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Fourth Sunday of Advent [B]

24th December 2023

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

Mustard Seeds

✚ Christmas Football

It's Christmas Eve, 1914. The First World War is raging, and the trenches on the western front are filled with miserable men. The Germans soldiers are facing off against the British soldiers. Death, suffering, violence, and hatred reign. But then something remarkable happens. A British soldier, Private Albert Moran of the 2nd Queens Regiment, recalled how the silence of the frosty night was suddenly broken, not by artillery fire, but by a song. Some German soldiers were singing "Silent Night." Moran described how the British waited for them to finish, and then began to sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" in English. The Germans listened, and then began to sing the same song in Latin. Private Moran said it was deeply moving to hear enemies singing the same song to Christ in different languages. Remember those words from the prophet Micah: "He will be peace." Then on Christmas day both sides declared an impromptu ceasefire, and Germans and British gather together to wish each other a Merry Christmas. Some of them



hugged each other. Some exchanged food. One British soldier even gave a haircut to a shaggy German soldier. Later that day a group organised a football game in no-man's land. Men who had been at each other's throats 24 hours before were playing and laughing and wishing each other a Merry Christmas. "He will be peace." The celebration of Christ's birth was enough to bring peace to those men.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(All bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Octave of Christmas [B]

| St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & 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 Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired) | |
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| 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 23 rd December | 4th Sunday of Advent (Year B) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Sandra Cassidy (RD), Kathleen Moran (CB), Lawrence & Theresa Tumilty (A), Geryl McGarvey (CB)</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 24 th December | 4th Sunday of Advent (Year B): Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i> <hr/> Christmas Eve: Mass of the Holy Night at 5.30pm | Mass at 12.15pm Mass of the Holy Night at 6pm | Mass at 11.30am (L) Christmas Vigil at 6pm | Mass at 10am (L) Christmas Vigil at 4.30pm (L) |
| Monday 25 th December | Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 10.30am | Mass at 9am | Mass at 9.30am (L) | Mass at 11am |
| Tuesday 26 th December | Feast of St Stephen, martyr Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Swiercz (SI), Jessie Brown (A), Dominic, Alexander & Benedict McGarvey (CB)</i> | Mass at 10am | | Mass at 11am (L) |
| Wednesday 27 th December | Feast of St John, Apostle Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Thomas Craig (RD), Maureen Callaghan (RD), Andrew & Adam Maakerswierd (CB), Doris Carpy (CB),</i> | | Mass at 11am (L) | |
| Thursday 28 th December | Feast of the Holy Innocents Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Kevin McAtee (RD), Lorraine Docherty (CB) Arturo, Cosimo & Natalina Farro (A)</i> | | | Mass at 11am (L) |
| Friday 29 th December | Memorial of St Thomas Becket Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Hendry (A) Father Charles (CB), Lucille & Ronald Maakerswierd (CB), George Scott (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am | Mass at 10am | Mass at 11am (L) | |
| Saturday 30 th December | Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Theresa McGuire (A), Margaret McLoughlin (RD), For all the people killed or injured in war, especially the children</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 31 st December | Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i> | Mass at 12.15pm | Mass at 11.30am (L) | Mass at 10am (L) |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Tony Smith, Maria Hilferty, Betty Fitzpatrick, Maria Dorrian, Thomas McCann, Dawn Clark.

✚ Those who have died recently

Thomas Craig (Irvine), Maureen Callaghan, Kevin McAtee, Margaret McLoughlin (Carlough).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year

Mereno Berti 2003, Jack Collins, Sister Anne Delahun 2011, Peggy McLaughlan 2006, Samuel McMail 2016, Mary McSpurren 2020, Bessie Delahun 2006, Tom McGreevy 2022, Tom McKay, Bessie O'Rourke 2005, George Scott 1973, Jessie Brown 1975, Tom Finn 1993, James Friel 2022, Anne-Marie Jenkins 2005, Sister Mary McCann, Isobel O'Hare Rae 2004, Patrick Quinn 1969, Margaret Shanks 1966, Margaret Clarkson 2003, Molly Cosgrove 1994, Jim Lindsay 2013, Catherine McEvoy 2009, Arthur Robertson, Arturo Farro 1994, Catherine McCulloch 2012, Rose Murphy 2009, Thomas O'Connell 1957, May Shanks 1990, Maria Tomelty 2014, Patrick Cahill 2010, Kit Keen 2012, Mary Dorian Stirling 1999, Anna Ferrie 2014, John Hendry 2015, May Kelly 2016, Theresa McGarvey 2019, Mary McSpurren 2020, Alice Sibbald 2010, Terence Witt 2010.



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

- ▶ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT HCPT LOURDES GROUP 376** Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert, donated or helped in any way. The sum of £1000 was raised. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.
- ▶ **HCPT LOURDES GROUP 376** Esther Coulter will be taking part in the New Year Day dip in the sea at 12noon in Ardrossan Bay, opposite the church. If you wish to sponsor her or give a donation, she will be at the back of the church after morning Mass on Sunday.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** St Bride's Carol Concert and Christmas Dinner in aid of Gaza raised £444.50. Thank you to all who attended and supported this, your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- ▶ **BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR HELPERS** many people have contributed to the preparation of the liturgy for Christmas, the cleaning and decorating of our Parish Churches and all that goes on behind the scenes for our Celebration of Christmas. A huge thank you for all the effort, time and creativity.

BLESSING BEFORE A CHRISTMAS STABLE

Lord Jesus, as we kneel before your manger in adoration, let our first Christmas words be: thank you. Thank you, Gift of the Father, for coming to save us from my sins. Thank you for coming as one like ourselves to save us from ourselves. You come as a Baby because babies are irresistible and adorable. You come as a baby because you want our first impression of God Incarnate to be that of one who does not judge. May we love you always, at every moment, with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Newborn Saviour, the very silence of your Incarnation proclaims that the answer to the misery, the strife, and the meaninglessness we often experience in life cannot be found within us. You alone are the Answer. Word become flesh; you make your dwelling among us. Come and live your life in us. Fill us with your truth, your strength, your fortitude, your purity, your gentleness, your generosity, your wisdom, your heart, and your grace. O Emmanuel, may we make of our lives a total gift of self. This Christmas we renew our trust in God's goodness, compassion, and providence. May your Presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with care and prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, you are the only real joy of every human heart. We place all our trust in you. Jesus, Son of Mary, may we love you in union with the holy Mother of God, so that the witness of our lives may shine like the star that leads the Wise Men to your manger. We ask all this with great confidence on this Blessed Feast of Christmas. Amen.



Thank you for all the gifts.

Father Duncan, Canon Matt and Parish Staff would like to sincerely thank you for all the cards and gifts they have received from Parishioners this Christmas. It is very much appreciated. God bless your thoughtfulness, support and generosity.



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