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First Sunday of Lent [B]

21st February 2021

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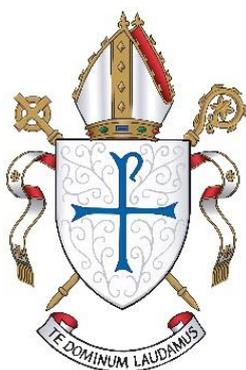
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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and St. Bride's,
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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use this Gospel reading to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say this Gospel reading quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Reflection

Every year on this First Sunday of Lent we hear of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness: before he begins his ministry, he chooses to go into a place of silence and emptiness to face his temptations. It might surprise us that Jesus would be tempted, but temptation is not the same as sin! In fact, honestly facing temptation is necessary in order to avoid sin. Saint Mark doesn't go into too much detail today – the other Gospels give us more, specifically letting us know what temptations Jesus faced. They were all about the abuse of his power: he could work miracles, and is tempted to use that power selfishly; he is even tempted to worldly prestige, though this would mean surrendering himself to worship of Satan. To all of these Jesus says a firm "No." This is not who he is. But those temptations were real! We are invited to enter our "forty days" by facing our temptations. When do we hear a little voice in our heads saying "Go on, there's no harm in it! It's not that bad! No one will find out"? Will we say "No" like Jesus did? Perhaps we have to find a little bit of wilderness – a place of peace and quiet so that we can face down our "Inner voices" and ensure that we have the strength to say "No" to our temptations.

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First Week of Lent [B] 2021

February 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com Please visit the above websites for further information	
		<i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Father Benjamin Mkeri</i> St John's St Mary's	
Saturday 20 th February	1st Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Norma Clarke (A) and Millicent Ward (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)
Sunday 21 st February	1st Sunday of Lent [B] Mass at 10.30am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for our Parishes and Frank Barrett (RD)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Monday 22 nd February	Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Lesley Crehan (RD)</i>		
Tuesday 23 rd February	Requiem Mass for Josephine Atkins Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 1.30pm With St. John's PS (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)
Wednesday 24 th February	1st Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for William (Billy) Sheehan (A)</i>	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	Mass at 1.30pm With St. Anthony's PS (Live Streamed Only)
Thursday 25 th February	Votive Mass of St Joseph Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Jimmy Carson (A)</i>		Funeral Mass (Live Streamed Only)
Friday 26 th February	1st Week of Lent Stations of the Cross at 9.30am (Live Streamed Only) Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Peter Finnigan (RD) and Josephine Atkins (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only)	
Saturday 27 th February	2nd Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Mary Ann Hamilton (RD) and Jo Carswell (RD)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Live Streamed Only)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Robert Stevenson, David Reilly, Edward Kelly.

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Josephine Atkins, Frank Barrett, Jo Carswell, Lesley Crehan, Peter Finnigan,
Mary Ann Hamilton, Cornelius Welsh.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Margaret McCarroll 2015, Patsy McDonald 1993, Frank Coulter 2018, Guilia Marchetti 1998,
Justine McAllister 2000, Brian O'Reilly 1993, 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,
Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty Burns 2006, Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014*

► **ST. PETER'S 50/50 CLUB** 2020 has proved a very difficult year in the life of our Parish and 2021 is still tough on everyone. Since we cannot meet with each other, not even at Church we cannot have our usual 'Sign- Up' meeting in the Parish Centre. We are grateful to those who responded in renewing their membership by post or letterbox drop to the Promoter: Mrs. M. Sammons at 30 Seafield Court Ardrossan KA22 8NS. We ask members to do the same at your earliest convenience by sending your **Cheque in the post made payable to: St. Peter's 50/50 Club for £15** (with your name and address) **or alternatively cash by letterbox drop to the Promoter at the above address.** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE POST. *Thank you for your continued support.*

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Stations of the Cross for Lent

The Prayers of the Stations of the Cross can be found on our Parish websites and the Prayer of the Stations will be live-streamed every Friday of Lent before Mass at 9.30am.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... The story is told of the Atheist who accosted a priest. "Do you believe in eternal life?" The priest has no time to reply. "Well its a load of rubbish!" shouted the Atheist. "I believe in science, evolution, survival of the fittest, and when we die, that's it! No eternal life, no great judgement, and no God!" The Atheist continues his assault against the priest repetitiously and tirelessly. "Eternal life! Eternal life! Ha! "Its all pie in the sky when you die." When I die that's it, the end, no eternal life, no nothing. He continues, until he reaches his climax, "I will be buried six feet under when I die and that's it! Nothing! Finished! When I die I am utterly convinced that that will be the end of me!" "Well thank God for that" replies the priest with a sigh of relief!

BBC Broadcasts for Masses in Lent and Easter

Please see below details of forthcoming Masses which will be broadcast on BBC Scotland at 12 noon on the following Sundays:

Sunday 21 February - St. Joseph's, Clarkston
Sunday 14 March - Our Holy Redeemer, Stornoway
Sunday 4 April (Easter Sunday) - St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley

The BBC Scotland documentary "Priest School" is available on the iPlayer:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hmvf/priest-school>

"Priest School" is also now available on

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyVwwxOmsdl>

Mustard Seeds

✝ His Name is John

His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of university. He is brilliant. a little bit esoteric, and very, very bright. He became a Catholic while attending university as a young man. Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative Catholic Church. They want to develop a Catholic ministry to the students, but are not sure how to go about it. One day John decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The Holy Mass has already started and so John starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the altar and when he realises there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet in front of the altar. (Although perfectly acceptable behaviour at a university meeting, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!) By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the priest realises that from way at the back of the church, the parishioner is slowly making his way toward John. Now the this well-known parishioner is in his eighties, has silver-grey hair, a three piece suit, and a pocket watch. A religious man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a walking-stick and as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves, "You can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some university student on the floor?" It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The people are thinking, "The priest can't even begin the Mass until the parishioner does what he has to do." And now they see this elderly man drop his walking-stick on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to John and intends to pray with him so he won't be alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the priest gains control he says, "What I am about to say, you will probably never remember. What you have just seen, you will hopefully never forget."

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