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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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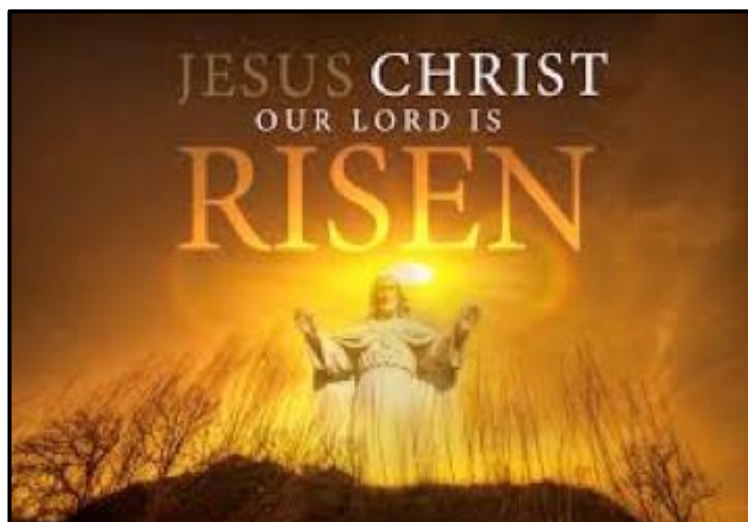
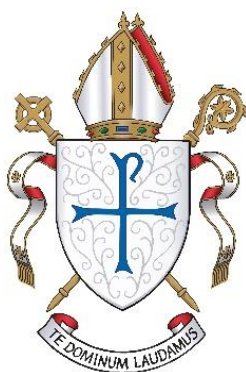
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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**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,  
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### Easter Message from Bishop Nolan

The celebration of Easter is a celebration of hope, a celebration of light conquering darkness, a celebration of life triumphing over death, a celebration of the grace of God overcoming human frailty and sin. This year in particular at Easter we have the hope that the lockdown is coming to an end, that the vaccine is defeating the virus, and that the fear of being infected by covid is now fading away. Our lives have all been affected by the experiences of this past year. As we emerge from lockdown we recognise that we have been changed by the isolation from our families and friends, by the death of loved ones and the inability to mourn them properly, and by the financial uncertainty of perhaps losing our job or our source of income. Apart from covid, of course, there may be other problems we face in life. We just remembered in Holy Week the sufferings of Jesus as he carried his cross. We too have our cross to carry, we too suffer our Calvary. But Jesus, who suffered and died, rose to new life. There is hope even in time of suffering and trial, there is hope even in death. The resurrection Jesus gives us that hope. Just as light overcomes darkness so also the grace of God overcomes all human frailty, failure and sin. No matter what troubles we face in life may our celebration of Easter give us hope. +William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway

### 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.



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PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.  
THANKS!**



# Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter 2021

April 2021	<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<b>St. Bride's West Kilbride:</b> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> <b>St John's, Stevenston:</b> <a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <b>St Mary's Saltcoats:</b> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a>		
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		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Vigil Mass at 8.30pm (Public & Live Streamed)			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 10am Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L) Mass at 11.30am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Joe Howie (A), Robert Stevenson (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Requiem Mass for Cathie Slimman</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed)	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (RD), Pat Logan (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Annie &amp; Andrew Murphy (A), Father Tom McCann (A), Matt Donnelly (D)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Jean McLellan (SI), Margaret Friel &amp; Francis Stalker (D)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Elizabeth McCrae (SI), Margaret Swiertz (SI), Felix Hamill (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

"Feed Your Soul" is a week-by-week series of thoughts and inspiration for the adventure of a lifetime! Every Sunday, we can be inspired by a short quote from the new Directory of Catechism. These reflections will feed your soul with a little inspiration, a little hope, and a little wisdom. Jesus wants to satisfy your hunger for... Joy, Great relationships, Peace, Purpose, and Life to the fullest. The only question left, then, is: Will you let him? Enjoy the first reflection: "All that the Church is, all that the Church does, finds its ultimate foundation in the fact that God wanted to reveal the mystery of his will by communicating himself to human beings... Revelation is an initiative of God's love and is directed towards communion... The novelty of the Christian message does not consist in an idea but in a fact: God has revealed himself... He is the complete manifestation of God's mercy and of the call to love that is in the heart of humanity... Entering into communion with him and following him offers fullness and truth upon human life." [Directory 11-16]



We wish everyone at  
St. Bride's and St. Peter's  
a very happy  
and Blessed Easter.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Annie Watt, Lee Dodds (Ayr)*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Patrick Logan, James Watt, Cathie Slimman, Patsy Forsyth, Robert Stevenson, Josephine Atkins.*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Annie Adam 1997, Mattie Friel 1995, Dominic Gribben 2018, Barbara Henderson,  
Frank McCaffrey 2012, Jane Mullen 2003, Annie Murphy 1981, Agnes Ward 2001,  
Margaret Boyd 2004, George Lee 1992, James Wilson 2013, Daniel Thomas Gilmour 2013,  
Frank Grogan, Michael McNamara 2008, Father Tom McCann 2009, Mary Tinney 2004,  
Father Jim Boyd SCJ 2002, Patricia Brady 2019, Andrew Coldwell 1994, Father John Collins 2002,  
Donald Cullinane 2009, Frank Kelly 1994, Michael Mulligan 1982, Billy Smith 2009,  
David McLaren 2006, Jim Roxburgh 2014.*

## St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHERINE SLIMMAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Cathie Slimman, who died on Tuesday, 23rd March 2021, aged 72 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 6th April at 10am, followed by Committal at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Canon Matt has signed up to go on a five day pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th). Flight from Edinburgh – travel restrictions permitting. Full details available from: [www.northernstarttravel.com](http://www.northernstarttravel.com) or 0161 7732115

► **PARISH 50/50 CLUB:** Sincere thanks to all our members who have renewed their memberships for this year. However, we still have 30 memberships waiting to make payment. As we hope to make the PRIZE DRAWS for JAN/FEB/MAR ASAP can the members who are still isolating at home PLEASE make payment by post to the Promoter or tele. Mrs Sammons on 01294/469006 to make arrangements for collection. We still have room for any NEW MEMBERS who would like to join. Your continued support is appreciated. Winners names will be included in the Bulletin in April. and will receive prizes by Post.

### **BOOKING FOR MASS**

Due to the Scottish Government restricting the number of people attending church to a limit of 50. You are required to book if you would like to attend Mass. Please try to call only during booking times below.

**To book for St. Peter's** call the Parish Office on 01294 464063, Monday to Friday, 9am – 11.30am.

**To book for St. Bride's** call Phyllis Howie on 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm – 9pm.

## St. Bride's Notices

► **RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Any children who still should receive the Sacraments of First Confession, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please get in touch with Father Duncan as soon as you can, so that they don't miss out this year. Thanks!

► **100 CLUB WINNERS** The 2 winners for our 100 Club are  
January: Violet Montgomery, £26.50.  
February: Seamus Gallanagh, £26.50.

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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or call 01294 464063.

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **JUST FOR A LAUGH... *Some Tommy Cooper Jokes***

◆ Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

◆ Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

◆ A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. 'My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?' 'Well,' said the vet, 'let's have a look at him' So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth. Finally, he says, 'I'm going to have to put him down.' 'What? Because he's cross-eyed?' 'No, because he's really heavy'

## Mustard Seeds

### ✚ Feed My Sheep

The fishing boat is bobbing gently on the lake, a hundred yards offshore. Occasionally a wave slaps against its side though the lake is surprisingly still this morning. They labour all night to earn a living. But not this night. This night they haven't netted a single fish. On shore, the sleepy village of Capernaum is beginning to stir. On its rocky beach the fishermen can see the glow of a small fire. Occasionally a breeze brings them the aroma of fish cooking. Peter's stomach remembers its hunger, and his mouth can almost taste the savoury fish. Who's tending the fire? It's a man. Peter can see that much. He looks familiar, but Peter can't place him. Now the man brings up his hands and cups them about his mouth. A moment later his voice reaches the boat: "Boys," he shouts. "Put your nets out on the right side of the boat and you'll find some fish" "Every landlubber thinks he's an expert fisherman!" fumes Peter. But they are ready to put out the net again. Why not the right side this time? What do they have to lose? All of a sudden the stillness of morning is broken by the writhing of trapped fish and a tremendous tug on the net that, for a moment, threatens to capsize the boat. The men are instantly alert and position themselves to pull in the thrashing net. They must have caught a whole school of fish — on the right side of the boat! Peter looks up from his exertion to the man on the shore. John, too, is straining to see him. "It's the Lord!" shouts John. "It's Jesus!" The others are struggling with the net, but Peter doesn't care. He grabs his clothes, dives into the lake, and swims with powerful strokes until the water is shallow enough for him to run splashing the rest of the way. Dripping, he drops to his knees before Jesus — the risen Lord, the man he has spent three years following, emulating, serving. Jesus calls to the men — disciples with whom he has shared many meals. "Come, have some breakfast!" Jesus, the great Feeder of men is feeding them again this morning. Now Jesus calls him aside. "Do you love me Peter?" With pain, Peter remembers how three times he had vehemently denied Jesus just before his crucifixion. He can hardly look Jesus in the eye. He mumbles, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." "Peter, feed my sheep," says Jesus. Three times Jesus asked Peter to reaffirm his love — once for each time Peter had denied him. Three times Jesus reaffirms Peter's call to ministry. Jesus not only forgives Peter, he restores him fully to his confidence. Jesus is talking about spiritual food — teaching, praying, leading, exhorting, serving. Jesus is asking for Peter's love, but with that love, obedience too. "Yes, I love you, Jesus," says Peter clearly, lifting his eyes to meet the Master's. "Then feed my sheep," says the great Feeder of men. "Peter, I need you to feed my sheep for me." "Yes, Lord, of course I will," whispers Peter, as his eyes flood with tears. "You can count on me."



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