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Fourth Sunday of Lent [B]

14th March 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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and St. Bride's,
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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

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Reflection

Our Scripture readings today are a complicated mix, but the main "theme" is "DOWN AND UP" – in that order! In Church our first reading and Psalm are about the exile of God's people to Babylon, and their eventual return. Down and Up. In the Second reading Saint Paul walks about us being "dead through sin" – DOWN – and raised through grace - UP! Down and up again! The Gospel is the same – a part of a long conversation Jesus has with the Pharisee Nicodemus by night: Jesus talks about what salvation means: people who have gone DOWN into the darkness, living lives ruled by sin, will be brought UP into the light by virtue of the cross, Jesus himself being "lifted up" to be the invitation to faith that brings eternal life. DOWN AND UP! We all have our "downs" in life, some bigger than others. The promise of Jesus, who himself DESCENDED into hell before ASCENDING to heaven, is that by believing in him, we can hope to rise up eternally. As we live through our DOWNS let us hope in His UPS – and rejoice!

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.



Year of
ST. JOSEPH



Fourth Week of Lent [B] 2021

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 13 th March	4th Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Marion Borland (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)
Sunday 14 th March	4th Sunday of Lent [B] (Mothers Day) 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 15 th March	4th Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (RD) and Elizabeth McGee (A)</i>	Mass times not available when going to print. Please visit Websites below for these Mass times. St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com	
Tuesday 16 th March	Requiem Mass for Marion Borland Mass at 10am (Live Streamed)		
Wednesday 17 th March	Feast of St. Patrick Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Michael Reilly (A) and Janie Aitken (A)</i>		
Thursday 18 th March	4th Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Declan Cody (RD) and Thomas Rourke (A)</i>		
Friday 19 th March	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary Stations of the Cross at 9.30am (Live Streamed Only) Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Robert Stevenson (RD) and Margaret Friel (RD)</i>		
Saturday 20 th March	5th Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Sister Moira Donnelly (RD) and Nan Reid (SI)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)

Come Back to Hope - Coming Home to Church

As Easter approaches, our hope is that we can slowly return to normal as a faith community. The greatest way God communicates himself is through our participation in the Eucharist. We will never be closer to God this side of heaven than when we are at Mass. Therefore, after time of prudently finding ways to safely and reverently celebrate Mass, it is vital that all who are able return to physical participation in the Mass. While there cannot be a guarantee from all the harms of this world, including COVID-19, few places are as safe as our churches. Let people know that they can come back to Mass without greatly increasing their susceptibility of getting sick. Here are three easy ways that we as joyful missionary disciples can invite others to come back to Mass. First, make a personal invitation. Nothing substitutes for personally inviting someone. Each of us knows someone who has not been back to church since the pandemic began. By reaching out to them by a phone call, a text, or through social media, we demonstrate our care for them and could provide them with the gentle nudge that makes the difference. Second, share an individual or a family selfie at church on social media. For better or worse, social media sites like Instagram and Facebook are the places we are most likely to give an anonymous encouragement to someone to return to Mass. Third, ask your parish how you can help. We have to look together and how we can welcome our friends and neighbours back to Church. "Business as usual" just won't make any impact any more. As we return to the regular practice of Sunday Mass and invite people once again to take up the obligation to participate at Sunday Mass as an expression of our faith, hope and love, it's important that we do that joyfully and as missionary disciples, so that many people can participate in the graces God wants to give them by being physically present at church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Marion Borland, James Watt, Josephine Atkins, Declan Cody, Robert Stevenson, Margaret Friel, Sister Moira Donnelly, Barbara Townsend (Plymouth), John Maguire, Jeff & Kate Simpson (Glasgow), Patrick Reilly (Baillieston).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Aldegonda Brogi 1971, Susan Morgan 2012, Frances Smith 2019, Louis Ferguson 2020, Grace Jamieson 2005, Canon Charles Matthews 1996, Doris McNamara 2010, Catherine Stewart 2004, Victor Donald 1985, Mary Gribben 2012, Susan Heaney 1956, Martha Pentleton 1984, Billy Shanks 2015, Janie Aitken 1989, John McCormick 2019, Michael Reilly 2013, Ian Trayner 2008, Keith Baldwin 2006, Sheila Giebler 2019, John Gurney 2004, James Terence McHugh 2020, James Mulhearn 1982, Thomas Rourke 2015, William Tait 1996, Kevin Doherty 1979, Alistair Malloy 2014, Peggy McArthur 1986, Andrew Murphy 1971, Agnes Dougan 2018, Kate Smith 1972.

St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARION BORLAND** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Marion Borland, who died on Wednesday 3rd March 2021, aged 82 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 16th March at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **PALM SUNDAY – COLLECTION OF PALMS** Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and available for collection from the porch of the house on Wednesday 31st March between 9am and 11am.

Lenten Covering of Crosses and Images

At the end for his week we will be covering the crosses and images in our Churches with purple cloths. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Lord's Passion. Statues and images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The custom of veiling crosses and images has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption and see them with "new eyes" in the light of Easter.

St. Bride's Notices

► **PALM SUNDAY – COLLECTION OF PALMS** Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, and Tuesday 30th March.



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It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.

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ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

★ Over the massive front doors of a church, these words were inscribed: "The Gates of Heaven". Below that was a small cardboard sign which read: "Please use other entrance."

★ A Catholic Primary School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to Mass, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Here are some Actual Announcements Taken from Church Newsletters:

★ Don't let worry kill you - let the church help!

★ Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the Parish Hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Good News - Holy Week in Church

Our Churches can reopen starting on Friday, 26th March 2021. We are allowed up to fifty parishioners for each Mass. This means we will be able to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter much more a community. The other restrictions are still in place. Mass and service times will be announced in next week's bulletin. Booking for St Peter's will be open from Monday 22nd March by phoning the Parish Office 01294 464063, open Monday-Friday, from 9.00am - 11.30am - please try and keep to these times. Maximum Booking at St Peter's of fifty persons. Booking for St Brides: Please phone Phyllis Howie on 01294 822320 or 07843 602745 7pm - 9pm. *Thank you!*

Mustard Seeds

✙ Four Little Words...

If there is something one cannot do without, it is a mother. Father loves her, daughter imitates her, son ignores her, salesmen thrive on her, motorists hurry around her, teachers phone her, and the woman next door confides in her. She can be sweeter than sugar, more sour than a lemon, all smiles, and crying her heart out - all within any given two-minute period. She likes sewing, detective stories, having her birthday remembered, Church, a new dress, the cleaning woman, father's praise, a little lipstick, flowers and plants, "Coronation Street" on TV, dinner out on Sunday, policemen, one whole day in bed, crossword puzzles, sunny days, tea, and a good chat. She dislikes doing the dishes, father's boss, having her birthday forgotten, the motorist behind her, spring cleaning, her oldest child's report card, rainy days, the neighbour's dog, stairs, and the man who was supposed to cut the grass. She can be found standing by, bending over, reaching for, kneeling under, and stretching around, but rarely sitting on. She has the beauty of a spring day, the patience of a saint, the appetite of a small bird, the memory of a large elephant. She knows the lowest prices, everybody's birthday, what you should be doing, and all your secret thoughts. She is always straightening up after, reminding you to, and taking care of, but never asking for. Yes, a mother is one thing that nobody can do without. And when you have harassed her, buffeted her about, tried her patience, and worn her out, and it seems that the end of the world is about to descend upon you, then you can win her back with four little words, - "Mum, I love you!"

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