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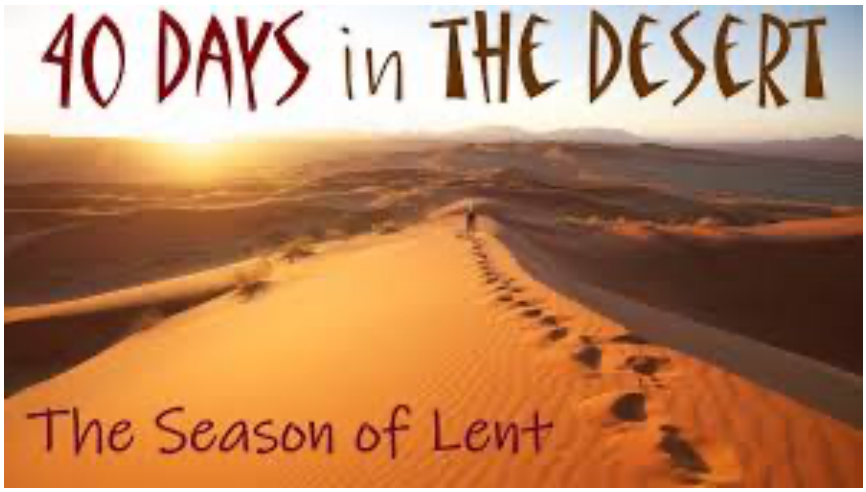

In Sacred Scripture, we find lots of symbolic imagery and symbolic numbers. Today in the readings, we have both: The symbolic image: the desert. The symbolic number: 40. Let's have a quick look at the symbolic number "40". In the Bible, this number appears frequently: The rain of Noah's flood lasted forty days and nights. Moses fasted for forty days and nights before receiving the Law. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years after fleeing the Egyptians. The manna rained down on the Israelites for forty years. The Prophet Elijah walked forty days and nights to reach the Mountain of God, Horeb. Jesus fasted for forty days and nights to prepare for His public ministry. Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his glorious Resurrection from the dead. The symbolism of the number forty contains certain themes. Forty symbolises: New life. Growth. Transformation. A transition period between great events. A period of purification or testing. A period of preparation. For us, this Lent, we should allow some of this symbolism to be a part of our Lenten journey. We also have forty days of fasting in Lent: in order for Lent to include 40 days on which fasting could occur, it had to be expanded to six full weeks (with six days of fasting in each week) plus four extra days—Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it. Six times six is thirty-six, plus four equals forty. *Have you planned your forty days of Lent yet?*

Liturgy of the Week - First Week of Lent

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, 21ST FEBRUARY **Saturday Vigil** **Mass at 5.30pm**	*Christine Coby (RD)* *Peter Monaghan (A)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY **First Sunday of Lent (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, 23RD FEBRUARY **First Week of Lent** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Margaret and Jim Friel (A)* *Sheila Mackay (RD)* *Billy Sheehan (A)*			
TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY **REQUIEM MASS** **FOR MARIA HILFERTY** **at 10am**	*For Maria Hilferty*	Morning Prayer before Mass Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY **First Week of Lent** **Rosary at 9.30am** **Holy Mass at 10am**	*Mary Hutson (A)*			Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY **REQUIEM MASS** **FOR ISABELLA STEWART** **at 10am**	*For Isabella Stewart*		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY **Votive Mass for those who have Suffered Abuse** **at 10am**	*Bernie Ludden (RD)*	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY **Second Sunday of Lent(A)** **Vigil Mass at 5.30pm**	*Rosemary Smith (A)*		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	

LENTEN LITURGICAL CHANGES

As we enter the season of Lent, you may notice some changes in our music, liturgy, and the church environment. These changes are meant to help us enter more deeply into this sacred season. Lent calls us to reflect on Christ's presence in history and in our own lives., Advent was a time of expectation, and Christmas celebrated the arrival of salvation. Lent, then, is the supreme affirmation of this salvation that has occurred. The Church's guide for celebrating Mass, prescribes several changes for Lent: The Gloria is omitted, the word "Alleluia" is not sung or spoken, the sanctuary is not decorated with flowers, except on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) and certain solemnities, the liturgical colour has now moved from green for Ordinary Time to violet for Lent.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Christine Coby, Maria Hilferty, Clare McIlhatton, Joe McMullen, Isabella Stewart, Paul Carmichael, Mary Moran, John Roarpy.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Frank Coulter 2018, Guilia Marchetti 1998, Justine McAllister 2000, Brian O'Reilly 1993, Robert Stevenson 2021, Mary McCluskey 1980, Bessie Murphy 2008, Margaret Mary Adamson 2005, Brendan Dorrian 2001, John Bell 2008, 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, Elizabeth Delahunt 1976, William John Dorian 1935, John Moore 2000, David Wilson 2025, Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty Burns 2006, Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014, Margaret Friel 2021, Ambrose Armstrong 1976, Billy Magee 2002, Joe and Nan McConnell, Rosemary Smith 2025, Tony Smith 2025, Canon John Walls 2010, Simon Brannan, Mennotti Carrino, Odina Carrino, Gerry Swan 2020.

▪ **Litany of Saints for First Sunday of Lent**
The Litany of the Saints is traditionally used on the First Sunday of Lent as a, penitential, processional prayer, often focusing on themes of repentance, fasting, and deliverance from temptation. It invokes the Trinity, Mary, angels, apostles, and martyrs, asking for their intercession as the Church begins its 40-day journey.

▪ **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 !

Sunday Teas next Sunday - St Peter's
The SSVP will be serving tea, coffee, and light refreshments after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass on the 1st of March 2026. *Your support would be much appreciated.*

▪ **Deanery Pastoral Council this Monday**
The next Meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council will be this Monday, 23rd February at 7pm at St John's Church, Stevenston. We have two representatives from both St Peter's and St Bride's who will attend.

▪ **Requiem Mass for Maria Hilferty**
Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Maria Hilferty who died on 4th February, aged 92 years. She will be received into Church on Monday, 23rd February at 6pm. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday, 24th February at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

▪ **Requiem Mass for Isabella Stewart**
Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Isabella Stewart who died on 8th February, aged 79 years. Her Requiem Mass is on Thursday, 26th 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

▪ **Parish Finance Committee - this Thursday**
The next Meeting of St Peter's Finance Committee will be on Thursday, 26th February at7pm in the Parish House.

▪ **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. VERY IMPORTANT

▪ **The Stations of the Cross during Lent on Tuesdays**
Do you know how to pray the Stations of the Cross? It's a great way to grow closer to Jesus, especially during the Lenten season! The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (Via Crucis in Latin), detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, though it is most popular during the Lenten season. Tradition holds that after Christ's Death and Resurrection, the Blessed Mother retraced Jesus' last day every day. Every Tuesday morning in Lent at 9.30pm at St Peter's and every Friday at St Bride's, except when there is a Requiem Mass.

There was a preacher baptising people in a river when he hears someone approach him. He turns to find a man, completely drunk and smelling like a brewery. The preacher is repulsed by the smell, but he manages to ask the man, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk answers, "Yes, I am" So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him up and asks the drunk, "Brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus." The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again but for a little longer this time. He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, "Have you found Jesus, my brother?" The drunk answers, "Nope. I haven't found Jesus" By this time, the preacher is at his wits end so he dunks the drunk in the water again – but this time he holds him down for about 30 seconds. When the drunk begins kicking his arms and legs, the preacher pulls him up. The preacher asked the drunk again, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?" The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Thank You!

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