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Second Sunday of Lent [B]

28th February 2021

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

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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use this Gospel reading to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say this Gospel reading quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Reflection

Mountains are strange places where remarkable things happen! In the first reading for Mass today we hear of the sacrifice of Abraham – on a mountain top! (see Genesis 22) In that story, which saw a new Covenant established between God and his chosen people, Abraham's son Isaac was spared and escaped sacrifice. Another hill was Calvary, but on that height someone's son did not escape. That was Jesus, revealed today as God's beloved Son in a moment of glory on another mountaintop. All this shows us the immensity of God's love – Father, Son and Spirit –willing to embrace the most profound sacrifice. There is so much more in this story – the appearance of Moses and Elijah, standing for the Law and the Prophets (the validation of the sacrifice of Jesus as fulfilment of the Old Testament); the confusion and fear of Saint Peter and his companions; but perhaps most important is the promise of the resurrection, when the glory glimpsed today is fully revealed. Our journey of Lent leads to glory – though it may sometimes feel like climbing a mountain! But remember, remarkable things happen on mountains!

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Second Week of Lent [B] 2021

February/March 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com Please visit the above websites for further information	
		<i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Father Benjamin Mkeri</i>	
		St John's	St Mary's
Saturday 27 th February	2nd Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Mary Ann Hamilton (RD) and Jo Carswell (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)
Sunday 28 th February	2nd Sunday of Lent [B] Mass at 10.30am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 11.30am (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Monday 1 st March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for John Collins (A) and Robert Ferguson (RD)</i>		
Tuesday 2 nd March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Maria Gillen (A) and Tom Slimmon (RD)</i>	Mass at 1.30pm With St. John's PS (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Wednesday 3 rd March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 1.30pm With St. Anthony's PS (Live Streamed Only)
Thursday 4 th March	Votive Mass of St Joseph Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Anne Hughes (RD) and Jane Michelle Doyle (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Friday 5 th March	Requiem Mass for Robert Stevenson Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	
Saturday 6 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Anne O'Neil (RD), Kathy McAuliffe (RD) and Sadie Gallagher (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.



SCIAF Collection for Lent

Normally, we would be having out the SCIAF boxes for Lent as a practice of our almsgiving. Because of the closed Churches and restrictions it is practically impossible to get the boxes to everyone. This is what we thought we might do this Lent: The Boxes will be available on Wednesday 3rd March, from 9am until 10am at St Bride's, in front of the Church Door and at St Peter's, in the porch of the Presbytery. Please make an effort to come along, or ask someone else, and collect some boxes for yourselves and other parishioners. The boxes should be returned by the end of Lent.

Thank you for your support!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Robert Stevenson, Cornelius Welsh, Robert Ferguson, Tom Slimmon, Josephine Atkins, Jane Michelle Doyle, Anne Hughes, Anne O'Neil, Kathy McAuliffe, Sadie Gallagher.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

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 2001, Rita McDermid 2018, Sister Teresita of Jesus (Valenti), Matthew Johnson 2012, Catherine McCutcheon 2002, Michael Reilly 1995, James Convery 2008, Bishop Joseph McGee 1983, Father Charles McLaughlin.

St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT STEVENSON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Stevenson who died on 22nd February 2021, aged 83 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 5th March 2021 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR CORNELIUS WELSH** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Cornelius Welsh who died on 6th January 2021, aged 55 years. His Graveside Service and Interment will be on Friday, 5th March 2021 at 2pm at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Catholic Parliamentary Office – Scottish Child Payment has now started

The new benefit will give qualifying parents and carers £40 every four weeks for each child under six. The benefit has now started, meaning that Social Security Scotland is now able to do final eligibility checks and start issuing decisions. The first decisions and payments will arrive from late February. Thousands of applications are being processed each week to get money to families as soon as possible. People who applied in advance of Monday 15 February are expected to get a decision and, if eligible, their first payment by no later than the end of April. Payments for those who applied today or earlier will be calculated from today. Parents and carers who have not yet applied and have a child under six are encouraged to apply today to get the maximum amount of money they are entitled to. People who apply after today will have their payment calculated from the day that they apply. People, who supplied their mobile number, will be kept up to date on the progress of their application by text. Social Security Scotland delivers a number of benefits for families. This includes Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment, Early Learning Payment, School Age Payment and Best Start Foods. Applications can be made for Scottish Child Payment and all of these using a single straightforward form. People can apply by visiting Benefits and grants – mygov.scot or calling 0800 182 2222. Scottish Child Payment is a new benefit and it is in addition to the UK wide Child Benefit.

St. Bride's Notices

► **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021** Every year in March, St Brides and West Kilbride Parish Church come together for a worldwide Christian Service to pray for the people of a nominated country. This year the chosen country is Vanuatu, a volcanic archipelago of 82 islands in the South Pacific. As we cannot physically meet in our churches prayer booklets are available and Betty will distribute some to Parishioners who normally take part and the housebound. Booklets can be requested on 01294 829770. The service will be posted on the WDP website www.wdpScotland.org.uk and zoom connections can be obtained by emailing: orr.betty@btinternet.com

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

Some Questions and answers from the Bible...

Q: How do you make Holy Water?

A: You take some regular water and boil the devil out of it.

Q: How long did Cain hate his brother?

A: As long as he was Abel.

Q: Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?

A: They were using fowl language.

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: Same reason we sing Hymns instead of Hers!

Q: On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks?

A: Quackers.

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson — he brought the house down

Q: Who was the best female finance lady in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet

Q: What's the best way to study the Bible?

A: You Luke into it.

Mustard Seeds

✚ Bruised Apples

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. Well, as such things go, one thing led to another. The sales meeting lasted longer than anticipated. Their flights were scheduled to leave out of Chicago's O'Hare Airport, and they had to race to the airport. With tickets in hand, they barged through the terminal to catch their flight back home. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table, which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding, all but one. He paused, took a deep breath and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his friends to go on without him and told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl at the apple stand was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping or to care for her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply praying and going to church. It's actually living His life day by day. You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by the fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid for us in full.

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