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Third Sunday of Lent [C]

20th March 2022

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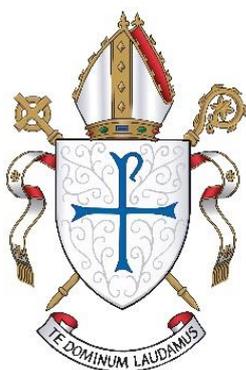
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

✠ **Thank You, Lord!**

A newly arrived soul in Heaven was met by St. Peter. The saint toured the soul around Heaven. Both of them walked side by side inside a large workroom filled with angels. St. Peter stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all the petitions to God said in prayer are received." The soul looked at the section, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets from all the people of the world. They walked again until they reached the second section, and St. Peter told the soul, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are packed and delivered to the persons who asked for them down on earth." The soul saw how busy it was. There were so many angels working in that room, since so many blessing were being packed and delivered to Earth. Finally at the farthest corner of the room, the soul stopped at the last section. To the surprise of the soul, only one angel stayed there idly, doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledging Section," St. Peter told the soul. "How is it that, there is no work here?" "That's the sad thing," St. Peter answered. "After the people received the blessings they asked for, very few send their acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessing?" "Simple," St. Peter answered. "Just pray, "Thank you, Lord'."



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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 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)
Sunday 20 th March	3rd 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 21 st March	3rd Week of Lent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Elliott Gibson (RD), Francis Ferguson (RD)</i>	Requiem Mass at 1pm Bernard McIlvennie	6pm Reception of Robert Swan	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Andy Millar
Tuesday 22 nd March	3rd Week of Lent Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Caroline Young (RD), Anonymous (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Robert Swan	
Wednesday 23 rd March	3rd Week of Lent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Robert Swan (RD), Betty Craig (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Bernard Cassidy
Thursday 24 th March	3rd Week of Lent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 25 th March	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jane Monan (A), Anthony McGarvey (B)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments afterwards in St. Peter's Caf�e)</i>	Stations of the Cross 11.30am Mass at 12 noon <i>Offered for</i> <i>Bernard McIlvennie (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 26 th March	4th Sunday of Lent Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Christopher McManus (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
All Masses may be subject to change				



Two Prayers

Last night my little boy confessed to me: Some childish wrong;
 And kneeling at my knee He prayed with tears--
 "Dear God, make me a man Like Daddy--wise and strong, I know you can."
 Then while he slept I knelt beside his bed,
 Confessed my sins, and prayed with low-bowed head,
 "Oh God, make me a child Like my child here—
 Pure, guileless, Trusting You with faith sincere.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Francis Ferguson, Bernard McIlvennie, Alec McCann (Australia),
 Elliot Gibson, Caroline Young, Robert Swan, Marie Louise Paterson.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Agnes Dougan 2018, Kate Smith 1972, Sam Bannon 2006, Pietro Brogi 1948, Maureen Conway 1999,
 Denise Devlin 2015, Patrick McDonald, Maria Monaghan 2004, Mary Reid 2002, William Shanks 1952,
 William Shanks 1987, Susan Reid 2007, Veronica Stevenson 2016, John Pentleton 2014
 Hugh Conway 1976, Pamela Devine 2020, Sister Immanuel CP 2002, Terence McCarroll 1967, Patrick McDermott 1973,
 Agnes McLaren 1994, May McParland 2016, Cathie Slimman 2021, Isabella Connor 1959,
 James and Ellen McCarroll 1977, Jane Kerber 2015, John McLaughlin 2020, Lilian Pattison, Brenda Simons 2008,
 Don Foley, Felix Gallagher 2010, Alie Khan 1954*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR BERNARD MCILVENNIE AT ST BRIDE'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bernard McIlvennie who died on 7th March, aged 83 years. His Requiem Mass at St Bride's will be on Monday, 21st March at 1pm and Interment afterwards at West Kilbride Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday 8th April. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Jacob Walker who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR FIRST CONFESSION** Nine children from P3 will be making their First Confession next week. The Meeting for parents is this Thursday, 24th March at 6.30pm in St Peter's Centre. Please keep the children your thoughts and prayers.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We wish Melissa and Lynne every blessing and joy this Saturday, when they will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and will be received into full communion with the Church. Congratulations and many blessings.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE** Please give as generously as you can to our appeal for Ukraine. There are designated collection buckets around the Church at St Peter's. There will be a special appeal at St Bride's next Sunday. Thank you for your support and generosity!
- ▶ **ST PETER'S COLLECTION FOR S.C.I.A.F** Our annual collection will take place next weekend, 26th and 27th March 2022.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S 100 CLUB** The winners for January and February are Mr D Mc Sorley and SCIAF, each receive £21.50.

DASHER MEMORIAL SERVICE - NEXT SUNDAY The annual Memorial Service for HMS Dasher will be next Sunday, 27th March at 11am at the Dasher Monument. The Memorial Service will be led by Canon Matt. We pray for all those who lost their lives on that tragic day.

SUPPORT LOCAL FUND-RAISING FOR UKRAINE You are invited to a Garden Tea and Cake for £5 this Sunday, 20th March, from 2pm until 5pm with Audrey Kolon at South Bank House, Portencross. Parking at the adjacent Portencross car park.

ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE On Friday 25th March a Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine will be held in George Square, Glasgow at 6.30pm. On the day that Pope Francis will concentrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please come along to George Square at 6.30pm and join with Archbishop Nolan and the other Scottish Bishops in praying the Holy Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine and for all those affected by this tragic conflict.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION THIS FRIDAY

God is always knocking at our door; he is always looking for a way to enter more deeply into our lives; he is always reaching out to us, invading our lives -so to speak - with the saving and redeeming power of his love. This is a fact that God has revealed to us in many, many ways. He did it when he took the initiative to create us — he called the universe into being; he called each one of us into being. He did it after Original Sin — he went looking for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden; he searched them out. He did it with Abraham and throughout the whole history of the Old Testament. And he did it most wonderfully of all with the Incarnation of his Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary, the sending into the world of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. The drama of salvation that took place in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary can be repeated in our lives, and Jesus can continue coming into this needy world, through us, just as he came the first time through the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church that can help us stay in tune with that drama; it is called the Angelus. The Angelus is a vocal prayer that recalls and, in a sense, replays the Annunciation. For centuries, it was customary for Catholics to pray this prayer three times a day: around sunrise, around noon, and around sunset. In the villages and cities of medieval Europe, the church bells would ring at these times, and all the inhabitants of the area would stop what they were doing, turn their attention to God, and pray the Angelus, reliving the experience of the Blessed Virgin Mary welcoming God's Word and becoming a partner in the history of salvation. You may want to take up that tradition yourself, as you seek to welcome God's Word more fully each day.

V. The angel of The Lord declared unto Mary. **R/** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Behold the handmaid of The Lord. **R/** May it be done to me according to thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. And the Word became flesh. **R/** And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. **R/** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"Pontifex Maximus" - this was originally a title of the pagan chief priest of Rome. Tertullian used it satirically of the Pope and it has stuck ever since. "Pontiff" means "bridge-builder" and was used of all bishops, especially the Pope.

"Spilling salt" - this was held to be unlucky (it was thought that the person had been jugged by the devil), hence salt was thrown over the left shoulder with the right hand. In Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper Painting Judas is shown spilling the salt. Salt was used in Baptism to symbolically cast out evil. It is an emblem of purity, and hence it has been put in coffins to ward off the devil.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 13th March 2022: £577.29
Second Collection (Building Fund): £298.90
Emergency Ukraine Appeal: £3522.25
Standing Orders for February 2022: £ 3934.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 13th March 2022: £188.00
Standing Orders for February 2022: £1197.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh... Bill from Ardrossan saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

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