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Second Sunday of Lent [B]

25th February 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ **Acclaimed tenor Andrea Bocelli says faith is believing in the power of good.**



For one brief moment at the outset of the coronavirus pandemic, the hopes of the world seemed concentrated on a single man standing alone outside the massive Duomo di Milano in Italy. Andrea Bocelli, one of the most acclaimed tenors of his time, kept his arms at his sides and remained motionless as his powerful voice filled the cathedral's empty square with the familiar strains of "Amazing Grace." Online, more than 2.8 million peak concurrent viewers around the globe watched the live Easter performance via YouTube in what would become the largest simultaneous audience for a classical music livestream in YouTube history. He said faith is at the heart of who he is as a person and a performer. He described his faith as a "priceless gift," which he said helps drive the selection of his musical repertoire and his charitable outreach. "Whoever has this same gift improves their own life and the world around them," he explained. "I believe that having faith means believing in the power of good, and at every crossroad choosing the road that leads to it." Fourteen years ago, Bocelli appeared in a YouTube video outlining his thankfulness to his mother for choosing life. Seated at a piano, he recalled how his mother's doctor suggested an abortion in anticipation of her son's disability with blindness. "But the young brave wife decided not to abort, and the child was born," Bocelli said in the video. "That woman was my mother, and I was the child. Maybe I'm partisan, but I can say that it was the right choice." He added that he hoped sharing the story would encourage "many mothers who sometimes find themselves in difficult situations," but who want to "save the life of their baby." "Doing good for others, I believe, is a natural desire," Bocelli said. "Being a philanthropist, taking care of people (and thus making a difference in the lives of others) does not simply mean being generous and it is not only a moral duty. It's an act of intelligence, a path that all of us – each as much as we can – should perceive as the only path to follow."

Second Week of Lent [B]

| St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</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 Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> | |
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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 24 th February | Second Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Hutson (A), Brendan Dorrian (A)</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |
| Sunday 25 th February | Second Sunday of Lent Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i> | Mass at 12.15pm | Mass at 11.30am (L) | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Monday 26 th February | 2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Alison Trayner (RD), May Hand (RD)</i> | | | |
| Tuesday 27 th February | Requiem Mass for Debra Crawford Mass at 10am | Mass at 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Catherine McAleavy (A)</i> <i>Marie Louise Paterson (A)</i> | | Mass at 10am (L) |
| Wednesday 28 th February | 2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Fr. David Borland (SI)</i> | | Mass at 10am (L) | |
| Thursday 29 th February | 2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Edward Clarke (RD), Kalpesh Shah (SI)</i> | | | Eucharistic Service at 10am |
| Friday 1 st March | 2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Thomas Jennings (RD), Patrick Farrell (SI)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am | Stations of the Cross at 9.30 Mass at 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Henry Ahearne (RD)</i> <i>Daphne Heavy (RD)</i> | Mass at 10am (L) | |
| Saturday 2 nd March | Third Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Sister Moira Donnelly (A)</i> | | | Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L) |

Lenten Penance Services in the Three Towns

We've heard the phrase, "What would Jesus do?" As we start the season of Lent, a better question is, "What did Jesus do?" Jesus, about to transition from the hidden mission of home to the public mission of proclaiming the Good News of God's love, was drawn to pray and fast for 40 days in the desert. The desert. Why would Jesus go there – on purpose? Though preparing for a big life-change, his instinct wasn't to busy himself. It was to retreat. To quiet himself. To listen. To allow himself to be tested in his core. To encounter the Father and let his heart be focused, nourished, and shaped for his mission. We are invited to metaphorically enter the desert each Lent. But how do we enter the "desert"? We have three Lenten Penance Services in the Three Towns this Lent:

Monday, 18th March at 2pm at St Mary's Saltcoats,
Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm at St John's Stevenston,
Wednesday, 20th March at 7pm
 at St Peter in Chains Ardrossan.

Though going into the desert implies some discomfort. . go for it. Embrace it. It is purposeful. It is the Lord we seek. . . and the truth about ourselves... so that God can heal what is broken. So... live this Lent.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Ellen Quirk,
Tony Smith, Freddy Kean, John McKenna.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Debra Crawford, Edward Clarke, Thomas Jennings,
Alison Trayner, May Hand.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*John Ross (Brother of Peter Ross) 2019, Maria Gillen 2001,
 Brian Griffin 1980, Jimmy Carson 2019,
 Father James Coyle 1975, Betty Lowe 2008,
 Maureen McIlhatton 1993, Annie Montgomery 2012,
 Canon Michael O'Connor 1966, James Smith 1986,
 Jim Wilson 2011, Agnes Delahunt 1944, Billy Magee 2002,
 Elizabeth Delahunt 1976, William John Dorian 1935,
 John Moore 2000, Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty Burns 2006,
 Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014,
 Margaret Friel 2021, Ambrose Armstrong 1976,
 Joe and Nan McConnell, Rita McDermid 2018.
 Canon John Walls 2010, Simon Brannan, Mennotti Carrino,
 Odina Carrino, Gerry Swan 2020, Paul Gerard Brown 1986,
 Father Charles Barclay 2001, Bernard Cassidy 1994,
 Margaret Dolan 1959, Frances Hackett 1997,
 John Bell 2008, James McFarlane 1976.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR DEBRA CRAWFORD** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Debra Crawford, who died on Sunday, 28th January 2024, aged 62 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 27th February at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT ST BRIDE'S** Friday 1st March at 2 pm in St Brides Church The readings and prayers are prepared this year by women of Palestine and the reflection will be given by the Rev James McNay of WK Parish Church. The theme is "I beg you ... Bear with one another in love" Everyone welcome.
- ▶ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** You are invited to the World Day of Prayer, hosted this year by the Park Church in Ardrossan, on Friday, 1st March 2024 at 2pm. The theme this year is "I beg you to bear with one another in love", written by the Christian women of Palestine. All are welcome!
- ▶ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VOCATIONS** The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in our parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. We can pray the Stations together this Lent every Tuesday at 9.30am in St Peter's and also every Friday at 9.30am in St Bride's .
- ▶ **CHANA (Churches' Homeless Action North Ayrshire)** During March, we hope to collect toiletries for homeless people in North Ayrshire. In particular, soap, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors would be useful. Please leave any donations in the basket in the foyer. *Many thanks.*

Eucharistic Revival this Lent - Those who believe don't leave.

Catholicism has not lost its power to transform lives. Yet, people are abandoning Catholicism at an alarming rate, and this is not a new trend. And so, I raise the question: What are we going to do about it? What is the difference between the people who have left the Catholic Church over the past thirty years and those who have stayed? I believe the answer to this question holds the key to re-energising the Catholic Church. What is the one thing? What is this essential difference? Those who believe don't leave. Believe what? Believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Those who believe this single truth may feel like they are not being fed, they may disagree with the way their priest is doing things, they may not like the direction the music is moving in, they may have different liturgical preferences, they may get divorced, and they may feel unseen and unwelcome in their parish community. And yet, despite all these things that have led millions of people to leave, they stay. Why? They believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist and they know that only the Catholic Church can offer this gift to them. They might be able to go down the road and experience better preaching and more dynamic music, but they are simply not willing to give up the Eucharist in exchange for that. Why? Because it's a bad deal. But you have to know and believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist to understand how bad a deal it is to give that up for what is trivial by comparison. Those who believe don't leave. This one piece of data is more significant than all the other data combined. Those who believe don't leave. This single truth holds the power to change everything. {from Matthew Kelly}

Citizen Kane

This issue of control is a common theme in great art, because it's such a fundamental issue in every person's relationship with God. One tragic example can be found in the classic film, Citizen Kane, based on the life of media mogul William Randolph Hearst. In this film, the main character, William Randolph Hearst, inherits one of the world's largest fortunes while he is still just a little boy. As a result of the inheritance, his parents decide to send him off to boarding school. He is outside, happily playing in the snow on his favourite sledge, when they call him in to tell him the news. He doesn't want to go. But they send him anyway. The rest of the movie shows this brilliant, wealthy, adventurous man using his money and wits to become one of the country's most powerful and influential figures. He wins fame and fortune, builds himself a mansion that looks like a castle, collects priceless works of art, and even populates his own private zoo. He achieves and acquires even more than the rich and famous people he rubs shoulders with. But at the end of his life, he is still unsatisfied. He dies alone, sad, frustrated, with the word, "Rosebud" on his lips. "Rosebud" was the name of his favourite sledge, the one he had left out in the snow as a boy when his parents sent him away to boarding school. He had spent his life trying vainly to recover by the force of his own effort something he could only receive as a gift: love, innocence, and a childlike spirit. The story is tragic, but we can learn from it. Citizen Kane was trying to achieve fulfilment by his own natural efforts. We fall into the same thing – thinking that we can earn our happiness all by ourselves. Only Christ can fill the void we feel in our hearts.



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| FEAR HOTLINE..... | ISAIAH 41:10 |
| TEMPTATION HOTLINE..... | 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 |
| DOUBT HOTLINE..... | ROMANS 10:17 |
| SICKNESS HOTLINE..... | ISAIAH 53:5 |
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