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Third Sunday of the Year [C], *Word of God Sunday*

23rd January 2022

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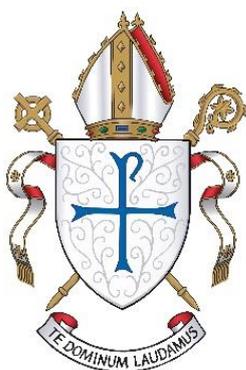
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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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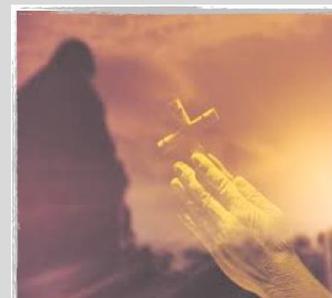
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✠ The Seven Great Prayers

Returning home from the doctor when you have just been diagnosed with colon cancer, many things go through your mind. Am I going to die? What will my wife do? How much time do I have left? And, the list goes on. Exhausted and total defeated, I decided to do what I always do, bury myself in e-mail! The first e-mail I read got my attention quickly. The Seven Great prayers was the subject line. As I read, the e-mail revealed the first of the seven prayers. The prayer was simply; "I Love you God." That's it. As I thought about it, I really haven't spent a lot of time telling God that I love him, but I realized that as a father, I needed to hear, "I love you," so, I supposed God does too. It is like the conversation you have with your daughter when she wants to borrow money for that new pair of shoes she has her eyes on. The conversation goes something like this, "I love you Daddy, you know, I really love you! (pause) Can I borrow £20?" The thing is, the strategy works every time! So, I began to pray. "I love you God, I really want to serve you, but you've got to help me with this cancer. If I put the cancer in your hands, I could serve you better. Your will be done Lord, but know that I love you." As I glanced down for the next prayer, the email said that I would receive it tomorrow and I would get one each day until I had received all seven. The next day, I couldn't wait to see the prayer. It was simple as well. The prayer was "Thank you God for...." I thought for a minute and began. Thank you God, for an early diagnosis. Thank you God, for a great doctor. Thank you God, for a loving and supportive wife. The thank you's continued for over 90 minutes! I simply thanked God for all of the many blessings that he had given me. One by one, once a day I received the prayers. And they were an amazing help for me with tests, surgery, and recovery. I still pray them today, eight years later, and cancer free. All the seven great prayers were later put into a book. I have shared only the first two with you because of space, but here they are;

1. I Love You God
 2. Thank You God for...
 3. God, You are Inside Me
 4. I Attract God's Blessings
 5. God, I See You Everywhere
 6. God Bless and I Love....
- God, Let Me Do Your Good Works.

I am sure they will help you too.



[From Tony Agnesi. The Book is called: The 7 Great Prayers, For a Lifetime of Hope and Blessings, Paul and Tracey McManus, Vanguard Press]

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Third Sunday of the Year [C] 2022

January 2022	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 22 nd January	3rd Sunday of the Year (<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for June Doherty (A),</i> <i>Ross McKellar (RD), Isabella McHugh (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 23 rd January	3rd Sunday of the Year (<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 24 th January	Memorial of St. Francis de Sales Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John McMillan (RD), Isobel Hackett (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 25 th January	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Canon Gunning (A)</i> (Week of prayer for Christian Unity ends)	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 26 th January	Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Charlie Farrell & Family (A)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Bert McMahon	
Thursday 27 th January	3rd Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John & Mary McNamara (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 28 th January	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ian Michael Falsay (A), Fr. Leo Muldoon (A)</i>	Adoration 11.30 Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Frank Fitzpatrick
Saturday 29 th January	4th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Margaret Friel (A), Legion of Mary (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Prayer of Pope Francis

Eternal Father, You have made the whole world stop walking for a while. You have forcibly silenced the noise that we have all created around us. You have made us bend our knees and ask for miracles. You closed Your Churches so that we realise how dark our world is without You in it. You humiliated the proud and powerful. The economy is collapsing, businesses are closing. We have been very proud to think that everything we have, everything we own, have been the result of our hard work. We have forgotten that it was Your grace, Your mercy, that made us who we are and has given us everything we have. We are going around in circles looking for some cure for this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask for guidance and wisdom only from You. We have been living our lives as if we are here on Earth forever, as if there is no Heaven, no Purgatory, no Hell. Perhaps this virus is actually Your way of purifying and cleansing our souls, bringing us back to You. Today, as these words travel the internet, may all who see them join their hearts and hands in prayer, asking for forgiveness, asking for healing and protection against this virus, but above all, asking that Your Holy and Divine Will be done and not ours. GOD we beg You, deliver us from all evil on Earth if it is Your will! Father, You have been patiently waiting for us to turn our faces to You, to repent of our sins. We are sorry to ignore Your voice! Selfishly, sometimes we have forgotten that You are GOD!! Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my house, but one word from you will be enough to heal me! You Lord only need to say the Word and our souls will be healed. We ask You for healing and deliverance in Jesus' name! By the infinite merits of his Most Sacred Heart and of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen.

Pope Francis

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons.

✚ Those who have died recently:

John McMillan Snr., Isobel Hackett (Sheffield).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

James Cunningham 1986, Michael Lynn 2005, James McCormack 1999, Catherine Welsh 2005, Joe Marshall 2013, Sally McKane 2021, 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, Michael McManus (Canon Matt's brother) 2021, Father Leo Muldoon, John Ryan 2001.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **BLESSING OF CANDLES – ST. PETER'S NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Next Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas], and the candles for use in Church will be blessed during Mass. Please bring any candles from home and place them in front of the altar and they will also be blessed on this special day of grace.

► **SINGING AND MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S** The Choir has been meeting regularly in Church with David. If you are interested in joining the choir, Cantor or play music at Mass please contact the parish office.

Sycamore Sessions at St Bride's

Topics and dates for the forthcoming Sycamore sessions on Mondays from 7.30pm onwards:

1. Creation, Fall and Salvation - 31st January
2. The Meaning of Love - 7th February
3. True Freedom - 14th February
4. Forgiveness, Healing and Mission - 21st February
5. The Social Teaching of the Church - 28th February

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:

The diocesan team would like to thank all the people who have already responded to the ten themes which have been published over the past couple of months. Omicron unfortunately postponed the first wave of synod encounters in parishes, however these are now starting to be rescheduled and we look forward to receiving the responses. In the meantime, there are two options to participate in the Synod. If you would like to attend an online encounter,

please [email synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) and indicate what days and times are suitable for you. There is also an online questionnaire which can be completed either by individuals or small groups, e.g. family members. It is available for download at <https://form.jotform.com/213292942112954> or by visiting gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod.



Mary's Meals supported by our Primary School

Children at St Peter's Primary got together for an appeal for "Mary's Meals" and raised money for this excellent charity. We congratulate them for their initiative and their tremendous efforts.

Adoration and Benediction in our Churches

Get the new year off to a great start by doing something for your spiritual life! There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday in St Peter's Church after Holy Mass, from 10.30am until 11am followed by refreshments in "St Peter's Cafe" [presuming there is no Funeral Mass]. Adoration is also available in St Bride's church every Tuesday at 9.30am and on Fridays at 11.30am. It's a wonderful chance to sit a while with the Lord and encounter him again in the Real Presence. Why don't you make an appointment with our Lord and "waste" some time with him! A little booklet called "The Thirty Minute Miracle" is available soon.

Sacramental Programme at St Peter's for 2022

For P3 - Making their First Confession

Parents' Meeting in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 24th March 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Confession in School on Wednesday, 30th March 2022 at 11.30am

P4 - Making their Confirmation

Parents' Meeting for Confirmation in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 3rd February 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Church with Bishop Nolan on Monday, 7th February 2022 at 7pm

P4 - Making their First Holy Communion

Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion in St Peter's Centre, on Thursday 19th May 2022, at 6.30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Church on Sunday, 22nd May 2022 at 10.30am

Sacramental Programme at St Bride's for 2022

I am looking for children in P3 or P4 who are making their First Confession or being confirmed and receiving their First Holy Communion this year. Please get in touch with Father Duncan as soon as you can. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 16th Jan. 2022: £606.37

Second Collection (Building Fund): £217.26

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 16th Jan. 2022: £103.00

Please consider taking out a Standing Order?

It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.

Forms are available from the Parishes Office:

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

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

The young couple invited their parish priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

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