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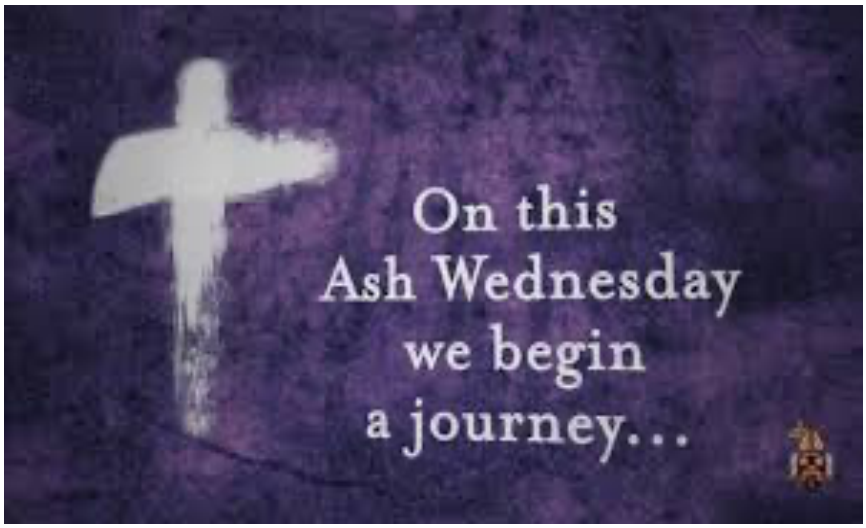
How to have the Best Lent Ever

Lent begins this Wednesday when we receive Ashes on our foreheads. Lent is about sacrifice. But what does it mean to sacrifice? For many of us, it means to "give something up" or to do something that we do not like such as "sacrificing chocolate., or TV or alcohol Yet, this is not a proper definition. The word "sacrifice" comes from two Latin words, sacra (holy) and facere (to make). To "sacrifice", therefore, literally means "to make something/someone holy". With this correct understanding of "sacrifice" in mind, we can identify two fundamental purposes of the season of Lent. Firstly, Lent is a time to recall the "sacrifice" of Christ and how He made all things holy through his suffering, passion, death and resurrection. Secondly, it is a time in which to conform ourselves to Christ by enacting sacrifice in our personal lives. Through her 2000 year history, the Church has identified three avenues of sacrifice (making ourselves holy): Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each of these acts correlate to one of the three theological virtues: Faith (prayer), Hope (fasting) and Charity (almsgiving). The following question guide is formed by this traditional wisdom and hopes to serve as an aid to help discern how God is calling you this Lenten season to become a saint through Faithful Prayer, Hopeful Fasting and Charitable Almsgiving. *Make a good start to Lent!*



Liturgy of the Week - Sixth Week of the Year

ST PETER IN CHAINS *Father Duncan McVicar* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS *RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention*	ST BRIDE'S *Fr Duncan McVicar* *Fr Gerry Hamill*	ST MARY'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*	ST JOHN'S *Canon Martin Poland* *Canon Matt McManus* *Sister Ursula, Sister Anna*
SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY **Saturday Vigil** **Mass at 5.30pm**	*Dennis Atkins (A)* *For the McCormick Family (SI)* *For the McDonald Family (SI)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY **6th Sunday of the Year (A)** **Holy Mass at 10.30am**	*For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's*	**Mass at 12.15pm** *For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's*	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY **6th Week of the Year** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am** **Reception of Sophia Orr at 6pm**	*Ellen and Frank Barrett (A)* *Joe McMullen (RD)*		Funeral Mass for **James Monaghan** at 10am	
TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY **REQUIEM MASS** **FOR SOPHIA ORR at 10am**	*For Sophia Orr*	Morning Prayer before Mass Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY **ASH WEDNESDAY** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am & 7pm**	*Robert Ferguson (A)* *For the Upton and Collins Families*	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11am and 7pm
THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY **Thursday After Ash Wednesday** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Maria Hilferty (RD)* *Mary Lough (RD)*		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY **REQUIEM MASS** **FOR CHRISTINE COBY at 10am**	*For Christine Coby*	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY **First Sunday of Lent(A)** **Vigil Mass at 5.30pm**	*Christine Coby (RD)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

ASH WEDNESDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT

What is Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. Is Ash Wednesday based on a pagan festival? Ash Wednesday originated in the A.D. 900s, long after Europe had been Christianised and the pagan cults stamped out. Why is it called Ash Wednesday? Actually, Ash Wednesday is its colloquial name. Its official name is the Day of Ashes. Why do they have their foreheads marked with a cross? Because in the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of a cross, this symbolises that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a Cross.This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18). It is also in imitation of the way the righteousness are described in the book of Revelation, where we read of the servants of God (the Christian faithful, as symbolised by the 144,000 of the righteous: "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads."(Revelation 7:3).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEwan, Peter Brawley, Margaret Hanna, Monica Taylor, Father John Sweeney, Catherine Dalton,, Derek MacLaren.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Sophia Orr, John Joseph Quinn, Christine Coby, Maria Hilferty, Clare McIlhatton, Joe McMullen.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Patricketta Maxwell 2004, Canon Tom McGread, Winnie McLaughlin 2015, Catherine Morrison 1977, John Carrick 2010, Edward McCann 2019, James McLaren 1964, Isabel Rodgers 2020, Patrick Kelly 1989, Lucia Valenti 1972, Rose Walker 1985, Dennis Atkins 2023, Jack Conlan 2013, Robert Ferguson 2021, Nathan Murray-Collier 2005, Ellen Reilly 1954, Eileen Watkins 2015, Jean Wylie, Francis Clark 1953, Helen Clark 1973, Hugh McGinn 2013, Phillip Pellegrini 2025, Kelly Smith 2007, Norma Clarke 2018, John Patrick Collins 2012, Rose Folan 2012, Patrick Haggarty 2017, George Monaghan 2004, Margaret McCarroll 2015, Patsy McDonald 1993.

- **Ash Wednesday this Week**

There will be various Masses on Ash Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of Ashes: at 10am and also at 7pm at St Peter's, and at 10am at St Bride's. It is a fitting and visible spiritual reminder that encourages us to adopt an attitude of prayer, repentance, and humility. As James said: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up" (James 4:10).

- **Family Bingo Night at St Peter's**

VERY IMPORTANT

Andrena Hughes is hosting a family bingo night on Sat 28th Feb - 7pm - in the parish centre. Adults £2. Children £1. Tickets available from the parish centre and/or Andrena. It is also acceptable to pay at the door on the night. Tickets include tea, coffee, and cake although there is the option to BYOB. All funds raised will be used to help a child visit Lourdes this year. Please come along and support what will be a fun filled night with Irish Bingo, Bingo and a raffle. Anyone who wishes to donate prizes can drop them in at the stall, the parish office or contact Andrena and she will collect them (079177 32091). Look forward to seeing you there !

VERY IMPORTANT

- **Youth Club Meeting this Sunday at St Peter's**

The next Youth Club Meeting is this Sunday at 5pm at St Peter's, beginning with Mass and then Meeting in St Peter's Centre with refreshments.

- **Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving in Love**

How can we hear the Word of God speaking to us in the here and now of our everyday lives and live out our Christian calling to live justly and mercifully? Based on the Sermon on the Mount and particularly the Beatitudes, this course explores ways in which we are called to respond in faith, hope and love to the issues which confront us in today's uncertain world. Themes will include environmental justice, poverty and war and conflict. The Course, at St Mary's in Saltcoats, begins on Saturday, 21st February for five Saturdays (10am-4pm) and four Thursdays evenings (7pm-9pm). If you would like to register your interest, please email: saltcoats@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or phone the Parish Office on 01294 463461.

- **Requiem Mass for Sophia Orr**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sophia Orr who died on 28th January, aged 84 years. She will be received into Church on Monday, 16th February at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday, 17th February at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

- **Requiem Mass for Christine Coby**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Christine Coby who died on 1st February, aged 85 years. Her Requiem Mass is on Friday, 20th February at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

- **Advent Youth Retreat 2026**

Takes place from 27th – 29th November at Gowanbank SU Centre, near Darvel. The retreat is open to all young people in P6-S3 (P7-S4 at time of the retreat) and costs £160 pp, however if you register before Easter it's only £140 pp. The weekend includes a range of times of prayer, Mass, spiritual reflection, different outdoor activities and lots of time to relax and spend time with friends. Subsidies are available for those in need, or for families with more than one child wishing to attend – please contact the Youth Office by emailing: youth@rcdg.org.uk. Registration opens tomorrow – places are limited so be sure to sign up early to guarantee yours. Sign up by going to youth.rcdg.org.uk

VERY IMPORTANT

- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St Peter's**

The next Meeting of St Peter's Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 19th February at 7pm in the Parish House. If you have any items for the Agenda, please hand them to any member of the Pastoral Council.

- **St Peter's 50/50 Club - Big "Thank You" to Myriame**

The Club's Promoter, Myriame Sammons, will be stepping down and enjoying a well-earned rest, after over thirty years of dedicated service to the Parish Club to raise funds for St Peter's. The contributions over all this time have been a huge help to the Parish and have regularly supported Parish finances. We are in the process of looking at a new model for the Club so that it can definitely continue with your help and support in the future. We'll keep you undated about developments.

- **The Stages of Christian Growth**

For a long time, we have recognised three stages of growth for a Christian. While they look different for each person, the general elements are the same: *Conversion and Purification* - This is the initial stage of coming to Christ. It involves the repentance of sin, the removal of vices, the acquisition of virtues, and a life of prayer. *Growth* - This is the middle stage of growth. Now that there is more virtue than vice, and more desire to live in holiness than to live in sinfulness, the Christian begins to experience a real relationship to Christ, they learn more about the faith, and they also get to know themselves better. In this stage, the light of Christ filters into all areas of life. *Union* - The final stage of Christian growth, when the person is duly prepared by grace, is the moment of full union with God. Here, the deepest level of union with God occurs.

Two men are painting the ceiling of a Catholic church in Ardrossan, when an old lady walks in and kneels in a pew to pray. They decide to play a trick on her and one of them says in a deep, loud voice, "Woman, this is Jesus. What is your prayer?" The lady completely ignores him, and so the man says again, "Woman, it is I, Jesus the Lord, who is speaking to you. Why do you not answer?" The lady snaps back,"Be quiet, I'm talking to your Mother!"

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