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Eighth Sunday of the Year [C]

27th February 2022

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

St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

**St. Peter in Chains,
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes
in the RC Diocese
of Galloway.**

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Mustard Seeds

✠ An Afternoon in the Park

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Mars Bars and a six-pack of cola and he started his journey. When he had gone about three streets, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his cola when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Mars Bar. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a cola. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realised how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Mars Bars in the park with God." But before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Make God your
first priority
not your
last resort

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

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February / March 2022	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 26 th February	8th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Bill McLaughlin (RD), John Collins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 27 th February	8th 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 28 th February	8th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (MM), John McLaughlin (A)</i>			
Tuesday 1 st March	8th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gordon McKechan (MM), Marion Borland (A), Margaret Friel (A)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am Peter Gallagher
Wednesday 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) Mass at 10am (With distribution of Ashes) <i>Offered for Sister Moira Donnelly (A), Maria Gillen (née Clarke) (A), Elizabeth Gribben (A).</i> Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm (No Mass)	Mass at 10am with Distribution of Ashes	11am and 7pm Mass with Blessing of Ashes (L)	10am Mass with Blessing of Ashes (L)
Thursday 3 rd March	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Bridget & Frank McKenna (A), Frances Wakeford (SI)</i>			10am Mass (L)
Friday 4 th March	Friday after Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sarah & James McGowan (A)</i> (Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse)	Adoration 11.30 Mass at 12 noon Annette Sayers (MM)	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am Henry Duffy
Saturday 5 th March	1st Sunday of Lent Mass at 5.30pm (With the Litany of Saints) <i>Offered for Jessica Johnston (RD), Patrick McDermott & Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

All Masses may be subject to change

Sunday is our special Day

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, of the celebration of the Eucharist and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.



Lenten Retreat

This year our theme will be "Reclaiming Sunday". We will look at the deeper meaning of Sunday's and it's significance for our times, starting next week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Janet Brown, Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Susan Hughes, Robert Smallridge, Anita Smallridge.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Bill McLaughlin (Arran), Marie Louise Paterson, Gordon McKechan, Malcolm McLean, Jessica Johnston (Hamilton),

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty Burns 2006, Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014, Margaret Friel 2021, Ambrose Armstrong 1976, Matilda Brannan 1970, Billy Magee 2002, Joe and Nan McConnell, Canon John Walls 2010, Simon Brannan, Mennotti Carrino, Odina Carrino, Gerry Swan 2020, Paul Gerard Brown 1986, Father Charles Barclay 2001, Bernard Cassidy 1994, Margaret Dolan 1959, Frances Hackett 1997, James McFarlane 1976, Maria Gillen née Clarke 2001, Rita McDermid 2018, Marion Borland 2021, Sister Teresita of Jesus (Valenti), Matthew Johnson 2012, Catherine McCutcheon 2002, Michael Reilly 1995

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

- ▶ **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MALCOLM MCLEAN** Please pray for the Soul of Malcom McLean who died on 7th February, aged 73 years. His Funeral Service will be at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Monday, 28th February at 1.30pm. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Monday 7th March. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church the children of the Sheffield Family and also Daniel Thomas Wilson who will be baptised on Saturday, 5th March. Congratulations to the Parents and the Godparents.
- ▶ **DON'T FORGET - ASH WEDNESDAY** Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is this week on 2nd March. Mass with distribution of Ashes will be at 10am in both St Bride's and St Peter's. Ashes will also be distributed in our Primary School. "Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return!"
- ▶ **SCIAF WEE BOXES** This Lent we are being asked to act and pray in hope, to fight the Climate Emergency and help build God's Kingdom here on Earth. Please collect your WEE BOX, and also your Lent Prayer and Reflection booklet as you leave the Church today.
- ▶ **DAY OF PRAYER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE** Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable. Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all. We will celebrate the Holy Mass in this intention on **Friday 4th March 2022 at 10am at St Peter's and 12 noon at St Bride's.**
- ▶ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT WEST KILBRIDE** This year World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 4 March at 2 pm in West Kilbride Parish Church. Father Duncan will be giving the Reflection. Please come along and join our friends in West Kilbride Christian Community.
- ▶ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT ARDROSSAN** This year World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 4 March at 2 pm in St Andrew's Church, Saltcoats. All Welcome.
- ▶ **SYNOD MEETING AT ST PETER'S** The long-awaited Synod Meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd March at 7.00pm in St Peter's Centre. This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to make a contribution to the life of the Church in our Diocese. If you can please come along and walk with others on our way of faith.
- ▶ **SYCAMORE MEETING AT ST BRIDE'S** The last Sycamore Meeting before Easter will be on Monday, 28th February at 7.30pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome!
- ▶ **A WORD OF THANKS FROM RENA FITZPATRICK** Rena is very grateful for Mass cards, prayers and cards received after her stay in hospital. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

LENTEN BOOKLET 2022

The Church gives us the liturgical year – complete with memorials, feasts, solemnities, and special seasons – to help us to grow spiritually and to live our Christian lives more fully. This is especially true during Lent. In this season, we willingly join Jesus in His sacrifice. He has given us the dignity to be able to share in His work of redemption, a redemption accomplished through sacrifice and love. That's what gives meaning to our Lenten observances, penances, and sacrifices. When we make this Lenten journey – a journey of love – we can grow in a life of union with the Beloved of our souls, Jesus. These Lenten reflections will help us all to grow in love and understanding of the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ. Download the Booklet on our Parish websites.

Just for a Laugh...

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, an Esso Petrol station was close by. She walked to the station to borrow a petrol can and buy some petrol. The attendant told her that the only petrol can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with petrol and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with petrol, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the petrol into her tank, two Mormon Missionaries watched from across the street... One of them turned to the other and said: "If it starts, I'm becoming a Catholic!"

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The Gardener's Prayer

A kiss of the sun for pardon.
The song of the birds for mirth.
One is nearer God's heart in the garden.
Than any place else on earth.

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"Fingers crossed" - Making the sign of the cross with our fingers to avert bad luck. | "Short shrift" - This saying is still often used, when but little time is allowed to carry something out. It has its origins in the old Anglo-Saxon word to "shrive", meaning to go to confession and receive absolution. When a criminal was going to be executed he was allowed just time enough to make his confession and receive absolution, before he died. Hence the origin of the expression.

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