



# 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!



Second Sunday of the Year [B]

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## PARISH CHURCH ADDRESSES

St Peter in Chains Church  
1 South Crescent Road  
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU

St. Bride's Church  
9 Hunterston Road,  
West Kilbride, KA23 9EX

## PARISH PRIEST ADDRESS

Father Duncan McVicar  
St Peter's Presbytery  
1 South Crescent Road  
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU  
01294 464063  
duncan.mcvicar@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

## PARISH OFFICE DETAILS

Telephone: 01294 464063  
ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk  
westkilbride@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

## WEBSITES

www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk  
www.stbrideschurch.co.uk

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

07825 726904 (Ardrossan)  
07585 656229 (West Kilbride)  
07379 400568 (Saltcoats)  
07498 501326 (Stevenston)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

**Crosshouse:** Fr Stephen McGrattan  
crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk  
01563 521832 ext:2  
**Ayr:** Fr. Benjamin Mkeri 01655 882145  
ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

## MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE OFFICE

www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk.

**St. Peter in Chains  
and St. Bride's,  
are Parishes in the  
RC Diocese of Galloway.  
Scottish Charity  
Registration SC010576**



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

## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Remember Your Baptism

Baptism is the sacrament in which our faith is founded upon and which engages us as living members in Christ and in His Church. But a question may arise in us: is Baptism truly necessary to live as Christians and to follow Jesus? Isn't it basically a simple rite, a formal act of the Church to give a name to a boy or a girl? It is a question that may come to us. In this context, it is illuminating what the Apostle Paul writes: "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Rom. 6,3-4). Therefore, it is not a formality! It is an act that profoundly touches our existence. A baptised child and a non-baptised child are not the same! A baptised person and a non-baptised person are not the same! With Baptism we come immersed in that inexhaustible source of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history; and thanks to this love we can live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, of sin and death, but in the communion with God and with the brothers. Many of us do not have the slightest memory of the celebration of this Sacrament, obviously, if we were baptised shortly after birth. I have asked this question two or three times here in the Square. Who here knows the date of their Baptism? Raise your hand! Who knows? Few, eh! Very few. It is important! It is important to know what day you were immersed in that current of salvation of Jesus! Permit me to give you a piece of advice. More than advice, a homework for today: Today at home search for, ask for the date of your Baptism. And thus you may truly know well that beautiful date of your Baptism. Will you do it? [People: Yes!] I don't hear enthusiasm. Will you do it? [People: Yes!] Yes! Because it is to know a happy date! Our Baptism! But the risk is to lose the memory of that which the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift that we have received. We end up considering it as only an event that happened in the past - and not even by our own will, but that of our parents -, that no longer has any effect in our present. We must awaken the memory of our Baptism. Awaken the memory of Baptism. We are called to live our Baptism every day as an actual reality in our existence. If we follow Jesus and remain in the Church, despite our limitations, our weaknesses and our sins, it is precisely by the Sacrament through which we become new creatures and we are reinvested by Christ. It is in virtue of Baptism, in fact, that, free from original sin, we are grafted into the relationship of Jesus with God the Father; that we are bearers of a new hope because Baptism gives us this new hope! The hope of going on the path of salvation for the rest of our life. And nothing and no one can extinguish this hope, because hope does not deceive. Remember this. The hope in the Lord never deceives us. Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and to love even those who offend us and hurt us, that we can recognise in the last ones and in the poor the face of the Lord



who visits us and comes close to us and with this Baptism helps us to recognise in the face of the needy, in those suffering, even in our neighbour, the face of Jesus. It is a grace of this strength of Baptism.  
[Pope Francis on 8th January 2014  
in St Peter's Square, Rome]

## Second Week of the Year [B]

<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
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 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Stuart Neely (RD), McHugh Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</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 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Robert &amp; Agnes Hastings (A), Patrick Quinn (A),                      Margaret McKie (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Theresa &amp; Martin Hanna (SI), Betty Burns (A),                      Patrick &amp; Sarah Braniff (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am  Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am with P3 from St Anthony's PS
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Bernard Walsh (A), Teresa McGarvey (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Colette Duffield (RD), Jacqueline Hughes (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Thomas McCann (MM), Francis Shields (RD)</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)</b> (Sunday of the Word of God) <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for June Doherty (A),                      James Hammond (RD), Bridie Stewart (RD)</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, Paul McNulty,  
 Tony Smith, Freddy Kean.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Mary Cole, Margaret McKie, Colette Duffield, James Hammond.  
 Bridie Stewart (Glasgow), Jacqueline Hughes, Francis Shields.*

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

*Mary Guilfoyle 2005, Ishbel McCarroll 1983,  
 Monica McDonald 1997, David Stirling 2004,  
 Mary Coulter 1978, Tony Khan 1982, David Magee 2014,  
 Peter McCarroll 1940, Isabella McHugh 2019,  
 Elizabeth Walsh 2005, David Gallagher 2011,  
 Mary Boyce Gillies 2012, Theresa McDermott 2000,  
 George Agostini 2006, Maureen McKenzie 2014,  
 Janis McSkimming 2010, James Murray 1972, Rena Scullion 2008,  
 Canon Michael Farrington 2009, Margaret McLaughlan 2005,  
 Thelma Carrick 2005, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967,  
 Celio Staffieri 2017, Mary Catherine Teggart 1999,  
 Frances Vennard 2000, Thomas West 2005, Bessie Brown 1982,  
 Peggy Gray 2010, Addie Hissey 2009, Margaret McMillan 2009.*





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

- ▶ **ST PETER'S 50/50 CLUB** Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our members. Our annual membership fees of £15 are now due. 'Sign up' will be in the Parish Centre on the 13<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> January. Good luck and thank you for your continued support.
- ▶ **AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH ENTERTAINMENT WITH A SING-SONG, A QUIZ AND A TOUCH OF BURNS** Following last October's successful Sing-Sing, Quiz and Blether, there will be a similar event on Saturday 27 January from 7pm prompt to 10pm in the Parish Centre. Because it takes place around 'Robert Burns Weekend', there will be light references to the poet as well as the opportunity to blether with friends. George and Michael and Bill Andrew will provide entertainment. Patrons are asked to bring their own refreshments. Tickets, costing £5 each, will be available at the Church in the coming weekends. Your support will be appreciated.
- ▶ **CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) CHRISTMAS APPEAL** In total we were able to make Christmas that little bit more special for those both in Ardrossan Hostel and in Temporary Furnished Properties in the community. In total we received 169 bags from Night Before Christmas, which included gifts for boys and girls of all ages, as well as for particularly vulnerable or isolated adults, who may not have received a gift at all this Christmas. Thank you everyone for your continued generosity.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** The Village Larder were delighted with all the donations made. The Village Larder wish to thank you and hope you had a lovely Christmas.

### **The Painters' Delight**

This is one reason Saint Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries to the ancient prayer of the Rosary. He wanted to encourage all Catholics to contemplate Jesus in the daily life of his public ministry, which he spent so close to the normal folks of his time: starting with his baptism, moving on to his miracles and preaching, and then finishing with his gift of the Eucharist, which is the extension through all time and space of his physical and emotional nearness to his beloved people. This is also one reason Christ's baptism has been a favourite subject of Christian painting. Almost all the great Christian artists from medieval till modern times have depicted this scene. And the remarkable thing is how similar all the images are. Jesus is usually in the centre, standing in the Jordan River, in a prayerful attitude. John the Baptist is leaning over him, pouring water on his head from a shell-shaped bowl. Above them both, the Holy Spirit descends from a bright cloud. And on the sides are other folks waiting to be baptised in turn. Jesus is invariably depicted wearing just



his under tunic, so he looks fully human, vulnerable, and even, since John the Baptist is the one doing the baptism, docile. The this-worldliness of Jesus comes out strongly in every one of these paintings; he really is one of us; he really has come to take our part. One Renaissance artist Domenico Ghirlandaio - to whom Leonardo da Vinci was apprenticed as a boy - emphasises this nearness of Christ to sinners even more. In the foreground of his fresco, Ghirlandaio shows another young man who has just been baptised [see picture]. This young man is bending down to put his sandal back on as he looks up at Jesus. Jesus doesn't keep his distance from us normal, everyday sinners – he simply loves us too much.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024: £580.30  
Second Collection (Justice and Peace): £308.80  
Standing Orders for December 2023: £3847.00

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

Offertory Cash Collection 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024: £162.30  
Second Collection (Justice and Peace): £63.20  
Standing Orders for December 2023: £1067.00

### **STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

Please consider taking out a Standing Order?  
It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.  
Forms are available from the Parishes Office.  
ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk  
or call 01294 464063.

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*



"God invites us to know Him in mysterious ways. What matters isn't that we grasp why. What matters is whether or not we say 'yes.' There's no more powerful way to do that than to turn to Him in the Eucharist."

**SISTER HELENA BURNS**  
*Beautiful Eucharist*

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

For all of us who are senior citizens - for all of you who know senior citizens - and for all of you who will be senior citizens soon. It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are! And, speaking of senior moments: 'WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?' The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am,' said the newspaper employee, 'today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.' There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter, so that's why no one was at church today.'

# Please Support our Advertisers

 <p>The STUDIO COBBLER 15 Manse Street, Saltcoats Tel: 01294467486 <i>Quality Keycutter</i></p>	<h2>McLAUGHLIN CONSTRUCTION</h2> <p>Construction* Developments* Maintenance* Property 13 Ailsa Road, Irvine Industrial Estate, Irvine, KA12 8LR Telephone 01294 322800 Fax 01294 322700</p>	
<p><i>Would your business benefit from advertising in our bulletin?</i></p> <p><b>spaces now available</b></p> <p>Contact St. Peter's Parish Office on 01294 464063 or by email: <a href="mailto:ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a></p>	 <p>Contact: Peter Walsh Solicitor 01294 464301 Bank of Scotland Buildings, 57 Dockhead Street, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, KA21 5EH e-mail: <a href="mailto:p.walsh@jascampbell.co.uk">p.walsh@jascampbell.co.uk</a> website: <a href="http://jascampbell.co.uk">jascampbell.co.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>TAYLOR AND HENDERSON</b> Solicitors, Estate Agents &amp; Financial Advisors 51 Hamilton Street, Saltcoats Telephone: 01294 464341 <a href="http://www.taylorandhenderson.co.uk">www.taylorandhenderson.co.uk</a></p>	 <h2>BUTE SERVICE CENTRE LLP</h2> <p>MOTs FOR CARS, VANS &amp; BIKES DEALER LEVEL DIAGNOSTICS REPAIRS &amp; SERVICING FOR OLD &amp; NEW VEHICLES 25 Harbour Road, Ardrossan TEL: 01294 603556</p>	 <p>48 Princes Street Ardrossan, KA22 8DF Tel: 01294 537900 <b>A. &amp; I. INGLIS FUNERAL DIRECTORS</b> <a href="mailto:info@inglisfuneraldirectors.com">info@inglisfuneraldirectors.com</a> <a href="http://www.inglisfuneraldirectors.com">www.inglisfuneraldirectors.com</a></p>
<p><b>PAT McCALLUM</b> JOINERS - GLAZIERS - BUILDERS ALTERATIONS - CONVERSIONS - ROOFWORK TEL: 01294 467495 MOB: 07785 372715</p>	 <p>Tel: 01294 464733 <a href="mailto:breenroofing@aol.com">breenroofing@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.breen-roofing.co.uk">www.breen-roofing.co.uk</a> 6 Hill Street, Ardrossan, KA22 8HE</p> 	
 <p>16 - 70 seat coaches Coach &amp; Mini-bus hire Tel: 01294 602669 <a href="http://www.coachtravel.co">www.coachtravel.co</a></p>		 <p><b>PAUL STEVENSON</b> Funeral Directors 24 Hour Service Tel: 607001 Fax: 606407 <a href="http://www.funeral-scotland.co.uk">www.funeral-scotland.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:info@funeral-scotland.co.uk">info@funeral-scotland.co.uk</a></p>
<p><i>Would your business benefit from advertising in our bulletin?</i></p> <p><b>Spaces now available</b></p> <p>Contact St. Peter's Parish Office on 01294 464063 Or by email: <a href="mailto:ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a></p>		
 <p><b>Coastal Capers</b> </p> <p>Dog Walking &amp; Pet Sitting Service Let me keep your furry friends active, happy and cared for. Call: Suzanne Shiells 07866 565014 Email: <a href="mailto:3townscoastalcapers@gmail.com">3townscoastalcapers@gmail.com</a></p>	 <h2>McEvoy Engineering Ltd.</h2> <p>Steel Fabrication &amp; Welding   Integrated Engineering Solutions Tel: 01294 467677 <a href="http://www.mcevoyengineering.co.uk">www.mcevoyengineering.co.uk</a> Unit 53, Stevenston Industrial Estate, Ardeer, Stevenston</p>	
 <p><b>St Peter's Stall</b> </p> <p>Cards, Candles, Statues, Mass Cards, A wonderful selection of Cards &amp; Gifts Available Now!</p>	 <p><b>M J McDermott</b> Plumbing &amp; Heating Gas Safe Registered Mob: 07977628117 Tel: 01294 602261 <a href="mailto:mjmcplumbing@aol.com">mjmcplumbing@aol.com</a> / Facebook</p>	 <p><b>St. Peter's Parish Centre</b> </p> <p>Hall Hire Available Weddings, Birthdays, Christenings, Funerals For Booking contact Fiona Brown on <b>07907 389703</b></p>