: Do I have to receive from the Chalice?

The opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice always remains the choice of the communicant as an option and is not a requirement.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✚ Those who have died recently:

Sarah Sloss, Marilyn Cotter.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Moirra Cook 2012, Angus MacRae 2013, Julia Petrie 2009,
Alex Quigg 1997, Annie Quigg 1972,
Isabella Aldridge 2010, Eddie Cunningham 1992,
Anne Higgins 2020, May Steele 2014,
Elizabeth Fitzsimmons 1999, Angus McMaster 2019,
Elizabeth Murray 2005, Annie Walsh 1969,
Mary Carrick 2021, Elizabeth Byers 2009,
Tommy Burns 1982, Eileen Mathieson 2003,
John McQuaid 2004, Jordan Walsh 1998.*

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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Ramae Gigi Paterson who will be baptised on Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Sophia Wilson and Alfie David Wilson who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to their parents and Godparents.

► **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** We offer our congratulations to Blair Bettley and Christopher Blades who will be married at St Peter's on Saturday 29th July. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR SARAH SLOSS AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sarah Sloss, who died on 25th June 2023, aged 91 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 27th July at 5.30pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 28th July 2023 at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **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 guinnjo@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.

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on Grandparents the world over.
Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.
Support them!

As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and roles of Grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep Grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly Pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 16th July 2023: £102.00

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Just for a Laugh...

A 17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen

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