

# ST PETER IN CHAINS ■ ARDROSSAN ST BRIDE'S ■ WEST KILBRIDE

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Parish Bulletin ■ Second Sunday of Lent [C] ■ 16th March 2025

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*St. Peter in Chains:* Saturday between  
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and by request.  
*St. Bride's:* By request.

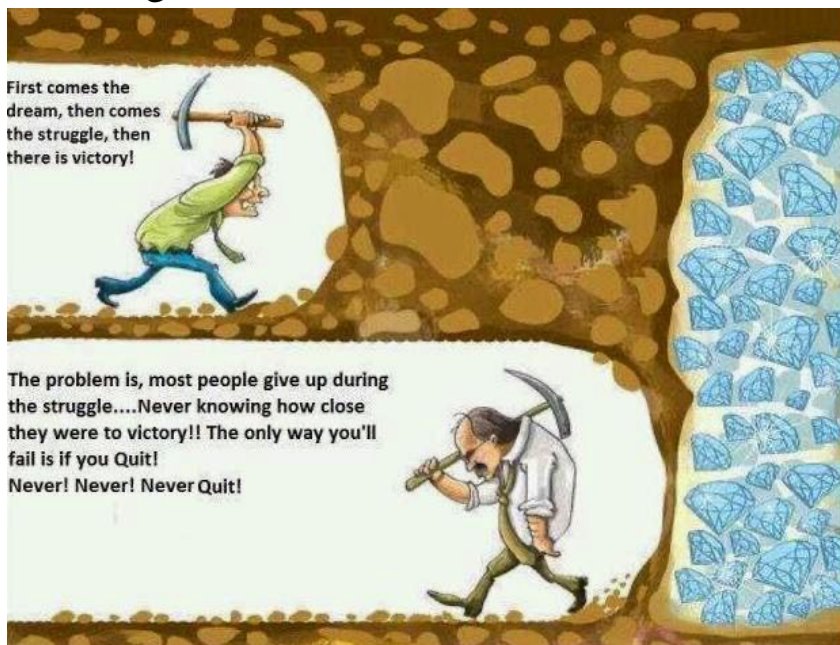
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## "Just Three Feet From Gold"



The expression "Just Three Feet From Gold" stems from a true story during the California Gold Rush era. It recounts the tale of a man who purchased a gold mine and started digging. After a period of frantic digging without finding any gold, the prospector became discouraged and sold the mine to someone else. The subsequent owner resumed digging and eventually found an abundance of gold, turning the mine into a highly profitable venture. He found the gold just three feet away from where the previous owner had been digging! This story can serve as a metaphor for our life of faith. Indeed, when we follow Jesus, there are times when we can feel discouraged, frustrated, or even ready to give up. There are moments when our prayers aren't answered immediately, causing us to question whether God is near. However, these moments may be the critical junctures where the answer to our supplications is just within our grasp. Difficulties and obstacles are often temporary and can be overcome with determination, patience and perseverance. By maintaining a positive mindset and a strong faith we can push through challenges and see God at work. This story also emphasises the importance of learning from obstacles and failures when it comes to evangelization. Instead of letting setbacks discourage us, we can embrace them as valuable lessons. Every challenge we face provides us with valuable knowledge and experience that we can use to bring others closer to Christ. Overall the story of "Just Three Feet From Gold" reminds us of the importance of trusting God, persevering through difficult times, and learning from the obstacles we face. It shows us that even in moments of discouragement and setbacks, the answers and blessings we seek may be much closer than we think. Let us demonstrate renewed faith in God's grace and power, persevering in prayer to overcome adversity and fulfil our purpose of guiding others to Christ.

"Every journey toward something is a journey away from something. If we need to turn back to God at this moment in our lives, we also need to turn away from whatever led us away from God and keeps us away. Whatever has distracted you, it is important to realise that you cannot journey to a new place and at the same time stay where you are. Walking with God demands that we bring order to our lives and put first things first."  
[Matthew Kelly]



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and St. Bride's,  
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# Liturgy for the Week - Second Week of Lent [Year I]

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS <i>RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention</i>	ST BRIDE'S <i>Fr Duncan McVicar Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
<b>SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>Brendan Dorrian (A) Rosemary Smith (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
<b>SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10.30am</b>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
<b>MONDAY, 17TH MARCH</b> <b>Feast of St Patrick</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Seamus Black (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH</b> <b>Second Week of Lent</b> <b>Stations of the Cross at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Mary Lough (L)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass At 10am	
<b>WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH</b> <b>Solemnity of St Joseph</b> <b>Rosary at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b>	<i>Theresa Quirk (A) Mary Gribben (A)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH</b> <b>Requiem Mass for David Wilson at 10am</b>	<i>David Wilson and his family.</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
<b>FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH</b> <b>Second Week of Lent</b> <b>Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Mass at 10am</b> <b>Benediction at 10.30am</b> <b>St Peter's Cafe afterwards</b>	<i>Erin Ward (T)</i>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am  Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
<b>SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent [C]</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b>	<i>For all those who are suffering with mental health issues</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

## LENT MEANS TO JOURNEY TOGETHER IN HOPE - MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

"This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope. **First of all, to journey.** A first call to conversion thus comes from the realisation that all of us are pilgrims in this life. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilised by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? **Second, to journey together.** The Church is called to walk together. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality. **Third, let us journey together in hope,** for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey." [Pope Francis]

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley, Jim McEwan,  
Grant Mitchell, Cathie Currie, Angela Doherty, Louise Milligan,  
Claire Devine, Kirsty Benson, Raymond Porter, May Brogan.



### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Rosemary Smith, Gordon Hamilton, David Wilson,  
Patricia O'Neil, Caroline Reynolds, David Wilson.

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

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, James Terence McHugh 2020, James Mulhearn  
1982, Thomas Rourke 2015, William Tait 1996, Kevin Doherty  
1979, Alistair Malloy 2014, Peggy McArthur 1986, Andrew Murphy  
1971, Agnes Dougan 2018, Kate Smith 1972, 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, Anne McLaren 2022, John Pentleton 2014.

### ■Requiem Mass for Rosemary Smith

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Smith, who died on 28th February, 2025, aged 76 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 27th March at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, Irvine. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

### ■Sunday Mass Refreshments - St Peter's

This Sunday 16th March, after the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Francis. Mrs. McNally's Hospitality Class from St Mathews Academy will be serving teas, coffees, soups, sausage rolls and a variety of home baking. Please come join us and support the event.

### ■Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

### ■Knit and Knatter at St Peter's

Come and join us on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is very welcome!

### ■Stations of the Cross at St Peter's & St Bride's

At St Peter's on the Tuesdays of Lent, before Mass at 9.30am, and at St Bride's on the Fridays of Lent, before Mass, at 9.30am.

### ■West Kilbride Village Larder Collection

The SSVP will have a collection box at the back of the Church from Sunday 2nd March until the 30th March. Favourite items are: Tins of Meat, Jars of Coffee (small), Tea Bags. Other items welcome. *Thank you!*

### ■Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all our Confirmation children today as they receive the Sacrament. We wish them and their families a day of many blessings and joy. Many thanks to Bishop Francis for presiding in the Ceremony today.



### ■St Bride's 50/50 Club Winner

The winner for March is Emma McCallum, No. 25. The rise money for this month is £31.50. Congratulations!

### ■Parish Bible Group this Thursday at St Peter's

Come and join our Parish Bible Group, which will be meeting this Thursday, 20th March at 7pm in the Presbytery. Everyone is very welcome!

### ■Donation to "Aid to the Church in Need"

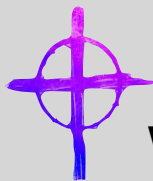
Please pray for the Soul of David Wilson, who died recently. His Requiem Mass is on Thursday, 20th March at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

### ■ Society of St Vincent de Paul - St Peter's

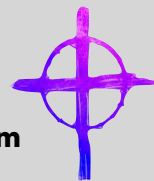
On behalf of the SSVP, we would like to thank parishioners for their generous contributions to our funds over the years. These are difficult times financially for so many people and your donations are so valuable to many people and causes. Your money has helped us answer calls for help from people and families in need in our local community. We have provided groceries and funding for energy. Donations have been given to Ardrossan Alzheimer's Centre, our three local primary schools, two secondaries, short stay hostel and two food larders. Having helped so many people, you will appreciate we are always looking for ideas for raising funds and for people to help us in our valuable work. New members are always needed and will be warmly welcomed. If you are interested in becoming a member of SSVP please speak to any member of our organisation or contact us on the mobile number in the Parish Bulletin. Our thanks to you all.



**Monday, 31st March at 7pm**  
**St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan**



**Tuesday, 1st April at 2pm**  
**St Mary's, Saltcoats**



**Wednesday, 2nd April at 7pm**  
**St John's, Stevenston**

*"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession,  
where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."*

*Pope Francis*

### Just for a Laugh...

One day, a teacher was talking to her primary two class about whales when a little girl had a question. Little Girl: "Do whales swallow people?" Teacher: "No, even though they are much bigger than a person, they have throat pleats that filter their food of krill and plankton. Little Girl: "But Mrs. Thurston says Jonah was swallowed by a whale." Teacher getting angry: "Blue whales cannot swallow people." Little Girl: "Well, when I get to heaven I'll just ask Jonah if he was really swallowed by a whale." Teacher, still red with anger: "What if Jonah went to hell?" Girl: "Well, then you can ask him."

### → St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

Offertory for 2nd March: £573.70  
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### → St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

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