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"You are His - Twice Over"



This young lad was reared by the sea, and he spent most of his spare time paddling around in boats, or mingling with the fisher-men at the pier. One day he found a piece of timber, and he got an inspiration. He got a sharp knife, and began to carve a toy boat. His

hands and his mind worked in conjunction, and he found that was able to create something that he could visualise in his mind. He spent a lot of time and patience, and, eventually the boat was completed. He selected a name for it, which he painted on both sides. It was a thing of beauty, and a joy to behold. It would not be a boat, however, if it never entered water, so one day he brought it down to the pier, and placed it gently in the water. He was filled with pride and joy at the sight of it, as it bobbed up and down in the water. It was some time before he realised what was happening. Because he had given it sails, it came under the influence of a firm breeze, and it soon had moved beyond his reach. Without thinking, he called it, because he had given it a name. Slowly but surely the boat moved out to sea, and all the boy could do was look on helplessly. He stood there for ages, hoping for a miracle, but, eventually he gave up, and returned home with a heavy heart. His mind was preoccupied with the boat for the next few days, and the very thought of it was piercing his heart. He was wandering around town one day, and, as he was passing the front window of a toy-shop, his heart rose in his throat. There in the front of the window was his boat! He ran to claim it, but the shop-keeper left him in no doubt that the boat was his now, and, if the boy wanted it, he would have to buy it, like any other item in the shop. The boy was deeply troubled, and he ran home to tell his dad. The father listened with great attention, and then he spoke to the boy calmly. "You now have a choice. If you want the boat, you will just have to pay for it, because, legally, it belongs to the shopkeeper, who bought it from one of the fishermen." "How much will it cost me?" asked the boy. "I don't know" said his dad, "but I do know that, if you want it bad enough you will be prepared to pay everything you have to buy it". The boy emptied every savings box he had, gathered every penny he could find, put the lot in a paper bag, and ran down to the shop. He placed the bag on the counter, and asked for the money. The shopkeeper had a quick check on the money, and he then handed over the boat. The boy rubbed it, kissed it, and clutched it with both hands, as he ran all the way home to his dad. "Ah, I see you got the boat. It's yours now, isn't it?" "Yes, it is", said the boy excitedly. "It's mine now, and it's mine twice over. I made it, and, when I lost it, I gave everything I have to get it back. I won't let it go this time." The boy is Jesus, and we are the boat; he created us, and when you were lost he gave all he had to buy you back, so you are his now, you are his twice over.

"Prayer is central to the Christian experience. A Christian life is not sustainable without it, because growth in the Christian life is simply not possible without prayer. Growing in character and virtue, learning to hear the voice of God in our lives and walking where he calls us—all require the discipline of prayer. You don't become a great athlete by training only when you feel like it. You don't become a great writer by writing only when you feel inspired to write. And the saints did not become such fine ambassadors of God on earth by praying only when they felt like praying. In each case, a daily discipline is required."

(Matthew Kelly)



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy for the Week - Third 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>
SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH Third Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Michael & Francis Ferguson (A) Rosemary Smith (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 23RD MARCH Third Sunday of Lent Holy Mass at 10.30am	<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
MONDAY, 24TH MARCH 3rd Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Eileen Payton (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>William Small (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass At 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH 3rd Week of Lent Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Peter Coughlan (A)</i>		Funeral Mass for Anna Grimes at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 27TH MARCH Requiem Mass for Rosemary Smith	<i>For Rosemary Smith and all her Family</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH 3rd Week of Lent Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am St Peter's Cafe afterwards	<i>Tony Smith (RD)</i>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH Fourth Sunday of Lent [C] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Jenny McGrechin (RD) Kevin Doherty (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	

LENT MOTIVATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration." (Pope Francis)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Angela Doherty, Louise Milligan, Claire Devine, Kirsty Benson,
Jim Kelly, Archie Blades.



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

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, Jessie Horn 2024, James McBreen 2024, James and Ellen McCarroll 1977, Jane Kerber 2015, John McLaughlin 2020, Lilian Pattison, Brenda Simons 2008, Don Foley, Felix Gallagher 2010, Alie Khan 1954, Anna Bates 1997, Terry McCabe 2005, Moira Rafferty, Rebecca Walsh 2008, The Crew of HMS Dasher 1943, Sheila Love 2017, Gerald McGhee 2008, Devlin McIndoe 1992, Allister Nesbit 2000, Cathie Quinn 2015, Seamus Reilly senior 2020, Menotti Carrino 1953, Odina Carrino 1987, Monsignor Stephen Kennedy 2009, Sally Wilson 2012.

■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!

■Chair Dance with Louie at St Peter's

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

■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!*

■ 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.

■ Journals from Jerusalem – Holy Land Talk

Anne-Marie Clements from Justice & Peace Scotland will present a talk and reflections on her recent journey to Jerusalem while accompanying Archbishop Bill Nolan for the Holy Land Coordination 2025. The afternoon will feature stories heard first hand from the Christian communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank with an opportunity for discussion and Q&A. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome! Details: Saturday 5th April - Parish Centre, St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan, KA22 8DU 3.00pm.

■ Quiz Night at St Matthew's

In June a group of pupils and staff from St. Matthew's Academy will be travelling to Malawi to visit their partner school, St. Peter's, Mzuzu. As part of their fundraising activities a Family Quiz Night will be held in St Matthew's on Thursday 27th March at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased/reserved from the school office. All members of the community are invited to attend.

■ Support our Church Restoration

We are being supported by *Keep Scotland Beautiful* to help secure funding towards the restoration of our Church building. They are putting together a Community Heritage Action Plan on our behalf and would very much appreciate your input. They will be in the Parish Centre this coming Sunday (23 March) after

Mass so, if you have 5 minutes to spare after Mass please come along and give your support.



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...

When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there." Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you. Shortly after that, Joe passes on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike--Mike." "Who is it?" asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Mike--it's me, Joe." "You're not Joe. Joe just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice. "Joe! Where are you?" "In heaven", replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news." "Tell me the good news first," says Mike. "The good news," Joe says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired." That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" "You're on the team for this Saturday's match!"

→ St Peter's Parish Stewardship ←

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→ St Bride's Parish Stewardship ←

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