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Fourth Sunday of the Year [A]

29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday between  
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.

**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✚ Eternal Life Insurance

This may not be a prayer but it is all about prayer; about prayer and faith. Since I have no better way to express my gratitude, I wish to share these words with you: Many of us have had their doubts. Many of us have had lives with intermittent periods of doubt and faith and in as far as grey cells are responsible for those doubts, intellect - from my perspective - may be a malady rather than a remedy. For years I have not prayed for many of the things that people often pray for, for I have mainly prayed for more faith. Since faith cannot be purchased, since it has no price and since it is free, I experienced my prayer as humble and as if I wasn't asking for much... And so I have prayed for faith. For years and years I have prayed for more faith. These past few months some incredible events have taken place in my life and all of those events have added immensely to my faith. After years of praying for faith, God has answered my prayers in His very own way, for rather than just sending me that faith, He poured out an overwhelming waterfall of events that gave me that faith whilst in the process fulfilling some of my dearest and most secret wishes that I most certainly would never have dared to pray for. Whilst many of His gifts are still unfolding to the meanwhile increased perceptiveness that my strengthened faith has given me, I was driving along a motorway yesterday whilst thinking about all that. Suddenly it occurred to me that in giving me all that faith that I had prayed for (and possibly more) God had in fact given me a free eternal life insurance. Can you imagine! Not a life insurance but an Eternal Life Insurance... And I don't even have to pay a penny for the policy! Here I was... all those years... believing that I was praying my most humble prayer and thinking that I was asking for something that was free and that thus I wasn't asking for much whilst, in fact, I was praying for something that has no price because it is absolutely priceless... I know that it sounds awfully inadequate but what else can I say but "thank you, Father"!



'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--  
and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God--  
not by works, so that no one can boast' (Ephesians 2:8-9).

# Fourth Week of Ordinary Time 2023 [A]

<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> assisted by <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> (Retired)	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (A),                      Anna McAvoy (RD), Linda Wilson (S)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for                      Catherine McAleavy (A)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tommy Stakim (RD),                      Donnie McMillan (RD), George Scott (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Memorial of St John Bosco, priest</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Woods (RD), Ian Michael Falsay (A),                      Betty Burns (MM), Kath Fraser (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Lynda Hughes</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Feast of St Bride</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jimmy Keenan (RD),                      Anne Mulroy (RD), Anne Taylor (A),</i>	Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Jimmy O'Hare</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tony Fraser (A), Mary Reilly (MM),                      Jimmy &amp; Emily McLaughlin (A)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Nan Warden</b>	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Memorial of St Blaise, bishop (Blessing of Throats)</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Giffney (RD),                      Agnes Hastings (RD), Shona Park (RD)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for McHugh Family (SI),                      Robert Hastings (A), Pat Quinn (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

### Feast Day of St Bride

St Bride's Parish celebrates its Feast Day on Wednesday, 1st February. We ask the Good Lord for many blessings on all our Parishioners and their families on our special day.

*"I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all." - St. Brigid of Kildare (451 - 523)*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh, Paul McNulty, Peter Ross, Peter McEvoy (Blackpool).*

#### ✝ Those who have died recently:

*Tommy Stakim (Auchinleck), Donnie McMillan, George Scott, Mary Woods (Auchinleck), Jimmy Keenan, Anne Mulroy (Ireland), Mary Giffney, Agnes Hastings, Shona Park (Nee Devine), Pat Quinn.*

#### ✝ Those who died at this time of Year:

*John Ross (Brother of Peter Ross) 2019, Susanna Brodie 1963, Iain Clarke 2012,  
 Gordon McKeachan 2022, Marie Coyle sister of Father Joe Boland 2017,  
 Joseph Lynn 1997, John McKay, Ellen McCarroll 1980, James McDermid 2005, Peggy McKeachan 2018,  
 Rachel Cairnie 1988, Canon Shaun Crowley 2001, Joseph Foran 1994, Jessie Flynn, Rena Heneaghan 1976,  
 Mary Kelly 2006, Marie Matthews 2005, Emily McLaughlin 2014, Ronnie Sliwinski 2016,  
 Sadie Burns 2009, Rachel Cairnie 1998, Janet Cunningham 1999, Father Joe Davie SDB 2002,  
 Sister Margaret of Jesus (Theresa Campbell) 2016, Tony Tourish 1993, Monsignor Joseph Boyd 2021,  
 Frank McKane 2021, Mary C McManus 1973, Margaret Mitchell 2004, Mae Murray 2018.*

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** St Peter's will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our school children on Sunday, 19th February at 10.30am. The Meeting for Parents will be on Thursday, 16th February at 6.15pm
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** We look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion on Sunday, 7th May at 10.30am. The Meeting for Parents will be on Thursday, 27th April at 6.15pm.
- ▶ **BLESSING OF ST BLAISE** At the end of Mass on Friday, 3rd February there will be the possibility of receiving the traditional blessing on the Feast of St Blaise.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S CAROL SERVICE** A big thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to the event. We raised £182 for Mary's Meals.

### **Youth Pilgrimages**

The diocesan Youth Ministry Office is delighted to offer opportunities for the young people across the parishes to participate in the Youth for Lourdes group, travelling with the diocesan pilgrimage 03-10 July 2023 or the World Youth Day event in Lisbon, Portugal 30th July till 8th August 2023. Open to young people aged from 4th year upwards. For more information contact Fr Jim on: 01387 252603 or [youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) for more information.

### **Beginning of a New Day**

"This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is important as I am

exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes,  
this day will be gone forever.  
Leaving something in its place  
I have traded for it.  
I want it to be a gain, not loss-  
good, not evil.  
Success, not failure,  
in order that I shall not regret  
the price I paid for it."

*Yesterday*  
Is History  
*Tomorrow*  
Is A Mystery  
*Today*  
Is A Gift  
That's why they call it  
*The Present*

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023: £575.85

Second Collection (Building Fund) £256.34

### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023: £249.50

### **STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*



**Don't stress about your  
eyesight failing as you get  
older. It's nature's way of  
protecting you from the  
shock as you walk past the  
mirror.**

### **St Peter's Parish 50/50 Club 2023**

**Membership renewal of £15 annually is now DUE.**

We will have our usual Sign-up-Sunday this weekend (both Saturday and Sunday) on January 28th/29th and February 4th/5th. Envelopes are provided in the Foyer at Parish Centre. For those who wish to hand in later to the Parish Office (remember to include your full name and address.) Membership forms are available for NEW MEMBERS. For further INFO please contact 50/50 Club Promoter: Myriame Sammons on 01294 469006. Our thanks to all members for their continued support over the years and GOOD LUCK in the January Draw.

### **Just for a laugh...**

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?' 'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.' 'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?' 'It was a place called 'home,'" I explained. 'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.' By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I'd figured his system could have handled it. Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card. My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10 pm, after playing the national anthem and epilogue; it came back on the air at about 6 pm and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people... I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line. Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --My brother delivered a newspaper, seven days a week. He had to get up at 6am every morning. Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive. If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they burst out laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

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