



ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN

'Family of Parishes'

ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE

Meeting people where they are... leading them where God calls them to be!



Fifth Sunday of the Year [A]

5th February 2023

PARISH CHURCH ADDRESSES

St Peter in Chains Church
1 South Crescent Road
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU

St. Bride's Church
9 Hunterston Road,
West Kilbride, KA23 9EX

PARISH PRIEST ADDRESS

Father Duncan McVicar
St Peter's Presbytery
1 South Crescent Road
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU
01294 464063
duncan.mcvicar@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS

Telephone: 01294 464063
ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk
westkilbride@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

WEBSITES

www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk
www.saintpeterinchains.net
www.stbrideschurch.co.uk

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

07825 726904 (*Ardrossan*)
07585 656229 (*West Kilbride*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

St. Bride's: By request.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Crosshouse: Fr Stephen McGrattan
crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk
01563 521832 ext:2

Ayr: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri 01655 882145
ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

St. Peter in Chains
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
RC Diocese of Galloway.
Scottish Charity
Registration SC010576



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

Mustard Seeds

✠ Why Go to Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope! A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to Church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this fantastic response from the heart: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" So remember: When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for your physical AND our spiritual nourishment! And when Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Not going to church because
of the "hypocrites" is like



not going to the gym because
of "out of shape people"

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</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>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
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 4 th February	5th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for McHugh Family (SI),</i> <i>Robert Hastings (A), Pat Quinn (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 5 th February	5th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 6 th February	St Paul Miki and Companions Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne Kennedy (RD),</i> <i>Gary (RD), Tom McGreevy (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 7 th February	5th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John & Catherine Cahill (A),</i> <i>Josephine Morgan (SI), The Barrett Family (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 8 th February	Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Wilkes (RD),</i> <i>Betty Paterson (RD), Roseann Welsh (A)</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Pat Quinn	
Thursday 9 th February	5th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie & Edmund Lang (SI),</i> <i>Theresa McGarvey (A), Annie Gallagher (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 10 th February	Memorial of St Scholastica Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joan Nellany Thompson (RD),</i> <i>Sadie Templeton (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 11 th February	6th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jean Wilson (SI),</i> <i>Peter & Margaret Mitchell (A), Sadie Cunningham (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Harry Sammons, Ennis McHugh, Peter Ross.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Peter Monaghan, Anne Kennedy, Tom McGreevy, Gary, John Wilkes, Betty Paterson, Annie Gallagher,
Joan Nellany Thompson, Sadie Templeton, Pat Quinn.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Josephine Atkins 2021, Michael Barrett 1972, Paul Hamilton 2020, Catherine McIlroy 2009, Archie McLaren 2009,
Peter Mitchell 1973, Joseph Brodie 1961, Eileen Busbridge 1978, Lilli McCulloch 2011, James Meechan 2019,
Marjory O'Connell 1986, Sarah Cunningham 1977, Patrick McGinn 1999, Malcolm McLean 2022,
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.

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

- ▶ **A HUGE "THANK YOU" FOR DONATION** In the light of our serious gas leak problems, St Peter's received an anonymous donation of £3000. May God bless your generosity and support.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY ON-CALL FOR HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be attending emergencies at the Hospitals from Monday 6th February till Monday 13th February. Please keep all those who are sick or who are in hospital at this time in your prayers.
- ▶ **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.

Where in the world is Catholic Mass attendance highest?

"Apart from weddings, funerals and christenings, about how often do you attend religious services these days?" 94% of self-identified Nigerian Catholics surveyed said they attend weekly or daily Mass. The poll was conducted by the World Values Survey, which began tracking the data in the 1980s and has statistics for 36 countries with large Catholic populations. "The next segment of countries, where half or more Catholics attend every week, includes the Philippines (56%), Colombia (54%), Poland (52%), and Ecuador (50%)." It added that between three in 10 and a quarter of Catholics attend Mass every week in Venezuela (30%), Albania (29%), Spain (27%), Croatia (27%), New Zealand (25%), and the United Kingdom (25%). Catholics in the United States come in next, with about 24% attending Mass every week or more often prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lowest levels of weekly attendance are observed in Lithuania (16%), Germany (14%), Canada (14%), Latvia (11%), Switzerland (11%), Brazil (8%), France (8%), and the Netherlands (7%). 7.2% of Scotland's population regularly attend church, down from 17% in 1984.

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) 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.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29th January 2023: £563.90
Second Collection (Building Fund) £249.50
Standing Orders for January: £3966.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 29th January 2023: TBC
Standing Orders for January: £1049.00

STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

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!

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

From February the Scottish Catholic magazine will be a digital publication. If you have already paid your 2023 subscription, please contact the Parish Office and they will issue a refund.

Statue of St Michael the Archangel in Scotland

A statue of St Michael the Archangel is going from Parish to Parish in Scotland this year. The statue which was made in Italy is quite unique and has been beautifully designed. The statue will be at St Peter's from Wednesday 1st March until Wednesday 8th March. Please pass the word around to that other local parishioners can come and visit and use the opportunity to pray and leave their petitions.

St Michael the Archangel pray for us!

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

3rd July 2023 for 7 nights

By air from Glasgow Prestwick £949 per person.
Please see poster in the porch.

7 nights 'hotel accommodation - Full board
20kg Check in luggage
Airport transfers & assistance in Lourdes
Sanctuary Levy, Airport Taxes
Full religious programme

For bookings/further information please contact:
Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468 (Freephone)
info@joewalstours.co.uk

Just for a laugh...

A local priest parked his car in a no-parking zone in Saltcoats because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the area 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a ticket from a traffic warden along with this note: "I've circled this area for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

A priest waited in line to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Father," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The priest chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Please Support our Advertisers

 <p>the STUDIO COBBLER 15 Manse Street, Saltcoats Tel: 01294 467486</p> <p>Quality Keycutters Quality Prices</p>	<p>McLAUGHLIN CONSTRUCTION Construction* Developments* Maintenance* Property 13 Ailsa Road, Irvine Industrial Estate, Irvine, KA12 8LR Telephone 01294 322800 Fax 01294 322700</p>	
<p>BRISBANE HOUSE HOTEL</p> <p>Exclusive Wedding Venue by the sea! Our Brisbane Suite & our Restaurant & Bar can accommodate parties of all sizes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weddings • Wedding Anniversaries • Retirement parties • Birthday parties • Christenings • First Communion <p>14-16 Greenock Road, Largs, KA30 8NE www.brisbanehousehotel.com Tel: 01475 687200 enquires@brisbanehousehotel.com</p>	 <p>Contact: Peter Walsh Solicitor 01294 464301 Bank of Scotland Buildings, 57 Dockhead Street, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, KA21 5EH SALTCOATS e-mail: p.walsh@jascampbell.co.uk website: jascampbell.co.uk</p> <p>   </p>	
<p>TAYLOR AND HENDERSON Solicitors, Estate Agents & Financial Advisors 51 Hamilton Street, Saltcoats Telephone: 01294 464341 www.taylorandhenderson.co.uk</p>	<p>BRENDAN TUMILTY Painter & Decorator Interior and exterior No job too big or too small Telephone 469078 Mobile 07810 148825</p>	<p>48 Princes Street Ardrossan, KA22 8DF Tel: 01294 537900</p> <p>A. & I. INGLIS FUNERAL DIRECTORS info@inglisfuneraldirectors.com www.inglisfuneraldirectors.com</p>
<p>PAT MCCALLUM JOINERS - GLAZIERS - BUILDERS ALTERATIONS - CONVERSIONS - ROOFWORK TEL: 01294 467495 MOB: 07785 372715</p>	 <p>Tel: 01294 464733 breenroofing@aol.com www.breen-roofing.co.uk 6 Hill Street, Ardrossan, KA22 8HE</p> 	
 <p>16 - 70 seat coaches Coach & Mini-bus hire</p> <p>Tel: 01294 602669 www.coachtravel.co</p>		 <p>PAUL STEVENSON Funeral Directors 24 Hour Service Tel: 607001 Fax: 606407 www.funeral-scotland.co.uk info@funeral-scotland.co.uk</p>
	<p>RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES</p> <p>TELEPHONE 01294 601947</p>	 <p>K. Docherty Painting and decorating 07479 931034 2 McNay Crescent, Saltcoats KA21 6AX Kierandocherty17@gmail.com Kieran Docherty 01294 608873 Free quotes with no obligation</p>
<p>NARDUCCI ANTIQUES Selling furniture? Clearing House? Saltcoats 461687 11 Waterside Street, Largs 01475 672612</p>	 <p>McEvoy Engineering Ltd. Steel Fabrication & Welding Integrated Engineering Solutions</p> <p>Tel: 01294 467677 www.mcevoyengineering.co.uk Unit 53, Stevenston industrial Estate, Ardeer, Stevenston</p>	
 <p>St. Peter's Stall Cards, Candles, Statues, Mass Cards. A wonderful selection of Cards & Gifts Available now!</p>	 <p>M J McDermott Plumbing & Heating Gas Safe Registered</p> <p>Mob: 07977628117 Tel: 01294 602261 mjmcdplumbing@aol.com / Facebook</p>	 <p>ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE HALL HIRE AVAILABLE Weddings • Birthdays • Christenings • Funerals</p>

ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE for booking information please contact Fiona Brown 07907 389703