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Fifth Sunday of Lent [B]

21st March 2021

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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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

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Reflection

The Gospels are often full of paradoxes: we hear that the first will be last, that anyone who wants to be great must be a slave, and today in Saint John's Gospel two profound paradoxes – the wheat grain dies to yield life, and Jesus acknowledges his troubled soul, while asking for his name to be glorified! The message is that if we try to read the Gospel in the "world's way", these paradoxes will make no sense. In fact if we look at the Passion and death of the Lord in the "world's way", it will look like failure and loss, and will make no sense. We need to embrace the paradox, trusting in Jesus who draws us to himself. All of this is pointing toward the cross, which is both a sign of sorrow and a sign of triumph. This is how we "see Jesus", as the Greek visitors asked at the beginning of this Gospel – it is through the very paradox of death (when Jesus is "lifted up" from the earth), that Jesus draws all who seek him to himself.

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PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.**

THANKS!



Fifth Week of Lent [B] 2021

March 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	<i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri</i>	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 20 th March	5th Sunday of Lent [B] Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Sister Moira Donnelly (RD) and Nan Reid (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 21 st March	5th Sunday of Lent [B] Mass at 10.30am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>		Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 22 nd March	5th Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Barbara Townsend (RD) and Ann McEwan (A)</i>			
Tuesday 23 rd March	Requiem Mass for Patrick Logan Mass at 10am (Live Streamed)		Mass at 1.30pm with (L) St. John's PS	Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 24 th March	5th Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for John Maguire (RD) and Sr. Moira Donnelly (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	Mass at 1.30pm With (L) St. Anthony's PS
Thursday 25 th March	Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord Mass at 10am (Live Streamed Only) <i>Offered for Jeff & Kate Simpson (RD) and Agnes Dougan (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 26 th March	5th Week of Lent Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Patrick Reilly (RD), Christopher McManus (A) and Colin James Robertson (A)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	Mass at 10am
Saturday 27 th March	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (A) and Pat Logan (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)



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.



SUPPORT OUR PARISHES THIS LENT

Our Parish Communities of St Bride's and St Peter's work tirelessly to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a culture bent on pushing God to the margins. During this penitential season, we strip ourselves of worldly attachments and rededicate ourselves to repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To that end, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a Standing Order to aid our critical mission. A sincere word of thanks to all our Parishioners who have done so in the last couple of weeks. It is already making a big difference. As a Catholic Charity, we rely on your support to sustain our ministry. Each year, our efforts help many people to come to a closer knowledge of Jesus Christ and to deepen their relationship with him in the Church. Please consider a regular Standing Order so that we can continue to proclaim Christ in the culture in new and engaging ways.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Marion Borland, James Watt, Sister Moira Donnelly, Patrick Logan, Barbara Townsend (Plymouth), John Maguire, Jeff & Kate Simpson (Glasgow), Patrick Reilly (Baillieston), Breige McGee (Bishop Brian McGee's mother).

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Sam Bannon 2006, Pietro Brogi 1948, Maureen Conway 1999, Denise Devlin 2015, Patrick McDonald, Maria Monaghan 2004, Mary Reid 2002, William Shanks 1952, William Shanks 1987, Susan Reid 2007, Veronica Stevenson 2016, John Pentleton 2014, Hugh Conway 1976, Pamela Devine 2020, Sister Immanuel CP 2002, Terence McCarroll 1967, Patrick McDermott 1973, Agnes McLaren 1994, May McParland 2016, Isabella Connor 1959, James and Ellen McCarroll 1977, Jane Kerber 2015, John McLaughlin 2020, Lilian Pattison, Brenda Simons 2008, Don Foley, Felix Gallagher 2010, Alie Khan 1954, Anna Bates 1997, Terry McCabe 2005, Moira Rafferty, Rebecca Walsh 2008, The Crew of HMS Dasher 1943.

St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR PATRICK LOGAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Pat Logan, who died on Wednesday, 10th March 2021, aged 79 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 23rd March at 10am [live-streamed], followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **DONATION OF NATIVITY FIGURES** A big thank you to Canon Matt who donated a set of Nativity Figures to St Peter's in Memory of his brother Michael McManus. Sincere thanks for the generosity and the gift.

► **PALM SUNDAY – COLLECTION OF PALMS** Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and available for collection from the porch of the house on Wednesday 31st March between 9am and 11am.

OUR CHURCHES ARE REOPENING - BOOKING FOR MASS

Due to the Scottish Government restricting the number of people attending church to a limit of 50. You are required to book if you would like to attend Mass.

Bookings will be taken from Monday 22nd March. Please try to call only during booking times below.

To book for St. Peter's call the Parish Office on 01294 464063, Monday to Friday, 9am – 11.30am.

To book for St. Bride's call Phyllis Howie on 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm – 9pm.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Looking ahead to when we may be able to resume normal worship and return to parish ministries, it will be necessary for all parish volunteers to complete their second Safeguarding Induction Training session, if they require a PVG to carry out their ministries. The diocesan trainers strongly recommend that as many volunteers as possible attend this training session online, from the comfort and safety of their own homes, during this current lockdown. To book a place in an online session at a convenient time for you, please visit

www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding-calendar, which will be regularly updated with available dates and times. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Coordinator; many volunteers have already attended either in-person immediately before the pandemic, or online during it.

Thank you for your commitment to your parishes.

St. Bride's Notices

► **PALM SUNDAY – COLLECTION OF PALMS** Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, and Tuesday 30th March.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCHES

St Bride's: We had an excellent meeting of a few parishioners last week to look at some ongoing issues in the Church: some damp patches around the sanctuary area, repainting of the Sanctuary and the Entrance [main body of the Church for a later date], repair and upgrade some lighting, making a shelf for the left-hand side of the Church.

St Peter's: The spotlights have been repaired and replaced, the spotlight over the tabernacle has been replaced and improved, the electrical sockets in the sanctuary area had to be repaired and brought up to standard, broken tiles at the entrance to the St Peter's Centre have been replaced and repaired, we started an ongoing project last week to repair our church pews: thirty kneelers have some supports missing, and fifteen have broken or damaged supports, all the kneelers will be fitted with felt pads to help with the loud noise if the kneeler falls down on the floor.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who took part and have worked so hard for our Parishes Churches.

All for the greater glory of God!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

An atheist was walking through a wood looking at the trees, and the bright blue sky. He said to himself how wonderful that all this came about by time and chance through evolution. Suddenly he heard a noise and a great brown bear came after him and he ran at top speed. It was getting nearer and raised its arms to grab the Atheist when the man cried out "God help me!" The bear stopped still, the wind died down, the clouds ceased to move and a light shone down from heaven. A voice said "Yes!" "Do I take it you now want to be a Christian?" "Oh no!" said the Atheist "I could not do that after all these years, but could you make the Bear into a Christian?" The voice said "Yes!" The clouds began to move and the wind began to blow and the bear lowered his arms and put his paws together and said, "For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful..!"

Mustard Seeds

✝ The Storm

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a priest who for several years had faithfully served the church as a Retreat Speaker. His responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life. He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened." As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us." And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash. The priest confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly. Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry, and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvellous child was completely composed and unafraid." The priest could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our priest lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behaviour of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "Father, my Dad is the pilot, and he is taking me home." *There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our "plane" into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky. Let us remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and He is taking us home...*

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