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Third Sunday of Easter [B]

18th April 2021

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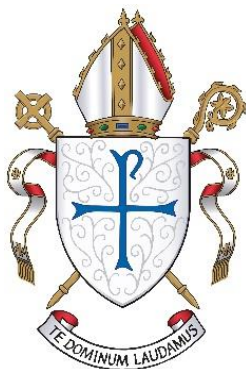
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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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 Reading

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Reflection

The Gospels are remarkably honest about the doubts of the friends of Jesus after his Resurrection – which should be a great comfort and help to us! It's not easy to believe in the resurrection of the dead: if we put ourselves in the disciples' place, we can easily imagine that our reaction might well be the same as theirs – "in a state of alarm and fright, thinking we were seeing a ghost." Just as with so many aspects of Jesus' life and mission, our very familiarity with the story can sometimes blunt us to its significance and meaning. The resurrection is a perfect example of this. So in response to today's Gospel, perhaps we should step back a little and try and use our imaginations: how would you react if you had been to a funeral on a Friday, and then saw that person walking down the street on the following Sunday? What would you think? Would you tell other people about it, or be afraid what they might think?! In the face of such doubt the response of Jesus is wonderful: he gently works through the doubts and fears, with great patience and love. He reassures them he is not a ghost by letting them see he has "flesh and bones", and even goes so far as to eat a piece of grilled fish "before their very eyes"! This is important for us: we believe the resurrection of Jesus was a physical resurrection – the resurrection of the body that we mention in the Creed – not just a spiritual or mental or metaphorical thing. The risen Jesus eats the fish. He has a body that can be touched. In this last year so many people have been denied human touch – elderly relatives in care homes, the sick and dying in hospital, grandchildren and grandparents. We long for that human touch once more. The bodily resurrection of Jesus teaches us that our ultimate destiny is also a physical resurrection, when we are raised in the body on the last day, which is definitely something to look forward to! As the Opening Prayer today said: "we look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection."



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THANKS!**

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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	St. Mary's
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),</i> <i>Terry McCabe (A), Philomena Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 18 th April	3rd Sunday of Easter 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 19 th April	3rd Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Robert Ferguson (RD), Lee Dodds (RD),</i> <i>Daniel Kelly (A)</i>			
Tuesday 20 th April	3rd Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Holly Collins & Family (SI), John Mitchell (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L) 1.30pm online Mass St Anthony's PS
Wednesday 21 st April	3rd Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Duncan Lyon (A), Betty Craig (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 22 nd April	3rd Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Joanne Collins & Son (SI),</i> <i>George Lee (A), John O'Rourke (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 23 rd April	3rd Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Andrew (Andy) Dougan (A),</i> <i>Bridget McLellan (A), John & Catherine Cahill</i>	Mass at 12 noon <i>Offered for</i> <i>John McLaughlin (A)</i>	Funeral Mass for Helen Robertson at 10am (L)	
Saturday 24 th April	4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday – Prayer for Vocations) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Sarah & Francis McKane (RD),</i> <i>Cathie Slimman (RD), James McHugh (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

"The Apostles, faithful to the divine mandate, by witness and works, preaching, institutions and writings inspired by the Holy Spirit, have handed on what they received, and, 'in order to keep the Gospel forever whole and active in the Church, left bishops as their successors, 'handing over' to them 'the authority to teach in their own place.' (Vatican II). The transmission of the Gospel according to the Lord's command has been carried out in two ways: 'through the living transmission of the Word of God (also called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.' Tradition and Scripture are firmly united and interconnected, stemming from the same source, the Revelation of Jesus. These join together in a single stream, the ecclesial life of faith, and work together... to render the whole mystery of Christ alive and dynamic in the Church. Tradition is not primarily a collection of doctrines but is a life of faith that is renewed every day.... The Church's Magisterium (the Bishops in communion with the Pope), supported by the Spirit and endowed with the charism of truth, exercises its ministry of authentically interpreting the word of God, which it serves." [Directory 24-27]

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Sister Imelda James of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice, Robert Ferguson, Lee Dodds (Ayr),
John Mitchell, Cathie Slimman, Sarah & Francis McKane.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*William Main 2007, Robert Tracy 2004, Margaret Lesley Cahill 2018, Marie Louise McCarroll 1982, James McCool 2009,
Jane Tumilty 1983, Margaret Kelly 2011, Agnes McCann 1970, Wendy McGowan 2019, Mary McKay 1980, Rosina Millar 1999,
Annie Paton 2009, Ellen Smith 2009, Charles Spencer 1969, Francis Docherty 2015, Philomena Doherty 2001, Iris Gribben
2019, Richard Hunter 2010, Duncan Lyon 2103, Charles John McMillan 2015, Ida Narducci 2008, Adam Whiston 1968,
Father Peter Dolan 2013, Margaret Grear 1994, Bridget McLellan 1995, John O'Rourke 1993, James Welsh 1997,
Sarah Coulter 1972, Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969, John Murphy, Thomas Nellany 2001, Mary Robertson 1988,
Rose Twigg 2014, Charlotte Bell 2009, David Cook 2018, John Maher 2010, Agnes McCann 1970, Joseph Stevens 1993.*

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

- **SPECIAL COLLECTION** There will be a special collection next weekend 24th/25th April for the Student Fund.
- **SCIAF 'WEE BOXES'** Please hand in all SCIAF boxes and donations by 4th May as for SCIAF to benefit from the 'Government Scheme' this needs to be in SCIAF account by 7th May. *Thank you*
- **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 Northern Star Travel Ltd: www.northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115

Just for a Laugh... The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now." The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony." "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!" "Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"

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...

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Guidelines from God

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfil My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. Please, follow these ten guidelines.

- ✠ **QUIT WORRYING:** Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you?
- ✠ **PUT IT ON THE LIST:** Something needs to be done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me.
- ✠ **TRUST ME:** Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. All you have to do is ask.
- ✠ **LEAVE IT ALONE:** Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace.
- ✠ **TALK TO ME:** I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family.
- ✠ **HAVE FAITH:** I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me.
- ✠ **SHARE:** You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.
- ✠ **BE PATIENT:** I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect.
- ✠ **BE KIND:** Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.
- ✠ **LOVE YOURSELF:** As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only - to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbours. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget....

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