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Third Sunday of the Year – The Word of God [C]

26th January 2025

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.
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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Mustard Seeds

✠ A brief introduction to the Morning Prayer of the Church

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, focusing especially on the Psalms. It harkens back to the Jewish custom of praying at fixed hours, a practice early Christians continued. By the medieval period, monks chanted the entire Psalter, all 150 Psalms, throughout each week, and sometimes in a single day! Eventually, this form of prayer became known as the Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office. It is a liturgy because, like the Mass and other sacraments, it is a public prayer of the Church, Christ's Mystical Body, as distinct from private devotions such as the Rosary, novenas, or personal prayer. Its purpose is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity. It does this by bathing the morning, afternoon, and evening in prayer, so that "the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God." Saints up and down the centuries have prayed the Psalms each day, including John Paul II, Pier Giorgio Frassati, Thérèse of Lisieux, Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Benedict, and the first Apostles. And, of course, this is how Mary, Joseph, and Jesus prayed too. They knew, loved, and prayed the Psalms. So, you're entering into this same tradition of prayer shared by the greatest men and women in Christian history. So come along and pray the Morning Prayer - on Tuesdays before Mass at 9.40am.



ST PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19th January 2025: £456.20
Second Collection (Building Fund): £284.53

ST BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19th January 2025: £99.30

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!

Third Week of the Year [C]

ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.sfbrideschurch.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</i> <i>(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 25 th January	3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] (Sunday of the Word of God) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 26 th January	3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] (Sunday of the Word of God) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 27 th January	3rd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Betty Craig (RD), Mary McNamara (A)</i> Prayers of Reception for Kathleen Tracy 6.30pm			
Tuesday 28 th January	REQUIEM MASS 10am KATHLEEN TRACY	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Irene Moran</i>		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 29 th January	3rd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Ian M. Falsay (A), Fr Michael Savage (A)</i> Prayers of Reception Kevin Wallace 6pm		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 30 th January	REQUIEM MASS 10am KEVIN WALLACE			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 31 st January	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BOSCO Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Elfrida Lawson (RD), Kathleen Fraser,</i> Benediction 10.30am (<i>Refreshments in our Caf� afterwards</i>)	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 1 st February	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD [C] (World Day of Consecrated Life) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A), Kevin Wallace (MM),</i> <i>Emily & Jimmy McLaughlin (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Register by Tuesday 4th February to secure your place at £700. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 108km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th - 19th October and costs £700 per person (we will support you in fundraising to reduce this). The first meeting takes place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock and online on Sunday 2nd February from 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Register by scanning the QR code on the poster, or by searching for @rcdg youth on social media.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) NIGHTS

The Galloway Youth nights begin on Sunday 16th February in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock from 5–7 PM and continue on the third Sunday of each month during term time. The evening begins with Mass, followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph's Academy. Interested? Download a parental consent form from our website: rcdg.org.uk or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details. *For any parents bringing your children to the event, you're welcome to stay for the evening; there will be a room with tea, coffee, and snacks for you to meet following the Mass.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley,
Sarah Fitzgibbon, Rosemary Smith, Jim McEwan,
Grant Mitchell, Wynter McNabb, Tony Smith,
Cathie Currie, Margaret McDonald.*

+ Those who have died recently:

*Betty Craig, Kathleen Tracy, Kevin Wallace, Irene Moran,
Carolyn McGinn, Catherine Finnegan, Elfrida Lawson,
Peter McEvoy (Blackpool).*

+ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Barbara Scott 2010, Willie Forsyth 2012, Iain Clarke 2012,
John McKay senior 1957, Patricia Murphy 1988,
Joseph Retzbach 1940, John Ryan 2001, John McKay,
Debra Crawford 2024, Ian Michael Falsey 2004,
Agnes Marshall 2012, Marie Louise Paterson 2022,
Michael McManus (Canon Matt's brother) 2021,
Father Leo Muldoon, Peter Monaghan 2023,
Susanna Brodie 1963, Gordon McKeachan 2022,
James McDermid 2005, Joseph Lynn 1997,
Marie Coyle sister of Father Joe Boland 2017,
Ellen McCarroll 1980, Peggy McKeachan 2018.*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR KATHLEEN TRACY AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Tracy, who died on 4th January 2025, aged 88 years. She will be received into Church on Monday, 27th January at 6.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 28th January at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR KEVIN WALLACE AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kevin Wallace, who died on 1st January 2025, aged 37 years. He will be received into Church on Wednesday, 29th January at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 30th January at 10am, followed by interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR BETTY CRAIG AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Betty Craig, who died on 4th January 2025, aged 86 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 4th February at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHERINE FINNEGAN AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Catherine Finnegan, who died on 8th January 2025, aged 91 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th February at 12 noon, followed by interment at St Kentigern's Cemetery, Glasgow. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AT ST PETER'S** The next Meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council is on Thursday, 30th January at 7pm. Please hand in any items for the agenda to any of the Council Members. Thank you!

► **50/50 CLUB AT ST PETER'S** Annual fees of £15 per person are now due. Myriame will be available in the Parish Centre this weekend 25th/26th January should you wish to renew your membership. New members welcome.

► **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

► **KNIT & KNATTER AT ST PETER'S** Come and join us on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BINGO NIGHT AT ST PETER'S

Andrena Hughes is holding a Bingo night in aid of our Parish Lourdes Group and Youth for Lourdes on Saturday 1st February in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Tea, coffee and cake included in the cost of the tickets, however BYOB and snacks are also an option. Andrena is also looking for donations for raffle prizes if anyone can help. Tickets available from Andrena or at the Parish office. Adults £2 and children £1 or pay at the door. Her mobile number is 07917732091. Please come along and enjoy a night of family fun.

H.C.P.T. LOURDES GROUP 376

Esther Coulter wishes to thank everyone who contributed to her new year's day dip fundraiser, either via the collection after masses or the just giving page. The magnificent sum of £2040 was raised. A mass will be said for all parishioners in Lourdes at Easter. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.



How do we know
Peter was a successful
fisherman?
By his net income.

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

A nun, a priest, and a lawyer arrive at the gates of heaven and St. Peter greeted them. "Welcome to Heaven. We have simplified the process of admission, and all you need to do to get into Heaven is pass a simple test. Are you ready?" The Nun said, "I've prepared for this moment for 73 years." "Okay," said St. Peter, "spell 'God'." "G-O-D." "Very good, Sister, enter your eternal reward." "That was easier than I thought it would be," the priest said, "I'll take my test now "Okay," said St. Peter, "spell 'love'." "L-O-V-E." "Excellent, Father, enter your eternal reward." The third person, the lawyer, said, "Well, is this is going to be really easy. Give me my test." "Okay," said St. Peter, "spell 'prorhipidoglossomorpha'."

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