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Second Sunday of Lent [C]

13th March 2022

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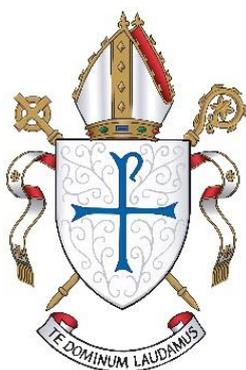
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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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Mustard Seeds

✠ They Won't Let Me In

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. People were filling the church to its full capacity! As they entered, each were given a bulletin filled with announcements, topic of today's sermon, what songs they would sing and who to pray for. At the end of the line stood an older man. His clothes were filthy, and you could tell that he had not bathed in days. His face was covered with whiskers, for he had not shaved for a very long time. When he reached the usher, he removed his tattered old brown hat in respect. His hair was long, dirty, and a tangled mess. He had no shoes on his feet and wore only soiled black socks to cover the sores upon his feet. The Usher looked at him turning up his nose at the old man and said, "Uh, I'm sorry sir, but I'm afraid we can't let you in. You will distract the congregation and we don't allow anyone to disrupt our Mass. I'm afraid you'll have to leave." The old man looked down at himself and with a puzzled look on his face, he placed his old brown hat back upon his head and turned to leave. He was sad as he loved to hear the choir sing praises to the Lord. He loved to watch the little children get up in front of the church to sing their little songs. He carried in his pocket a small worn out rosary and loved to see if the priest preached a passage about Our Lady or the Saints. But he was respectful, and didn't want to cause any commotion, so he hung down his head and walked back down the steps of the big brick church. He sat down on the brick wall near the edge of the church yard and strained to listen through closed doors and windows to the singing going on in the church. Oh how he wished he could be inside with all the others. A few minutes had passed by when all of a sudden a younger man came up behind him and sat down near him. He asked the old man what he was doing? He answered, "I was going to go to church today, but they thought I was too filthy, my clothes too old and worn, and they were afraid I would disrupt their Mass. Sorry, I didn't introduce myself. My name is George." The two men shook hands, and George couldn't help but notice that this man had long hair like his. He wore a piece of cloth draped over his body tied with a royal purple sash. He had sandals on his feet, now covered with dust and dirt. The stranger touched George's shoulder, and said: "George, don't feel bad because they won't let you in. My name is Jesus, and I've been trying to get into this same church for years -- they won't let me in either."



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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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March 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 12 th March	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Brian Scott (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 13 th March	2nd Sunday of Lent Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 14 th March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for David Kerr (RD), Elliott Gibson (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 15 th March	2nd Week of Lent Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James Tyrrell (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 16 th March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Gribben (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 17 th March	Feast of St. Patrick Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael (Mick) Reilly (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Elliott Gibson
Friday 18 th March	2nd Week of Lent Mass at 10am Exposition and Benediction 10.30am <i>Offered for Agnes Dougan (A)</i>	Stations of the Cross 11.30am Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 19 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kevin Doherty (A), Alec McCann (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
All Masses may be subject to change				

Sunday is our special Day

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass has now been restored. 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 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Janet Brown, Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Susan Hughes, Robert Smallridge, Anita Smallridge.

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Brian Scott, Bernard Watson (West Kilbride), Alec McCann (Australia),
David Kerr (Glasgow), Elliot Gibson, James Tyrrell (Motherwell)*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Jean Walker 2001, Aldegonda Brogi 1971, Susan Morgan 2012, Frances Smith 2019,
Louis Ferguson 2020, Grace Jamieson 2005, Canon Charles Matthews 1996, Doris McNamara 2010,
Catherine Stewart 2004, Victor Donald 1985, Mary Gribben 2012, Susan Heaney 1956, Martha Pentleton 1984,
Billy Shanks 2015, Janie Aitken 1989, John McCormick 2019, Michael Reilly 2013, Ian Trayner 2008,
Keith Baldwin 2006, Sheila Giebler 2019, John Gurney 2004, James Terence McHugh 2020,
James Mulhearn 1982, Thomas Rourke 2015, William Tait 1996, Kevin Doherty 1979,
Alistair Malloy 2014, Peggy McArthur 1986, Andrew Murphy 1971.*

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

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BERNARD WATSON** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bernard Watson, who died on 5th March, aged 91 years. His Funeral Service will be at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Thursday, 17th March at 3.30pm. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, 19th April at 10am at St Bride's. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Mac Shaun Kean who will be baptised next weekend 19th March. Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents.

► **SYNOD MEETING AT ST BRIDE'S** Part 2 of the Synod Meeting will be on Monday, 14th March at 7.00pm in the Community Room. Everyone is very welcome!

► **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** We will pray the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent on Tuesdays at 9.30am at St Peter's, and on Fridays at 11.30am at St Bride's.



Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love
entrusts me here,
ever this day (or night)
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

Please take action...

SCIAF and Justice and Peace Scotland are asking the Prime Minister to waive visa requirements for the people of Ukraine. And we need your support. No one can fail to be moved by the horrific situation faced by people in Ukraine. As we witness the conflict escalate daily, Ukrainians have been in all our thoughts and prayers. Many have sought refuge in other countries and some may wish to come to the UK. As we watch families trying to flee from danger, we need to open our hearts and welcome them. People who are exhausted and traumatised by the conflict should not have any barriers put in their way. In Scotland Archbishop William Nolan, and more than 1,000 faith leaders from across the UK, have already written to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, urging him to reconsider the Nationality and Borders Bill. We must stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine by adding our voices too. Ukrainian people seeking refuge in this country need to be able to do so without fearing that they may get turned away. Please take action and let the Prime Minister know today that you think the UK should be a place that offers a safe and warm welcome to our sisters and brothers from Ukraine.

Join SCIAF and Justice and Peace Scotland in calling the government to act and ask the Prime Minister to waive visas for Ukrainian refugees, ensuring those who have been forced from their homes are able to reach safety.

Many thanks for your support

Go to:

<https://campaign.sciaf.org.uk/ukraine?bblinkid=258704114&bbe-mailid=38573034&bbejrid=-2013545627>

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"The Clink" - The mediaeval Diocese of Winchester stretched as far as the Thames. Indeed, the bishops had a palace in Clink Street, Southwark, close to a prison they governed. Consequently "the Clink" is now a nickname for all prisons.

"Hocus Pocus" - a parody of the words of consecration in the Mass. 'Hoc est corpus'. it is a phrase often used by conjurers.

"Abracadabra" - A cabalistic charm made of the initial letters of the Hebrew words Abba 'Father', Ben 'Son' and Ruach 'Spirit'. It was written out and hung from the neck as an antidote to ague, flux and toothache.

Just for a Laugh...

A few classic Tommy Cooper Jokes:

1. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.
2. I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, 'No, the steaks are too high.'
3. My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.
4. A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, 'Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!' The doctor replied, 'I know you can't, I've cut your arms off'.
5. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

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