



ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN

'Family of Parishes'

ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE

Meeting people where they are... leading them where God calls them to be!



First Sunday of Advent [C]

1st December 2024

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.

St. Bride's: By request.

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St. Peter in Chains
and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Worldwide Convention

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from praying and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Saviour. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their Saviour and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!" "Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Flood their homes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, lotteries, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes. "Keep them busy, busy, busy!" It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there, having little time for their God or their families and friends. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! By the way, does "busy" mean:



B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke?

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.

THANKS!

1st Week of Advent [C]

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>	
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 30 th November	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C] (Blessing of the Advent Wreath) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for John Maxwell (A), Mary Sammons (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 1 st December	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C] Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 2 nd December	1st WEEK OF ADVENT Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Matt Donnelly (A), Farrell Family (SI)</i>			Mass 10am with St Anthony's PS
Tuesday 3 rd December	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Lillian Devine (RD), Julia Moroni (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am	Funeral Mass 10am Irene Kane	Eucharistic Service 10am Prayers of Reception 6pm Alex Tulloch
Wednesday 4 th December	1st WEEK OF ADVENT Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Gerry Watt (RD), Tommy Clarke (RD)</i>		Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am (L) Alex Tulloch
Thursday 5 th December	1st WEEK OF ADVENT Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for RoseAnne Jamieson (RD), Mary Sammons (RD)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 6 th December	MEMORIAL OF ST NICHOLAS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Elizabeth & Leo Walsh (A)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 7 th December	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C] Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jim Timmoney (RD), John Tracy (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All Bow

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he will come to judge
 the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of Saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
 Rosemary Smith, Sr. Margareta, Wynter McNabb,
 Alan & Margaret McDonald, Cathie Currie, Jim McEwan,
 Grant Mitchell, Angela Clark, Ryan Maher.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*John Tracy, Mary Sammons, Jim Timmoney, Gerry Watt,
 Tommy Clarke, Lillian Devine, Julia Moroni, RoseAnne Jamieson.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Jack Collins 1970, Margaret Hamilton 1992, Peter Hamilton 2023,
 Collette McKibben 2003, Matt Donnelly 2020, Tom Reid 2006,
 Alison Harkness 2020, John McNamara 1997, Rose Smith 1999,
 Jean Graham, Elizabeth Theresa Walsh 1970, Jim Wallace 2014,
 Brian O'Hare 2009, Monica Tipping 2010, John Welsh 2009,
 Jim Delahunt 2014, Mary Finnigan 2020, Martin Lehane 2015,
 Mary Martin 1983, Isabella McGoogan 1998, Rebecca Rourke 2021,
 Gordon Alexander Smith 1997, John Hughes 2010,
 Margaret Anne Shanks 1994, Rose Smith 1999, May Shanks 1990,
 Anne Thompson 1986, Robert Walker 2012, Susan Connor 2009,
 Thomas Connor 2006, Joyce Feeney 2012, Alexander Merrick 2001,
 Sarah Braniff 1961, Katherine Fearon 1911, Janet Ferris 2013,
 Ann McCubbin, Robert Shanks 1996.*

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

► **"SYCAMORE" MEETINGS AT ST BRIDE'S** Please join us for the third Meeting of "Sycamore" at St Bride's. The Meeting is on Wednesday, 4th December 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome!

► **LARDER COLLECTION AT ST BRIDE'S** there will be a box for items for the Larder in the porch from Monday 25th November to Monday 16th December. The items wanted this time are Christmas food and treats, please check the sell by dates, plus small jars of Coffee and small boxes of Tea. The SSVP and The Village Larder want to thank everyone for their support throughout this last year.

► **THANK YOU** St Bride's have received a donation of £1000 from a parishioner. God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

► **ST. BRIDE'S DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY** 13th DECEMBER, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £25 Please come along and support our Parish. All welcome, friends and family and enjoy a fun filled night with a very special guest appearance!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR THOMAS CLARKE** Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Thomas Clarke, who died on 18th November, aged 78 years. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 13th December at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

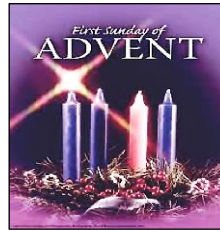
► **THANK YOU PARISHIONERS OF ST PETER IN CHAINS** The amount raised from the selling of calendars by the Comboni Sisters was an amazing £361.20. Please see the letter of thanks at the back of the church.

► **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** SSVP will be serving Tea/Coffee after Mass today, Sunday 1st December.

► **NEW SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE TODAY** The new missals have arrived and are available for collection for those who have preordered. There are a very limited amount of missals available to purchase in the stall for those who have not preordered.

► **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair dance every Thursday, 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

► **CHANA** (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) is teaming up again with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire Council. Last Christmas, Liz Brown of NAC wrote '169 gifts were provided, including gifts for boys & girls of all ages as well as particularly vulnerable or isolated adults who otherwise might not have received a present at Christmas'. If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at <https://www.nightbeforechristmas.co.uk/>



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.

Monday 9th December at 7pm

in St John's, Stevenston

Tuesday 10th December at 7pm

in St Peter's, Ardrossan

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

in St Mary's, Saltcoats

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024-2025

The first Meeting for parents, bringing their children to the Sacramental Programme for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is this week on Wednesday, 4th December at 6pm in St Peter's Centre. Please keep all the children in your thoughts and prayers.

H.C.P.T LOURDES GROUP 376 AT ST PETER'S

An afternoon of festive songs featuring Theresa Morrison and Paul Hume, Sunday 15th Dec. at 2pm in St Peter's Church. In aid of H.C.P.T Lourdes Group 376 and Father Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust. Tickets are available after 10.30am Sunday mass at St Peter's. Esther Coulter 07772433070 pay at door. Tickets £8 inc. afternoon tea.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN ST PETER'S PRIMARY

Please come along and support the Christmas Fayre at St Peter's Primary this year on Thursday, 5th December, beginning at 3pm. Lots of things to do and see - and special visit from Santa!

INTRODUCTION INTO THE NEW LECTIONARY

The new translation of the Bible Readings for Liturgy will begin this Sunday in Scotland. There will be an explanation and important introduction into the new translation for the Three Towns and West Kilbride on Thursday, 5th December at 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Saltcoats. It is very important that all our Parish Readers attend, but the invitation is for everyone. See you there!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 24th November 2024: £542.49

Second Collection (Building Fund): £213.37

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 24th November 2024: £171.70

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA

Today the Diocese is launching a new website and social media channels to help share what's happening across the Diocese. Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: @rcdgalloway on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our new website: www.rcdg.org.uk.

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS

A new group for young adults aged 18-30 in the Diocese to allow you to gather, pray, grow in faith, and meet other young adults. Come along and join us on Sunday 1st December at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) from 5.30 – 8.00 pm, beginning with Mass at 5.45 pm where our theme for the talk and discussion will be "Encountering Christ in our Lives". Keep up to date with all the latest news from the Youth Office by following us on social media: @rcdg youth.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... 😄😄😄 One day, a teacher was talking to her first year 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. Dunne 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."

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