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Fifth Sunday of the Year [C]

6th February 2022

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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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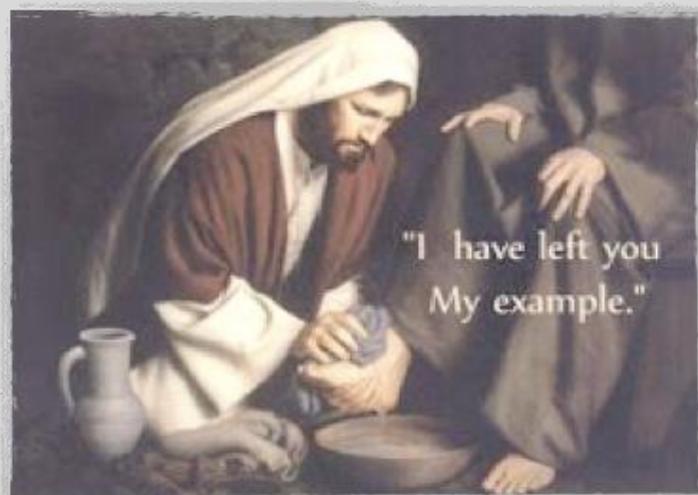
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Judge me by the Footprints I leave behind

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco. "Mum and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've got a favour to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring with me." "Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him." "There's something you should know the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come live with us." "I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live." "No, Mum and Dad, I want him to live with us." "Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own." At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, their son had only one arm and one leg. The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are. Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us regardless of how messed up we are.



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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February 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</i> <i>(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 5 th February	5th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 6 th February	5th Sunday of the Year Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for</i> <i>Catherine McAleavy (A)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 7 th February	5th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John McMillan (MM),</i> <i>Mrs Ellen Barrett & Frank Barrett (A)</i>			
Tuesday 8 th February	Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mr A Barrett (RD), Jerry Higgins (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Stephen Ward	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 9 th February	5th Week of the Year Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Barbara Souter (RD),</i> <i>Peter & Margaret Mitchell (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 10 th February	Requiem Mass for Marie Louise Paterson Mass at 10am			Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Mark Tulloch
Friday 11 th February	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mrs Sadie Cunningham (A),</i> <i>Matthew Lynch</i>	Adoration 11.30 Mass at 12 noon	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Jerry Higgins
Saturday 12 th February	6th Sunday of the Year Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Nell Kinghorne (RD),</i> <i>Warren Graham (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Scotland

On the Restoration of the Mass Obligation in the Dioceses of Scotland

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus. May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic. We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, of the celebration of the Eucharist and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President, Bishops' Conference of Scotland

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Rena Fitzpatrick, Margaret Johnson.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Marie Louise Paterson, James Gordon McKeachan

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joseph Brodie 1961, Eileen Busbridge 1978, Lilli McCulloch 2011, Catherine McIlroy 2009, James Meechan 2019, Marjory O'Connell 1986, Sarah Cunningham 1977, Patrick McGinn 1999, Marie Pellegrini 2020, Pamela McIntosh 1999, James Akins 1980, Baby Sophie Kerr 2008, Canon Sam McGinness 2009, Cesare Scott 2002, Maude Cullinane 1960 Jim Burns 2011, Catherine Cahill 1977, Sadie Cunningham 2019, Mary Delahunt 2008, John and Margaret Fitzsimmons 1985, Father G J Giblin SCJ 2001, Margaret Osprey 2018, Allan Carrick 2011, Ann Jane Fitzsimmons, Sadie McAloon 2011, Eliza Jane McKay, Oonagh McVeigh 2011.

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARIE LOUISE PATERSON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Marie Louise Paterson, who died on 28th January 2022, aged 81 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 10th February at 10am at St Peter's, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Monday, 28th February at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJURGORJE** We're back up and running! There are two pilgrimages this year. See poster at the back of the church for more details.
- ▶ **SYCAMORE AT ST BRIDE'S** The next Meeting will be on Monday, 7th February at 7.30pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome!
- ▶ **CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION** Fifty children will be confirmed by Bishop Nolan on Monday, 7th February 2022 at 7pm. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this time (9 from St Peter's and 2 from St Bride's).
- ▶ **ST. BRIDE'S** Teas and coffees resume after Mass on Sunday 6th February to which you are all welcome. Great thanks to all volunteers who provide the wonderful baking.
- ▶ **ST. PETER'S PARISH 50/50 CLUB** Many thanks to ALL our members for your continued support throughout 2021. **The Annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL of £15 is NOW DUE. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE** available at the Foyer in the Parish Centre as you leave the Church and **return ASAP**, either to the Parish Office or to the Promoter Myriame Sammons, 30 Seafield Court, Ardrossan. Tele.469006. Cash for £15/Cheque made payable to: St. Peters 50/50 Club, then we can continue the prize draws for 2022 ASAP. Your support is appreciated.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven dear ones
Oh, so peaceful and so bright
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in heaven at last

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade
Oh but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade

And he came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread
And with Jesus arm to lean on
Could I have one doubt or dread

Then you must not grieve so sorely
For I love you dearly still
Try to look beyond earth's shadows
Pray to trust our Father's will

There is work still waiting for you
So you must not idly stand
Do it now while life remaineth
You shall rest in Jesus' land

When the work is all completed
He will gently call you home
Oh the rapture of that meeting
Oh the joy to see you come!



40 Days for Life

This Lent the 40 Days for Life prayer group in Scotland will hold its annual vigil outside the maternity unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. From Ash Wednesday 2nd March until Palm Sunday 10th April, from 8am until 8pm the site will be manned daily. As you can imagine this is a big undertaking, but we have managed to do it for the past five years. Today I ask you to join the Pro Life cause by signing up for a slot during the 40 days – come hail, rain or shine. Usually, people give an hour of their time when we say the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. We have placards if you want one – my favourite is from Jeremiah “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” We do get hassle from time to time from passing motorists, but we also get support. If you want to help to try to turn the tide from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life please contact Matt Lynch on 0797 1234313.

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

“Sent to Coventry” - In the fourteenth century unruly members of the Cistercian Order were sent to occupy cells in Coventry to cool off, where in isolation they regained their composure. Also to go “a-roaming”, or more accurately to go “a-Roming” - a term that entered the English language as a consequence of the English love of going to Rome on pilgrimage. St Bede records in his writings that eight Anglo-Saxon kings abdicated to live as pilgrims in the eternal city.

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Offertory Cash Collection 30th Jan. 2022: £148.00

Standing Orders for January 2022: £ 1224.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh...

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, 'You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.' The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.' The wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.' Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.' So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says.....'HEBREWS'

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

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