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Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy [B]

11th April 2021

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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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 Reading

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in him you may have life through his name.

Reflection

Faith is about believing what we cannot see. It is a step into the dark, an act of trust. Think about the ways in which we trust and believe in each other every day – as family and friends, we do not always demand "proof" but "go on trust." Today's celebration invites us to think about how much we trust Jesus – how much we believe in what we cannot prove! The world around us may think this foolish, may demand proof like Saint Thomas did. Let us step into the dark with the risen Lord, and let our faith and love and kindness help others to believe.

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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Year of
ST. JOSEPH



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April 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am – 11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm – 9pm.		St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com	
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			St Bride's	St. John's
Saturday 10 th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 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)
Sunday 11 th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>		Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L) Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 12 th April	2nd Week of Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Phyllis Poole (A), Ann McEwan (A)</i>			
Tuesday 13 th April	Funeral Service for Francis & Sarah McKane Mass at 10am (Live Streamed)		Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 14 th April	2nd Week of Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Hilda O'Toole (A), Intentions of the Farrell family</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Thursday 15 th April	2nd Week of Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Cathie Slimman (RD), Peter Callender (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 16 th April	2nd Week of Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Robert Ferguson (RD), Michael McCann (RD)</i>		Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)
Saturday 17 th April	3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Pat Logan (RD), James Watt (RD), Terry McCabe (A), Philomena Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

"Every person, prompted by the disquiet that dwells within his heart, by way of the sincere search for the meaning of his existence, is able to understand himself fully in Christ... 'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.' When a human being comes within God's reach, he or she is called to respond... The Christian faith is, first of all, the welcoming of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, sincere adherence to his person, and the free decision to follow him... We believe in Jesus when we accept his word, his testimony, because he is truthful. We believe in Jesus when we personally welcome him into our lives and journey towards him, clinging to him in love and following in his footsteps along the way, on a dynamic journey that lasts a whole lifetime.... To believe is an adherence of the heart, of the mind and of action. The faith of the disciple of Christ is kindled, sustained and transmitted only in the communion of ecclesial faith where the 'I believe' of Baptism is married to the 'we believe' of the whole Church. Every believer joins the community of disciples and makes the Church's faith their own." [Directory 17-23]



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Patrick Logan, James Watt, Cathie Slimman, Sarah & Francis McKane, Rebecca Sinclair, Peter Callender, Robert Ferguson, Michael McCann, Lee Dodds.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

David McLaren 2006, Jim Roxburgh 2014, Father Gabriel Kigozi 2011, Helen Theresa Magee 2000, George Monaghan 2004, Phyllis Poole 2015, Father David Barr 2012, Thomas Clarke 2019, Martha Lynas 2009, Jessie Stevens 2000, David Walsh 1962, Janie Clark 2010, James McKibben 2002, Margaret Spencer 1954, Ann McEvoy 1980, John McLaughlin 2020, Kathleen O'Donnell 2011, Francis Joseph Smith 1999, Jean Taylor 2006, Cliff Atkey 2000, Arthur Jenkins 2015, Francis McEvoy junior, Jean Robertson 2009, Mary Ann Walsh 1955, Noelle Collins 2007, Francis Coulter 1976, Marie McCarroll 1982, Rosina McPeake, William McPeake.

St. Bride's and St. Peter's Notices

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SARAH MCKANE AND FRANCIS MCKANE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sarah McKane who died on Sunday, 24th January 2021, aged 74 years and also of Francis McKane, who died on Thursday, 4th February 2021, aged 73 years. Their Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 13th April at 10am [live-streamed], followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **COLLECTION ENVELOPES** St. Peter's envelopes are available now. Please collect your envelopes from the back of the church.

► **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.northernstartravel.com or 0161 7732115

► **NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Loving Father, help the young men and women of our Parish Family of St Bride's and St Peter's to hear the call of Jesus Christ to follow him. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated holy priests, sisters, and brothers, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage, everyday sanctity and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. And so we turn to you in Christ's Name and pray with confidence... Our Father, who art in heaven... Hail Mary, full of grace... Glory be to the Father...

Thoughts for Easter

A person resurrecting from the dead does not just appear by chance to anyone — he appears to particular people, for specific reasons. Otherwise, the appearance would be simply like showing off a new suit to the general public. Jesus appeared first of all to Mary of Magdala. She was one of the few people who stood by him as he died of crucifixion. So, Jesus rewarded her with his first appearance as a new man. (Not because, as some twitter, there was a romantic relationship between them. She called him "Teacher," not "Sweetheart.") Jesus then appeared to Peter. Because he was the chief apostle; and because Jesus knew that Peter needed attention. Later, in his difficult job as leader of the church, Peter would be doubted by insiders and pilloried by outsiders. He had to be assured of the unique support of his Lord. Jesus later appeared to the disciples as a group. This was also a necessary encounter. They had not been totally loyal in their friendship. Jesus also appeared to a couple of disciples who had given up too soon, had left the city and were on their way back to their old lives. Jesus appeared to them first as a stranger, in order to gauge their real attitudes, so he would know how to help them. We don't know if Jesus appeared privately to his mother, but we can imagine that he did. He had to tell her how much she taught him; how often he thought of her; how the memory of her love kept him going when nothing else could. Jesus appears to everyone in a different way because each person is uniquely different. How does he appear to you?

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And Finally some Humour...

A well-worn £5 note and a similarly distressed £20 note arrived at the Bank of Scotland to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The £20 note reminisced about its travels all over the city. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to the Glasgow the Shopping Mall, the finest restaurants in Ayrshire, performances in the Concert Hall, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the £5 note. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The £5 note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church..." The £20 note interrupts, "What's a church?"

Mustard Seeds

✚ Easter Butterfly

As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things." Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you'd think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead. But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully formed butterfly emerges. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colours to the bright blossoms. Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection. On Easter morning the disciples saw Jesus' graveclothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round his body. Only the body was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has left to soar free. "He is risen as He said," an angel told the incredulous disciples. Later that day he appeared to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even "Doubting Thomas" didn't doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead. What do we Christians say in the face of death? There are many mysteries. But two things we know for sure. First, death is an enemy. Away with the sentimentality that vainly seeks to disguise death's insult! But second, and more important, Jesus' resurrection from the grave is God's proof to us that death is not the end. The empty tomb and Jesus' Spirit within us testify that Easter morning is God's triumph over death. And ultimately, Jesus promised, God will raise from the dead us who believe in His Son. Why do Christians gather on Easter morning? To show off their fine clothes or give a ritual tip of the hat to religion? God forbid! Rather we gather to celebrate Jesus' victory over death itself. For since He is our Lord and our Saviour, His victory is our victory. In celebrating His resurrection we celebrate our own assurance of ultimate triumph over death. Join us this Easter as we celebrate Life! And if you look closely on this Easter morning, you might even see a butterfly alight on the flowers.

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