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The Baptism of the Lord [B]

10th January 2021

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

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 these readings to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these readings quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Gospel, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Reflection

This is a powerful reading, describing a moment when God's plan is revealed in the most dramatic way: the "heavens are torn open", the Spirit is revealed as a dove, and the Father's voice thunders from the opened heavens! Our own baptism was probably less dramatic! And yet, it was the same: Divine power poured from heaven to touch you: the Spirit of God descended, and the voice of the Father spoke in that moment to say of you, "You are my daughter, my son, the beloved." How do we live up to the gift God has given us in baptism?

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.



First Week of the Year [B] 2020

January 2021	St Peter-in-Chains Ardrossan <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 and details for livestream Mass from St. John's or St. Mary's
Saturday 9 th January	Our Lady's Day for Christmas Time Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Robert Montgomery (RD), Kathleen Fraser (RD) and Winifred Lawrence list</i>	
Sunday 10 th January	Feast of The Baptism of the Lord Mass at 10.30am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	
Monday 11 th January	1st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Maretta Main (CB), Peter Devine (RD), Andrew, Fiona, Euan, Emma & Alese Upton (CB)</i>	
Tuesday 12 th January	1st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for John Butcher (A), Pauline MacMillan's List of intentions (D), and Winifred Lawrence list of intentions (CB)</i>	
Wednesday 13 th January	Feast of St. Kentigern Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for McEvoy Family (CB), Murphy Family (CB), Pauline MacMillans List (SI), Matt Donnelly (RD)</i>	
Thursday 14 th January	1st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Ann O'Brien (B), Martin & Liz McGarvey (CB), Lucille & Ronald Moarkersweird (CB)</i>	
Friday 15 th January	1st Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Templeton Family (CB), McHugh Family (CB), Ann McEwan (RD) Lewis McLaughlin (Stevenston) (RD)</i>	
Saturday 16 th January	Our Lady's Day Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Gough Family (CB), Mary McSpurran (RD), John & Ann Taggart (CB) and Patrick & Sarah Braniff (A)</i>	
St Peter's Parish Centre: Fiona Brown 07907 389703		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anthony Brennan, Jim Boyle, Teresa McCormick.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Harry McKechan, Matt Donnelly, Lewis McLaughlin, Mary McSpurran, Peter Devine, Kathleen Fraser, Ann McEwan.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joan McCallum 2001, William McLaughlin 2018, Rosina McPeake, Terry Murphy 1989, Mario Marchetti 2013, Kathleen McSkimming 2019, Hugh Adams 2019, John Aitken 2001, Anne Bowles 2017, John Butcher 2017, Kathleen Brown 2012, Christine Cassidy 1998, Mary Donnelly 2006, Eamon Lennon 2009, Kathleen Tritschler 2006, Roy White 1993, Cecilia McCurdie 2005, James McNamara 1982, Mary Guilfoyle 2005, Ishbel McCarroll 1983, Monica McDonald 1997, David Stirling 2004, Mary Coulter 1978, Tony Khan 1982, David Magee 2014, Peter McCarroll 1940, Isabel McHugh 2019, Elizabeth Walsh 2005, David Gallagher 2011, Mary Boyce Gillies 2012, Theresa McDermott 2000.

STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

The Parishes take quite a “knock” through Lockdown when public Mass is not available. Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.

Forms are available from the Parishes Office:

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St. Peter's Notices

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARY McSPURREN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary McSpurren, who died on 24th December 2020, aged 89 years. Her Funeral Service will be at Clyde Coast Crematorium on Tuesday, 12th January 2021 at 11am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

St. Bride's Notices

► **LIVE STREAMED MASS** Please see 'New Lockdown Arrangement for Churches' notice.
► **CONTACT DETAILS** Should you require to contact Father Duncan or the Parish Office contact details are on the front of this bulletin.

New Lockdown Arrangements for Churches

Dear Parishioners! We are entering a new national lockdown in Scotland and public Mass and Church services with immediate effect will no longer be possible in Church for at least the rest of this month of January. A Requiem Mass for the deceased can still go ahead with a maximum of twenty mourners. Also small weddings can still go ahead with a maximum of five people participating, including the priest and two witnesses. Our Primary School of St Peter's will remain closed until further notice, as will St Matthew's Academy. Please keep yourselves informed by going to our Parish websites. The latest updates and information can be found there. We will do our best to make sure you have the latest information. Holy Mass is live-streamed every day from St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan, with the Prayer of the Rosary thirty minutes before the beginning of Mass. Monday to Friday: Rosary at 9.30am and Holy Mass at 10am each day; Saturdays: Rosary at 5.00pm and Vigil Mass at 5.30pm; Sundays: Rosary at 10am and Mass at 10.30am. [N.B.: Changes may come about through the scheduling of a Funeral Mass]

Parish Websites: stbrideschurch.co.uk; saintpeterinchains.co.uk; saintpeterinchains.net

Let's pray at home together every day that God will bless our Parish Communities and that he will keep us and all our families and loved ones safe.

God bless,
Father Duncan

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

The Parish Priest asked the children at School: "If I sold my house and my car, had a big car-boot-sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?" Again, the answer was "NO!" "Well," he continued, "then how can I get to heaven?" In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You've got to be dead!"

Mustard Seeds

✝ Masks

Don't be fooled by the face I wear, for I wear a thousand masks, and none of them are me. Don't be fooled, for goodness sake, don't be fooled. I give you the impression that I'm secure, that confidence is my name and coolness is my game, and that I need no one. But don't believe me. Beneath dwells the real me in confusion, in aloneness, in fear. That's why I create a mask to hide behind, to shield me from the glance that knows, but such a glance is precisely my salvation. That is, if it's followed by acceptance, if it's followed by love. It's the only thing that can liberate me from my own self-built prison walls. I'm afraid that deep down I'm nothing and that I'm just no good, and that you will reject me. And so begins the parade of masks. I idly chatter to you. I tell you everything that's really nothing and nothing of what's everything, of what's crying within me. Please listen carefully and try to hear what I'm not saying. I'd really like to be genuine and spontaneous, and me. But you've got to help me. You've got to hold out your hand. Each time you're kind and gentle, and encouraging, Each time you try to understand because you really care, my heart begins to grow wings, feeble wings, but wings. With your sensitivity and sympathy, and your power of understanding, you alone can release me from my shallow world of uncertainty. It will not be easy for you. The nearer you approach me, the blinder I may strike back. But I'm told that Love is stronger than strong walls, and in this lies my only hope. Please try to beat down these walls with firm hands, but gentle hands, for a child is very sensitive. Who am I, you wonder. I am every man you meet, and also every woman that you meet. And I am you, also.

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