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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday [B]

25th April 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.

**St. Peter in Chains,
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 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 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Reflection

For about four hundred years the early Church was somewhat shy about depicting the crucifixion of Jesus: far more common was showing him as the Good Shepherd – the title he claims for himself in today's Gospel. There are two sides to this image: what we see in Jesus, and what we see in ourselves! Jesus as the Good Shepherd is full of selfless love for every single sheep, unlike a hired hand, and will even sacrifice his life for the sake of the flock. Jesus as the Good Shepherd was willing to face the wolf that was his persecutors, to lay down his life for our sake. Jesus as the Good Shepherd is the one who will lead us, find us when lost, heal us when hurt, and guide us through the narrow gate that leads to eternal pastures. This is all wonderful, but for it to "work" there is the other side: we must acknowledge that we are his sheep! We belong to him, and we will follow his lead, and allow him to guide us. We admit that sometimes we are silly and selfish, and will get lost, so that he has to come looking for us. We accept that he will protect us by laying down his life, so that we can be free. In our culture to be "sheepish" is not seen as a good thing; today, however, let us be proud to be sheep of His flock, with the risen Good Shepherd guiding us to eternal green pastures!



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PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.
THANKS!**

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April/ May 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	
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i> <i>Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
			St Bride's	St. John's
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), Cathie Slimman (RD), James McHugh (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 25 th April	4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday – Prayer for Vocations) 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 26 th April	4th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for The Lawrence Family (SI), Francis McEvoy Jnr. (A), Noelle Collins (A)</i>			
Tuesday 27 th April	4th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), Winifred McMillan (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 28 th April	Votive Mass of St. Joseph Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Gertrude & Andy Gaffney (SI), Patricia Milligan (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass for Teddy Kelly at 10am (L)
Thursday 29 th April	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Christine, Margaret, Caroline & Baby Freddie (SI),</i>			
Friday 30 th April	4th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Suzanne in thanksgiving, The Ward Family (SI),</i>		Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)
Saturday 1 st May	5th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Linda Kerr (SI), Michael & Marie Ferguson (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

'Evangelising is the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise... She begins by being evangelised herself. She is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hope, to the new commandments of love... she has a constant need of being evangelised if she wants to retain her freshness, vigour and strength to proclaim the Gospel. (Pope St. Paul VI). Evangelising is not, in the first place, the delivery of a doctrine but rather making present and announcing Jesus Christ. ...Evangelisation makes this enduring presence of Christ concrete, in such a way that those who draw near to the Church may encounter in his person the way to 'save their lives' (cf Matt 16:25) and open themselves to a new horizon. [Directory 28-31]

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, Sandra Wilson, Bill Holden.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Winnie McMillan, Teddy Kelly, Ellen Robertson

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joseph McIver 2020, Patrick Doherty 2005, Mark Hughes 2012, Kathleen McEvoy 2016, Canon Alex McGarry 2013, Father John Murphy 1978, Lilian Pattinson 2005, Jack Ferguson, Frank Robertson 1989, Joseph Clarke 2016, Patricia McVeigh 2013, Philomena O'Hare 2009, Angel Doyle 2006, Edward McNamara 1977, Cecilia McNulty 2008, Aldo Agostini 1974, John Brownlow 2012, Tommy Morgan 1992, Kathleen Walsh 1955, Annie Mathieson Dorian 1974, Elizabeth Scott 2018, Roseann Ward 2017, Simon Charles Cawley 2004, Mary Crossan 1981, Iain Currie 2018, Elizabeth Hendry 1998, Mary McCaul 2014, Hugh Donald 2013.

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

► **SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION** Our annual special collection will take place next Saturday and Sunday (1&2 May.) Your £1 = £2. Your donation will make twice the difference. From 12 February 2021 to 11 May 2021 all donations will be doubled by the UK government. Please remember to hand in your SCIAF Boxes before 7 May to ensure any donations are also doubled. *Thank you*

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR WINIFRED MCMILLAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Winnie McMillan, who died on Sunday, 11th April 2021, aged 54 years. Her Funeral Service will be on Friday, 30th April at 2.30pm at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **MILL HILL MISSIONARIES** As this is the Year of St. Joseph the Mill Hill Missionaries have produced a shortened version of the 'Advocate' devoted entirely to St. Joseph. Please collect your copy as you leave the church.

► **THANK YOU** The family of Cathie Slimman would like to thank all relatives and friends for the beautiful flowers, mass cards, sympathy cards and phone calls which provided the family with much needed love and comfort since Mum passed on 23rd March. Special thanks to Fr. Duncan and Canon Matt for spiritual support and a comforting Requiem Mass at St. Peter in Chains Church, Andrena for your beautiful singing and Carly and the team at William Wallace and Son for funeral arrangements. Thanks also to all who attended, both inside and out, at the Requiem Mass and the Crematorium as well as everyone who paid their respects in Rowanside Terrace and at Ardrossan Cemetery.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 18th April 2021: £580.35

Special Collection (Building Fund): 160.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The Offertory Collection 18th April 2021: £89.00

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Just for a Laugh... An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the cinema theatre. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The old man just groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the old man just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success. Finally they called the police. The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right sir, what's your name?" "Fred," the old man moaned. "Where are you from Fred?" asked the police officer. With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Fred replied, "The balcony."

Ordination as Deacon of Kevin Rennie

Kevin Rennie is to be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 2nd May in Rome. We are invited to pray for him as a Diocese and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The short video clips will be available on the Diocesan website from 23rd April onwards. St Peter's and St Bride's will be on Saturday 1st May. Kevin writes: "On Sunday 2nd May the Pontifical Scots College invites you to join us in celebrating the Ordination of four of our men to the Order of Deacons. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at 11.30 (10.30 BST) in the College Chapel, and presided over by Archbishop Arthur Roche, the Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship. To join us, you can go to the College's Facebook page or YouTube ([tinyurl.com/diaconate2021](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8UWwTtYDQFmXGgR9Bz6A)) channel. I would ask for your prayers during this time as my brothers and I complete our final weeks of preparation, and I assure you of my own prayers."

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...

Mustard Seeds

✚ The Legend of the Starfish

A businessman on holiday was walking along a beach when he saw a young boy. Along the shore were many starfish that had been washed up by the tide and were sure to die before the tide returned. The boy walked slowly along the shore and occasionally reached down and tossed the beached starfish back into the ocean. The businessman, hoping to teach the boy a little lesson in common sense, walked up to the boy and said, "I have been watching what you are doing, son. You have a good heart, and I know you mean well, but do you realize how many beaches there are around here and how many starfish are dying on every beach every day. Surely such an industrious and kind hearted boy such as yourself could find something better to do with your time. Do you really think that what you are doing is going to make a difference?" The boy looked up at the man, and then he looked down at a starfish by his feet. He picked up the starfish, and as he gently tossed it back into the ocean, he said, "It makes a difference to that one."



Through me - let there be kind words, a warm smile, and a caring heart.

Through me - let there be a willingness to listen and a readiness to understand.

Through me - let there be dependability, steadfastness, trust and loyalty.

Through me - let there be compassion, forgiveness, mercy and love.

Through me - let there be every quality I find, O Lord, in Thee. Amen.

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