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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year [A]

13th August 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ A Silent Sermon

A member of a certain Parish, who previously had been attending Mass regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the priest decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The priest found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his priest's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The priest made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the priest took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The priest glanced at his watch and realised it was time to leave, he slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the priest reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the silent, fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

St. Peter Eymund Climbs a Ladder

The intimacy with God in the Eucharist leads us faithfully along the path to heaven, but it also leads along the path to a fruitful, meaningful life while we are here on earth. St. Peter Julian Eymund is a great example of this. He lived in France during the stormy years after the French Revolution. He grew up in a poor family, and his first attempt to enter the seminary ended in failure - he was sent home when he became too ill to carry on. That was only the first of many obstacles, but none of them could hold back his energy and zeal for serving God and neighbour. He struggled mightily to make it through seminary. Then he joined one religious order, only to leave it in order to start his own, fighting against all odds to make it grow and take root in the Church. Amidst constant troubles and even violent opposition, and plagued by chronic sickness and insuperable poverty, he nevertheless founded a parallel order of nuns, an association of lay people, and another association of diocesan clergy. He wore himself out and died at the age of 57. What was the source of his boundless energy, tireless charity, and unbending enthusiasm? The Eucharist. All his foundations, in fact, were dedicated to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a practice he had begun while just a boy. One day when he was only five-years-old his sister found him in church, perched on a stepladder behind the main altar, with his ear pressed up against the Tabernacle. She asked him what he was doing. He simply said that he wanted to get closer to the Eucharist so he could hear "Him" better. Eternal life reaches its fullness in heaven, but it begins here on earth, where, our faith tells us, it is nourished by Christ truly present in the Eucharist.

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ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

19th 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 Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 12 th August	19th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Madden (A), Phyllis Doherty (A), Helen Watson (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 13 th August	19th 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 14 th August	Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, martyr Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Borland (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 7pm	
Tuesday 15 th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim McDermott (RD)</i> Mass at 7pm <i>Offered for Mary MacDonald</i>	No Mass Today	Mass at 11am	Mass at 9.30am (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception Margaret Dickie Mass at 7pm
Wednesday 16 th August	19th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gilbert Templeton (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am Margaret Dickie
Thursday 17 th August	Requiem Mass for Ian Monan Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 18 th August	19th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Eddie Ford (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	No Mass Today	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 19 th August	20th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ann McDonald (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Solemnity of the Assumption this Week

What does Solemnity of the Assumption celebrate? On August 15, the Church celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body." In a homily for the Assumption, Pope St. John Paul II said, "Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptised in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God...." Masses on Tuesday, 15th August at 10am and 7pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Father Eamon Flynn, Irene Coby, Harry Sammons, Morag Farrell,
Jim & Cath Donnelly, Edna McKinnon.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Ian Monan, Helen Watson, Jim Borland, Jim McDermott,
Gilbert Templeton, Eddie Ford, Ann McDonald.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Brian Langridge 2009, Thomas Connelly 2007, Margaret Harvey 2020,
Jim McKenna 2013, Tracy Northcote 2009, Frank McEvoy 1987,
Valerie Bickers 2021, Ronald Burns 2011, Brian Collins 2008,
Daniel Mathieson 1949, Robbie Reid 2011, Elizabeth Wilson 2000,
Susan Garland 2011, James O'Neill 1998, Ronald Burns 2011,
Kate Gribben 1994, Father John Harkin 1996, Anne Kilday 2011,
Margaret McLeod 2007, Patrick Retzbach 1981, Robert Watson 2004
James Thomas Taylor 1998, David Walsh 1980,
Johnny Thompson 2014, Patricia Trainer 2002, Roberta Breslin 2011,
Frank Campbell 2007, Arthur Eamonn Murphy 2014,
Stephanie Smith 1999, Elizabeth Taylor 1951,
Marietta Da Prato 1997, Beatrice Ketchen 2019,
Tommy McCann senior 1976, Desmond McGarvey 1986.*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR IAN MONAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ian Monan, who died on 30th July 2023, aged 83 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 17th August at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on 30th August. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Greg Alastair McKillop and also Alba Alice Deatcher who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to their parents and Godparents.

► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** The Annual Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 27th August with Mass on the shore at 4pm. There will be Mass in the church of St Martin and St Ninian at 4.30pm for those unable to walk to the beach. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone wishing to go on the coach travelling from the three towns. Please note because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £6 per person to offset costs.

► **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The winner of the August draw is No. 27 Gerry Pollock who wins £28.50. Please remember to hand in your envelopes with your Name, number and money. If you are paying for more than 1 number please write each name on the envelope. If we get enough in by the end of the month we can have the next draw on Sunday 3rd September.

Re-Introduction of Chalice Communion

Receiving the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist from the cup is not a requirement, but receiving the blood of Christ is a fuller sign of the mystery we celebrate. This question continues to be asked, reflecting an uneasiness for some laypeople about resuming a practice unknown in the Roman Catholic Church for more than 600 years. In the church's first thousand years, Communion under a single species occurred only as a pastoral exception for infants, the sick, and the dying. The gradual reserving of the cup to ordained clergy early in the second millennium was to safeguard against spills and counteract the erroneous view that the laity needed both species to receive the whole Christ. Today's restored opportunity to receive the sacramental Blood as well as Body of Christ lets us equally honour two invitations: "Eat my Body. Drink my Blood." Receiving from the cup is a heightened liturgical experience of sacrifice, covenant, unity, and sacred banquet. In the gospels, drinking from the cup is a sign of courageous discipleship. "Can you drink the cup that I will drink?" Jesus challenges. In the Garden of Gethsemane the same image expresses the ordeal awaiting Jesus. Not surprisingly, then, Communion from the cup implied for the early Christians an openness to martyrdom, a willingness to lay down one's life. Our short answer to anyone who asks, "Do I have to receive from the cup?" is certainly no; it is not imposed. As a concerned friend or parent, however, we might gently add, "But do you realise what you are missing?"

Pastoral Guidance on "Direct Cremations"

You may have seen advertised on TV or elsewhere "Direct Cremations" or "Pure Cremations" i.e. a Cremation of the deceased with no one present and no ceremony in the presence of the deceased. These are marketed by stressing two main claims: (a) they are cheaper than a "conventional" funeral; (b) very few people "like" funerals so why should we have them? Anyone considering this option should feel free to speak to Fr Duncan in advance if possible, so alternatives and options around "Direct Cremations" - including having a low or no-cost Memorial Service even on the same day, can be explored. While everyone needs to make their own decisions on this sensitive area and the Church will always support the bereaved, Funerals are nonetheless important occasions. We don't have Funerals because we "like" them but so that people can gather, be supported in their grief, and the deceased be prayed for and commended to God on their final journey.

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Offertory Cash Collection 6th August 2023: £473.26

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ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 6th August 2023: £90.00

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Just for a Laugh...

Pharmacist to customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression tablet you need a proper prescription. Simply showing your marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough".

* A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman - "Which book has helped you most in your life?" The woman replied "My husband's cheque book !!"

* A prospective husband in a book store "Do you have a book called, 'Husband - the Master of the House'? Sales Girl : "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!"

* Someone asked an old man : "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife - Darling, Sweetheart, and Luv. What's the secret? Old man : I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her.

* Husband to wife - Today is a fine day. Next day he says: Today is a fine day. Again next day, he says same thing - Today is a fine day. Finally after a week, the wife can't take it and asks her husband - since last week, you have been saying "Today is a fine day'. I am fed up. What's the matter? Husband: Last week when we had an argument, you said, "I will leave you one fine day." I was just trying to remind you..."

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