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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH/27TH JUNE 2021

HOLY MASS

Mon – Fri, 10am and 1pm

Saturday, 10am; 4pm (Vigil); 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday, 9am; 10.30am*; 12 noon* & 4pm*

Services marked in red will be live-streamed

*****Tuesday 29th June—Feast of Sts Peter and Paul*****

*****Mass times:- 7pm (Vigil), 10am, 1pm and 7pm*****

FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 30th June, 1pm—Patrick McElhinney—R.I.P.

****MOURNERS ONLY – NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME****

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND EXPOSITION:- Fri, 3pm

CONFESSIONS:- Mon-Sat - 9.30-9.55am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:- Mon-Sat – 9.30-9.55am

BAPTISMS:- To arrange a baptism please contact:-

Deacon McMillan on deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk
or 07912759037.

**THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS.
TRACK AND TRACE DETAILS MUST STILL BE GIVEN,
EITHER BY QR CODE OR FILLING OUT SLIP OF PAPER.**

**N.B. If you could come to Mass with your details already
filled out that would be much appreciated and would
save on our paper usage!**

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners. Contributions can be made in the form of a standing order or online donation through our website, using these bank details.

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Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 25% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself! Standing order and Gift Aid forms are on our website.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick:- Angie Gibb, Brian McGurk, William Freeman (Tully), Donald Sutherland, Helen Cameron, Sandra Selenas, Daniel McGuigan, Elena Capani, May Grier, Sarah Lynch, Dermot Corcoran, Helen Ward, Brian Malone, Alexander Brown, Sarah Lynch, Mary (Molly) Margaret and Robert Gray, Frank Ward, John Cameron, Alan Cameron, Steven Murphy.

Recently deceased:- Rodrick Young (Kingussie), Lily Barrett, Mary Martin, Michael Canning, Jean Maguinness, Bridie McGeever, Peter Harkin, Maria Wilson, Rena Dempsey, Robert Martin, Rodney McMillan, Michael Fleming, Dan Kane, Catherine McFadden Beagan

Anniversaries:- Joseph Connolly, Pat Lynch, Fr Gerry Stones, Lily & Michael Docherty, Frances & Denis Connor, Roderick & Jeanette Docherty, Brian Morrison, Tom & Anne Gilroy, Simon McKernan, Linda & John McCann

Birthdays:- Jean Rooney

Golden Wedding:- Margaret & Bob Govan, Mary & Jim Grier

**Last week's collection ~ £1500
Thank you for your generosity**

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR JUNE

At the request of the Bishop, June's special collection is for Communications which helps to fund the Scottish Catholic Media Office. **There will be envelopes in the pews, this weekend for this collection.** Thank you for your support.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES

We are making changes to the parish schedule for the summer holidays, as there will only be 1 priest here in the parish. The summer schedule was established 2 years ago

- ◆ The last 4pm vigil will be this Saturday (26th June). As of 3rd/4th July Sunday Mass times will be 5.30pm (Vigil), 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 4pm.
- ◆ As of Thursday 1st July there will be only 1 weekday Mass at 10am.
- ◆ There will be no Divine Mercy Novena on Fridays at 3pm.
- ◆ These new arrangements will be in place for July and August.
- ◆ We are looking forward to welcoming more people back to Mass as restrictions ease further. As of 19th July, social distancing will be reduced to 1m and as of 9th August restrictions will be lifted entirely. These dates are obviously subject to change, dependent on the Scottish Government.

DAY TRIP TO AYR—ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

As many of us may not be getting a holiday this year our SVDP group have kindly offered to run a couple of day trips to Ayr beach on 7th and 14th July. Buses will leave from the church about 10am, returning about 4pm. Due to restrictions they can only take 20 adults and 40 children on each trip. Cost £10/adult and £5/child. Bookings **MUST** be done in advance by phoning James Maguire on 07973823546.

Bus Service for 12 O'Clock Mass

SVDP's bus service which takes elderly and infirm parishioners to and from 12 o'clock Mass will start on 4th July. There are a few places available on the bus. If anyone needs transport to Mass please get in touch with James Maguire (see number above).

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY—FR MOURNIAN

Congratulations to Fr Mournian who celebrates the 4th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 30th June. It's a great opportunity for us to thank him for all he has done and continues to do for our parish. His love, enthusiasm and devotion to his vocation is evident in everything he does, we are so blessed that he is our parish priest! Please keep him and all our clergy in your prayers. Ad multos annos!

PAVE THE WAY—UPDATE

We are delighted to have received £1000 from Arnold Clark's Community Grant scheme which will go towards Pave the Way. Thanks to Paul McLaughlin for applying on our behalf.

Fr Mournian has also been successful in his application to the Cruden Foundation and we have been awarded £1500 from them towards Pave the Way.

Thank you to Arnold Clark and the Cruden Foundation for their generous donations.

If there are similar grant schemes that we could apply for to help with the costs of this project we would very much appreciate being made aware of these!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—29th June

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence. This provides financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH MISSION & ACTION GROUP

There will be a meeting on Monday 28th June at 6pm. If anyone has any business that they would like discussed then please email the Parish Office.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers after 10am Mass on Saturday 3rd July. The meeting should only last about 45mins. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the hall.

HALL CAFÉ—SUMMER OPENING HOURS

The hall café will only be open on Sundays after morning Masses, during the month of July.

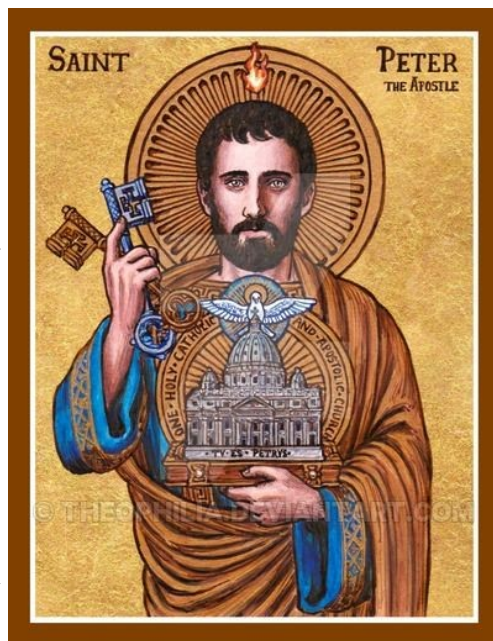
SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST PETER (1~64~68) Feast Day 29th June

Patron Saint ~ Many and varied incl fishermen, bakers, butchers, netmakers fever, frenzy, the Papacy, many churches, places, countries

I recently attended Fr Paul Denney's Bible Study Group, where, over the course of a few months we read the Gospel of St Mark, it was fascinating! Through the course of reading the gospel, there were many light bulb moments to stories that we are all familiar with, from hearing at Mass on Sundays. Fr Paul was able to put the gospel in its historical context of what life was like in the time of Jesus, to educate us on the Jewish faith, how the New Testament relates to the Old Testament and also to add the personal touch of who Jesus was and who other people thought he was.

St Marks' Gospel is believed, by some biblical scholars, to be Peter's account of his life with Jesus; his eyewitness account and memories of his time spent following Jesus. As we celebrate St Peter's feast day (29th June) this week, I thought I would try and share some of what we learnt about this great saint of the church and what an inspiration he can be for us all.



St Peter and his brother Andrew, along with James and his brother John, were all fishermen and were the first disciples Jesus called. Early on in the gospel we hear about how Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, therefore he must have been married. I wonder what his wife made of him just dropping everything to follow Jesus? If Peter was gadding about the countryside with Jesus, how was he earning a living to support his family? How did he balance his family life with his ministry with Jesus and then after the Resurrection, leaving home to travel to foreign lands to spread the Gospel? In our modern, busy 24/7 world it can be difficult to find the time needed for all aspects of our lives, invariably one area tends to suffer. St Peter would have been familiar with these struggles trying to juggle family life, his job and his calling to follow Jesus and teach the Gospel.

Peter was present throughout Jesus ministry and witnessed the miracles he performed, as well as being sent out by Jesus with the other disciples to preach repentance, cast out devils and cure sick people themselves. Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle. Along with James and John, they were his closest friends and are mentioned on multiple occasions as being the only ones who were present when an extraordinary manifestation of Jesus' power or glory occurred; the raising of Jairus' daughter, the Transfiguration and when Jesus experienced His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Despite everything he had witnessed, Peter was, like so many of us, slow to understand, prone to mistakes and his actions and his words were often at odds with one another. He was impulsive in nature, which could manifest itself in moments of great faith, such as when he walked on water and declared that Jesus was the Messiah. But his impulsiveness was not always a good thing. Within minutes of his declaration that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus had to rebuke him (so forcefully that he called him Satan!) for failing to understand God's will. How well does that mirror our own lives? We come together to celebrate Mass, to listen to God's word, be nourished by the Blessed Sacrament and then we leave the church to find ourselves gossiping about other people or going into a rage at a driver in front of us or whatever sin it may be. Like Peter, we can change so quickly.

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Jesus knew Peter, just like he knows everyone of us. When Jesus changed Peter's name from Simon to Peter (*Cepha* in Aramaic and *Petros* in Greek, which means 'rock') and told him he would build his church on his rock, he also knew that Peter was going to fall asleep on him in the Garden of Gethsemane, abandon him and then deny him, so heartbreakingly, before his Passion and Death. Peter was adamant in his reply to Jesus at the Last Supper that he would never abandon him, yet just a few short hours later and after everything he had seen, he couldn't even bring himself to admit to knowing Jesus to a lowly servant girl. Again, we can see ourselves mirrored in this egocentric side of St Peter's nature. How often do we break our promises to God? How often are we so full of ourselves, boldly declaring the words but failing to follow up with the actions?

Peter may have seemed at the time to be a strange choice to be the first leader of the Church and yet Jesus chose him over anyone else. Peter's encounter with the risen Jesus, on the shore of Lake Galilee changed him forever. Jesus forgave Peter for denying Him when He asked him three times to affirm that he loved Him just as he forgives each one of us whenever we go to Confession. When we fall flat on our faces, like Peter did, on many occasions, Jesus is always there to help us, to pick us up, to forgive us and most importantly to love us, despite all our faults and failings.

Peter's impulsive and egocentric nature was transformed by God's power and he became a fearless preacher, willing to put himself in harms way to preach the Gospel, ultimately giving his life for what he believed in; that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. If St Marks' Gospel is Peter's story I love that he doesn't leave out the mistakes he made, it would have been easy to gloss over them or to try and portray himself in a different way! If God can transform Peter into a rock, then He can transform us as well, as long as we open ourselves to His Grace. What an incredible comfort for all of us.



May we all be inspired by St Peter to pick ourselves up every time we fall and to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel in our daily lives. We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter that he, like Peter, will win souls for the Lord Jesus.

Thank you to Fr Denney for opening up the Scriptures for all of us who attended the Bible Study, we are hopeful that he will run another one soon, needless to say it comes highly recommended!

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