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Fourth Sunday of Lent [A]

19th March 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. *THANKS!*

Mustard Seeds

✚ Pray for Your Mum this Mother's Day

Pray for your Mum this Mother's Day.

For those of us who have had, or still do have, great Mums, this is easy. For those of us who have had, or do have, struggling Mums, it can be extremely difficult – seemingly impossible. Yet, it's essential. If your mother has done wonderful things, pray in thanksgiving for those wonderful things and ask God's grace and blessings for her to continue. Place all her needs and petitions before the Lord, entrusting



her to him and his Mother. If your mother has done hurtful or harmful things, pray in thanksgiving that she at least gave you life and ask God's grace and blessings for her to mend her ways. Place all her needs and petitions before the Lord, entrusting her to him and his Mother. Then ask God's grace and blessings upon yourself to forgive and heal from the past and strength and charity for the future. Perhaps you're about to say, "That's easy for you to say..." Please hear me out. If you can't pray directly for your Mum, then turn to Mary. Ask her to intercede for you to have the desire to pray for your Mum. It's kind of like buying a new pair of training shoes to help motivate yourself to get out there and start making daily runs. Simply having the shoes help you envision yourself running and gets you pumped up to just do it. If you find yourself unable to sincerely pray for your Mum, then ask for the grace to want to pray for her. Sooner or later, you'll find that you actually are able and want to pray for her. Perhaps you're about to say, "That's easy for you to say..." Lots of people have difficulty with "that Mary thing" as they tell me. If you haven't had a good relationship with your natural Mum, it can be truly tough to have any relationship at all with your spiritual Mum, Mary. If that's the case, try this. Dare to talk to Mary, even if it makes you uneasy or feel foolish. Ask her to reveal herself to you as a mother – your mother. Ask her to give you the grace to want to get to know her and to want to have a relationship with her. She'll take it from there, I promise. Regardless of the kind of mother yours was or is, she needs your prayers. All mothers need the prayers of their children. All those advertisements urging us to honour our Mums

with flowers, chocolates, gifts, a day off, dinner out – that's all well and good. Please do something like that for your Mum if you feel called to do so. But the single greatest and most imperative way to honour your mother is by praying for her.

So, please. Pray for your Mum this Mother's Day.



Fourth Week of Lent 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 (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 18 th March	4th Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Dennis Atkins (MM), Natalina Farro (RD),</i> <i>Cosimo & Arturo Farro (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 19 th March	4th 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 20 th March	Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of Mary Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Coyle (RD), Mairi Kerr (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 21 st March	4th Week of Lent Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Boyle, Anthony McGarvey (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 22 nd March	4th Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Maureen Keenan (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 23 rd March	4th Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Elizabeth Lafferty (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 24 th March	4th Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter Monaghan (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 25 th March	5th Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kevin Doherty (A), Chris McManus (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,
Rose Bowers, Roseann Bannan.

✚ Those who have died recently:
Patrick Gilhooley, Natalina Farro, John Coyle, Mairi Kerr,
Maureen Keenan, Elizabeth Lafferty, Peter Monaghan Jnr.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:
Kevin Doherty 1979, Alistair Malloy 2014, Kate Smith 1972,
Peggy McArthur 1986, Andrew Murphy 1971,
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, Jane Kerber 2015,
Anne McLaren 2022, John Pentleton 2014, Agnes Dougan 2018,
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,
John McLaughlin 2020, Lilian Pattison, Brenda Simons 2008.

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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Lyle Lamont, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.

► **HAVE A LOOK AT OUR ST PETER'S PARISH SHOP!** Easter Mass and Easter cards now in. Come and have a look - you will be surprised!

If there is something we cannot do without, it is a mother.

Father loves her, daughter imitates her, son ignores her, salesmen thrive on her, motorists hurry around her, teachers phone her, and the woman next door confides in her. She can be sweeter than sugar, more sour than a lemon, all smiles, and crying her heart out - all within any given two-minute period. She likes sewing, detective stories, having her birthday remembered, church, a new dress, the cleaning woman, father's praise, a little lipstick, flowers and plants, "Neighbours" on TV, dinner out on Sunday, policemen, one whole day in bed, crossword puzzles, sunny days, tea, and a good chat. She dislikes doing the dishes, father's boss, having her birthday forgotten, the motorist behind her, spring cleaning, her oldest child's report card, rainy days, the neighbour's dog, stairs, and the man who was supposed to cut the grass. She can be found standing by, bending over, reaching for, kneeling under, and stretching around, but rarely sitting on. She has the beauty of a spring day, the patience of a saint, the appetite of a small bird, the memory of a large elephant. She knows the lowest prices, everybody's birthday, what you should be doing, and all your secret thoughts. She is always straightening up after, reminding you to, and taking care of, but never asking for. Yes, a mother is one thing that nobody can do without. And when you have harassed her, buffeted her about, tried her patience, and worn her out, and it seems that the end of the world is about to descend upon you, then you can win her back with four little words, "Mum, I love you!"

Lent Covering of Crosses and Images

From this weekend, the images and crosses in our churches will be covered with purple cloths. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Passion on Good Friday. Images and statues remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Prayer for Mothers' Day

Dear Jesus,
we thank you for Mothers everywhere.
For all who care for us day by day,
let us not forget that you were a child
and your mother was Mary.
We say thank you for Mums
across the world and in our country too,
Although we may not say it,
We think you are the best.
So let us give grateful thanks
and let our voices be heard
for all the Mums and Grans
on this very special day. Amen



WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL

On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all mothers around the world – that they may realise how special they are to us, their children. We thank you Lord for giving us this precious gift and we thank mothers for the love, care and understanding they have given to us. We especially give thanks for mothers in Zambia, who despite suffering from devastating hunger are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive. Please give what you can in today's collection for SCIAF. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting sciaf.org.uk/donate or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

Ardrossan Churches

There will be daily meditations during the Holy Week at Park Church in Ardrossan at 10am. Father Duncan will give the meditation of Holy Thursday 6th April at 10am. On Easter Sunday, we are all invited to the top of Canon Hill at 8am on Easter Sunday Morning for a hymn of praise and an Easter Prayer. Afterwards there will be refreshments at the EU Church on Glasgow Street. The Ardrossan Churches are also organising a "Coronation Songs of Praise" on Sunday, 7th May at 2pm at the HMS Dasher Memorial [if it is raining, it will take place in St Peter's Church]. Everyone is very welcome!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 12th March 2023: £533.79
Second Collection (Building Fund): £254.85

Up till now the Emergency Gas repair Donations:
£6035.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 12th March 2023: £139.35

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a laugh...

A man went to the doctor for an examination and got a very bad report. The doctor said, "You are in terrible shape. I need to visit with your wife about your condition." So the man's wife went into the doctor's office, closed the door, sat down, and the doctor said, "Your husband is in terrible condition. He has malnutrition of the worst order and he must have three hot, home-cooked meals every day. Furthermore, he is allergic to dust and so the house must be dusted and vacuumed completely every week. And, the soap the laundry is using in his clothes has affected him adversely and you must begin to wash and iron his clothes at home yourself. He has a terrible inferiority complex. He needs love and attention on a daily basis. If you do not do these things, your husband will be dead in six months." The lady left the doctor's office and her husband asked, "What did he say?" She said, "He said you have just 6 months to live."

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