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Fourth Sunday of the Year [B]

28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✝ Saved by a Letter

Sometimes our Christ-like daily example of life is the best way to live out our mission as Christians today, but sometimes we need to back up that example with words. The example of St James Intercisus proves the point. James was in high favour with King Yezdigerd I of Persia, who around the year 420 launched the second great persecution of Christians in Persia (modern day Iran). James was a Christian, but he lacked the courage to give up his enjoyable place of honour in the king's court. So he let go of his friendship with Christ instead. His mother and wife were horrified and heartbroken. When the King died, they wrote him a letter filled with loving, passionate rebukes and warnings. James read it repeatedly amid his comfortable lodgings in the palace. Little by little, the words of the letter penetrated his heart, until finally he turned back to Christ. He stopped appearing at court from then on, renounced the honours that he had received, and publicly repented for his earlier betrayal of the faith. Soon afterwards, the new king (Bahram) humiliated him and reproached him for his ingratitude towards all the honours Yezdigerd had lavished upon him. When James still defended the Christian faith, the King ordered his execution. The next day a huge crowd gathered to watch his public dismemberment. That's how he earned his name, "Intercisus", which means "cut to pieces." They tortured him 28 times, and each time he let out a prayer of praise to God, giving strength to his fellow Christians and a powerful witness to his persecutors. James's wife and mother took their prophetic mission seriously. When their example of fidelity to Christ wasn't enough, they backed it up with words, even risking their relationship with someone they loved. As a result, James saved his soul, the world was given another saint, and Jesus won back a friend.



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THANKS!

# Fourth Week of the Year [B]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Peter Monaghan (A)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>John Hughes Murphy</b>	Prayers of Reception at 6pm <b>Robert Robinson</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Nan Reid (RD), Margaret Boyle (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am  Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Robert Robinson</b>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Kathleen Fraser (A)</i> <b>Prayers of Reception for Anita Smallridge at 5.30pm</b>		Mass at 10am (L)	Funeral Service at 1pm <b>Lydia Monaghan</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Requiem Mass for Anita Smallridge</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> (Blessing of Candles) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Alison Trayner (RD), Emily &amp; Jimmy McLaughlin (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Memorial of St Blaise</b> ( <i>Blessing of throats at Vigil Mass</i> ) <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Maria Hilferty,  
Betty Fitzpatrick, Maria Dorrian, Dawn Clark,  
Ellen Quirk, Tony Smith, Freddy Kean.*

### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Paul McNulty, Mary Cole, Anita Smallridge, Alison Trayner,  
Nan Reid, Margaret Boyle (Donegal).*

### ✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Ian Michael Falsey 2004, Agnes Marshall 2012, John Ryan 2001,  
Michael McManus (Canon Matt's brother) 2021, Father Leo Muldoon,  
Marie Louise Paterson 2022, Peter Monaghan 2023, Susanna Brodie 1963,  
Iain Clarke 2012, Gordon McKeachan 2022, Joseph Lynn 1997,  
Marie Coyle sister of Father Joe Boland 2017, John McKay,  
Ellen McCarroll 1980, James McDermid 2005, Peggy McKeachan 2018,  
Rachel Cairnie 1988, Canon Shaun Crowley 2001, Joseph Foran 1994,  
Jessie Flynn, Rena Heneaghan 1976, Mary Kelly 2006, Sadie Burns 2009,  
Marie Matthews 2005, Emily McLaughlin 2014, Ronnie Sliwinski 2016,  
Rachel Cairnie 1998, Janet Cunningham 1999, Father Joe Davie SDB 2002,  
Sister Margaret of Jesus (Theresa Campbell) 2016, Tony Tourish 1993.*

## PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God our Father, you have called us today  
to join in the offering of Jesus Christ,  
your Divine Son, in this Mass.  
Grant that every action we do,  
every word we say every note we sing,  
may unite us more closely in our love  
for you and for one another.  
Help us to offer this Mass  
with love and attention.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## PRAYER AFTER MASS

God our Father, continue in our lives  
the offering we have made in this Mass.  
Let Jesus your Son remain with us,  
so that we may help bring others  
to know, love and serve Him.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANITA SMALLRIDGE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anita Smallridge, who died on Tuesday, 16th January 2024, aged 91years. Her Reception into Church will be on Wednesday, 31st January at 5.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 1st February at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

**Diocesan Priesthood:** Are you thinking about becoming a Priest in the Diocese of Galloway? The Diocese is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr Martin Chambers at:

[martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)



### **Malcolm Muggeridge's Conversion**

Sometimes our role as prophets demands that we use words. Other times it demands that we speak through our Christ-like example. One of the most famous journalists of the twentieth century was Malcolm Muggeridge, who helped make the BBC into England's greatest media force. In his early and brilliant career, he was an atheist. His work and example encouraged atheists. Then his travels put him in contact with a short, poor nun from Albania, who was running a small community of nuns that cared for dying street people. They worked in a destitute part of a poor city in northern India called Calcutta. The famous British journalist got to know the little Albanian nun. He watched her and her sisters go out into the streets and scoop up dying, vermin-infested, diseased people, men and women, young and old, who had fallen through the cracks of the modern world. He watched the nuns wash them, feed them, speak to them, and give them a clean bed where they could die in peace, knowing that someone had loved them. The nuns never argued with Malcolm Muggeridge about the faith - they didn't have to. The haughty atheist who seemed so far from God was touched by grace through their example. A few years later Muggeridge came into the Catholic Church, and he produced a documentary on this small community of nuns in Calcutta that turned Blessed Malcolm Muggeridge into a worldwide celebrity almost over night. Sometimes our mission to be Christ's prophets demands that we use words, but sometimes our Christ-like example can do much, much more.



### **Blessing of Candles at St Peter's**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will have the blessing of candles. Please bring your candles and place them in front, or on the altar, if you wish them to be blessed.

### **Blessing of St Blaise (Blessing of throats) at St Peter's**

At the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening we will do the St Blaise blessing, using the candles from the Candlemas Feast Day on the day before.

### **Cry for Peace in the Holy Land SCIAF Campaign**

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund have organised an online petition to lobby the Westminster government for peace and justice in the Holy Land. Please have a look at this campaign on the SCIAF website and consider adding your name.

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/campaign>

### **And finally some Humour...**

Try this College Exit Exam, you only need four correct answers to pass. Should be easy...

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?

Remember, you need 4 correct answers to pass. Check your answers below...

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024: £478.65

Second Collection (Building Fund): £285.09

### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024: £144.00

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### **ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ**

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
- 8) What colour is a purple finch? Crimson
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane? Orange (of course)

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