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Third Sunday of the Year [B]

24th January 2021

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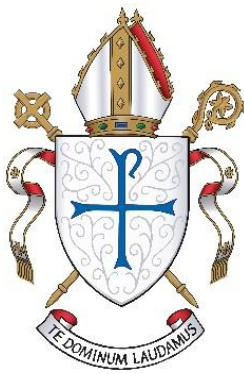
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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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, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah 3:1-5.10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: Up! he said Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to. Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a days journey. He preached in these words, Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed. And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Third Week of the Year [B] 2020

January 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 23 rd January	3rd Sunday of the Year [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered in thanksgiving and for Nan Connelly (SI) and the Currie family (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)
Sunday 24 th January	3rd Sunday of the Year [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 25 th January	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends)</i> <i>Offered for Jack Kavanagh (RD) and Mary McSpurran (D)</i>		Funeral Mass for Giose Motroni at 10am Live Streamed
Tuesday 26 th January	Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for John & Mary Finnigan (D), Esther Tomelty (D) and Jim Montgomery (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Wednesday 27 th January	3rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for June Farrell (RD), Seamus Reilly Snr. (D) and a Special Intention of Betty</i>	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	
Thursday 28 th January	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Ian Falsay (A), Francis Stalker (D) and a Special Intention of Betty</i>		Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Friday 29 th January	Mass in Time of Pandemic Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Rosina Gordon (RD), John Clarke (D) and Bernard Boyle (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	
Saturday 30 th January	4th Sunday of the Year [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Sadie Gallagher (RD), Robert Montgomery (D) and Valerie Welsh</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.



Urgent - Act now to stop 'DIY' abortion services being made permanent in Scotland

The Scottish Government is currently deciding on whether to make the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in Scotland permanent. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger. It is vital that as many people as possible contact their MSPs to ask them to write to the First Minister and other relevant ministers laying out the serious dangers with 'DIY' home abortions and, ask them to ensure that the temporary order allowing 'DIY' home abortion is revoked as soon as possible and not made permanent. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MSPs in less than one minute. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: - www.righttolife.org.uk/notodiyabortion

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Canon Archie Brown.

✝ Those who have died recently:

Ann Taylor, Jack Kavanagh, Jim Montgomery, June Farrell, Rosina Gordon, Sadie Gallagher.

✝ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joe Marshall 2013, John McKay 1957, Bernard Burns 1963, Annie Carson 1995, Avril Cullis 2009, Brookelyn Angel Donnachy 2006, James Jennings 2013, Andrew McCormick 2009, Alfie Willis 2015, Barbara Scott 2010, Willie Forsyth 2012, John McKay senior 1957, Patricia Murphy 1988, Joseph Retzbach 1940, Ian Michael Falsey 2004, Agnes Marshall 2012, Father Leo Muldoon, John Ryan 2001, Susanna Brodie 1963, Iain Clarke 2012

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

The following prayer is offered to support us during this threat of the coronavirus:

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of Church", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest
that will absolve us--
Not once, but again and again.
And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us--
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better,
Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing--
The beautiful hands of a priest.

Catholic One-Liners

- ✓ Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- ✓ Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- ✓ Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- ✓ Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- ✓ God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- ✓ God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- ✓ He who angers you, controls you!
- ✓ If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- ✓ Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!
- ✓ The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- ✓ We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- ✓ You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- ✓ The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- ✓ Don't keep the faith... spread it around!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

The Confused Samaritan: A man was beaten up by robbers on a road to Ayr. He lay there, half dead and in bad shape. A priest came along, saw him and passed by on the other side. Next, a monk came by but also walked quickly on the other side. Finally, a social worker came along, looked at the man and said "Whoever did this needs help!"

Mustard Seeds

✠ Tell Jesus I love Him

A grandmother recently went to dinner at a restaurant with her son and two grandchildren. They were sitting at the table waiting for their food when the 5-year-old asked, "Grandma, what was your mummy like?" "She was a very wonderful lady, Clare", said Grandmother. "Your Daddy knew her, too." The 5 year old looked at her Dad and said, "Did you, Dad?" Dad responded, "Yes I did, Clare. She was very nice." "What was your Dad like, Grandma?" said Clare. Grandmother responded, "He was nice, too, but I didn't know him very well because he died when I was only ten years old." Clare's Dad chimed in, "Isn't it great that Grandma's mum did such a good job taking care of Grandma even though her Dad wasn't with them?" Clare didn't say anymore right then. The next day, Sunday, Clare was just talking with her Dad. She said, "Dad, will people be able to see each other in heaven?" Her Dad said, "Sure they will, Clare". Then she asked, "Dad, I guess, since you're older than me, you'll die first." Her Dad responded, "Yes, I guess I will, Clare." "She said, 'I'll sure miss you, Dad.'" By this time Dad is having trouble keeping the tears from his eyes. After a moment of silence, Clare said, "Dad, will you please tell Jesus I love Him when you get there?" Dad responded with tears flowing down his face, "Sure, Clare, I'll be glad to tell Him." A wonderful story of a child's search for the deeper meaning and mystery of death.

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