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Third Sunday of Lent [A]

12th March 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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Mustard Seeds

✚ The Carpenter's Tools

Brother Hammer served as the chairman. The other members of the tool belt informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But brother Hammer said, "If I have to leave this carpenter's shop, then brother Gimlet must go too. He's insignificant and makes a very small impression." (A gimlet is a small tool with a screw point, grooved shank, and a cross handle for boring holes). Little brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but brother Screwdriver must go also. You have to turn him around and around to get anywhere with him." Brother Screwdriver turned to the other tools in the belt and said, "If you wish, I will go, but brother Plane must leave too. All of his work is on the surface; there's no depth to what he does." To this brother Plane levelled his terse reply, "Well, then, brother Saw will have to depart too. The changes he proposes always cut too deep." Brother Saw complained, saying, "Brother Ruler will have to withdraw if I leave, for he's always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right." Brother Ruler then surveyed the group and said, "Brother Sandpaper doesn't belong here either. He's rougher than he ought to be, and is always rubbing people the wrong way." In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on His tool belt and went to the workbench to make a table for a family. He employed the ruler, the saw, the plane, the hammer, the gimlet, the screwdriver, the sandpaper, and all the other tools. When the day's work was over, the wonderful table was finished, and the carpenter went home. All the accusations against each of these tools were absolutely true, yet the carpenter used every one of them. No matter which tool He use, no other tool could have done the work better.



Third Week of Lent 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com 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 11 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Minnie Campbell (SI), Agnes Little (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 12 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent (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 13 th March	3rd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for William Potts (RD), Margaret Brown (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 14 th March	3rd Week of Lent Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter Monaghan Jnr (RD), Patricia Carson</i>	Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Coyle (RD)</i>		P4 Mass at 10am
Wednesday 15 th March	3rd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for a good recovery and in thanksgiving for prayers.</i>		Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am Margaret Morris
Thursday 16 th March	3rd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Gribben (A), Rodger Smyth (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 17 th March	Feast of St Patrick Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael (Mick) Reilly (A), Bernard Watson (A), William McCann (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 18 th March	4th Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Dennis Atkins (MM), Natalina Farro (RD), Cosimo & Arturo Farro (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

“The Light is On for You”
 Our Lord says to us: “Nothing you confess could make me love you less” - come before him with trust in his mercy.
 Come to Confession this Lent, Saturdays 4.30pm until 5pm.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES
IN THE THREE TOWNS**

Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent in the Three Towns:
 Monday, 27th March at 7pm at St Peter's, Ardrossan.
 Tuesday, 28th March at 2pm at St Mary's, Saltcoats.
 Wednesday, 29th March at 7pm at St John's Stevenston.

MASS OF CHRISM

There will be a coach going from the three towns to St Margaret's Cathedral for the Mass of Chrism on Tuesday 4th April 2023. The coach will pick up from St Peter's Church at 6.15pm, St Mary's at 6.30pm and the bus stop beside the Jet garage, Stevenston at 6.45pm. If you would like to book a seat on the coach please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch. Cost is £5p/person.

FUNDRAISING FOR RENEWAL OF GAS PIPES

A parishioner has kindly started a just giving page for the recent necessary gas work and restoration of the car park.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-peters-in-chains-ardrossan> all donations gratefully received.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon.

✦ Those who have died recently:
*Agnes Little, William Potts, Peter Monaghan Jnr.,
Rodger Smyth, Natalina Farro.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:
*Lilia Agostini 1969, Mary Andrew 1957,
Hessie Hyslop 1998, 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,
Debbie Roy 2022, Ian Trayner 2008, Keith Baldwin 2006,
Sheila Giebler 2019, John Gurney 2004, William Tait 1996
James Terence McHugh 2020, James Mulhearn 1982,
Thomas Rourke 2015.*

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

- ▶ **SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION** The annual special collection for SCIAF will be taken up next week on the 18th and 19th March at the Vigil and 10:30 Masses.
- ▶ **HAVE A LOOK AT OUR ST PETER'S PARISH SHOP!** St Patrick's and mother's day cards and gifts in shop. Easter Mass and Easter cards now in. Come and have a look - you will be surprised!
- ▶ **MOTHER'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY** Don't forget that it's Mothers' Day next Sunday, 19th March. We will include all our mothers, living and dead, in the Masses on that day.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** March winner for the St Brides Monthly Draw is No. 35. John McCaig. This month's prize money is £28.50

Scottish Bishops speak out own Conscience and Politics

Although the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion are fundamental human rights and an individual's religion and belief are protected characteristics in equalities legislation, recent events have left many citizens seriously concerned over the negative characterisation of religion in civic life. These concerns focus on two interconnected issues: disqualification from political leadership and the silencing of conscience in general. We share these concerns. Regarding leadership, it has been suggested that Kate Forbes MSP is unsuited to leading her party and to becoming First Minister because of her religious convictions. We feel obliged to restate the well-established civic principle, that holding or expressing religious beliefs and values does not and should not debar any individual from leadership in public office. Regarding the silencing of conscience in general, we are particularly troubled by the increasing prevalence of political parties removing the right of conscience from their parliamentarians on votes involving contentious moral issues. Such actions inhibit freedom and are insidiously conformist in nature. They compromise open and honest debate and risk marginalising minority groups. In his address to parliamentarians and civic leaders in Westminster Hall in 2010 Pope Benedict XVI lamented the "marginalisation" of religion which he described as a worrying sign of "a failure to appreciate" what he described as "the legitimate role of religion in the public square." He went on to offer a positive prospectus where "the Church and the public authorities can work together for the good of citizens" through the promotion of "dialogue and respect at every level". We echo these sentiments and urge our civic leaders to recognise the dignity of the human person and the right of everyone to participate without discrimination in civic society according to their beliefs and conscience; without this guarantee our society cannot be free nor fair.

Stations of the Cross for Lent

The Stations of the Cross is prayer. It isn't an intellectual exercise. It is in the context of my relationship with God. It becomes prayer when I open my heart to be touched. The second thing to remember is that this is an imaginative exercise. Its purpose is not a historical examination of "what really happened" on that day in history. It's about something far more profound. This is an opportunity to use this long standing Christian prayer to let Jesus touch my heart deeply by showing me the depth of his love for me. The point of this prayer is to lead us to gratitude. It will also lead us into a sense of solidarity with all our brothers and sisters. In our busy, high tech lives we can easily get out of touch with the terrible suffering of real people in our world. Journeying with Jesus in the Stations, allows us to imagine his entry into the experience of those who are tortured, unjustly accused or victimised, sitting on death row, carrying impossible burdens, facing terminal illnesses, or simply fatigued with life. Come along on Tuesday at St Peters, and Fridays at St Bride's.

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL

This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Please continue to collect money in your WEE BOX at home or donate to SCIAF by visiting sciaf.org.uk/donate or calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

NOTABLE DATES AROUND THIS TIME

- 1st March 1986: Father Gerard Magee was Ordained.
- 2nd March 1965: The first formal Mass in English was celebrated in St Peter in Chains Church
- 10th March 1950: Monsignor Archibald McSparran died.
- 13th March 2013: Pope Francis became Pope.
- 15th March 1996: Canon Charles Matthews died.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 5th March 2023: £598.99
Second Collection (Building Fund): £382.86
Car Park Appeal: £1575.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 5th March 2023: £115.05
Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a laugh...

A traveling salesman was driving down a road in North Ayrshire and looked out the window and saw a chicken running right along beside his car. He looked down at his speedometer and saw that he was driving along about forty miles per hour and thought, "My soul, that's a fast chicken." So, he kicked the car up to fifty and the chicken stayed right with him. Then he kicked it up to sixty and it kept right up with him. Then the chicken turned on the back burner, ran right past him, and cut up a trail toward a farmhouse. He slammed on his brakes and whipped up a country lane to that farmhouse himself. He got out and found the farmer standing by the chicken yard gate and asked, "Are those your chickens?" "Yep," replied the farmer. "They are fast, aren't they?" said the salesman. "Yes, pretty fast," said the farmer. "How did they get that way?" asked the salesman. "Well," said the farmer, "we like chickens around here. We especially like chicken legs. So we bred them and crossbred them until every one of those chickens now has three legs." The salesman said, "Is that right? How do they taste?" The farmer replied, "Don't know, we never have caught one."

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