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Fifth Sunday of Lent [A]

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✚ Making the Most of Holy Week

Perhaps Lent this year went well for us, a profound time of confronting weaknesses out of love for the Lord. Or maybe it went rather poorly, and in fact was kind of forgotten in all the busyness of life. Either way, there is still time to take advantage of the opportunity the Church gives us to grow closer to Christ. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, which unites the "royal splendour of Christ with the proclamation of his passion," says the Vatican's Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (No. 138). Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic King, and in his paschal victory." Lent ends officially with the beginning of the Easter Triduum at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Through the Washing of Feet, we remind ourselves that we are called to love our neighbour and notice their needs. There is at the end of Mass, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, available until 8.30pm — is the best way to end Holy Thursday. The Easter fast that many begin after Holy Thursday Mass is obligatory on Good Friday. "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence from meat. Mass isn't offered on Good Friday; but a Communion service and veneration of the cross is. When possible, Catholics take a break from work between the hours of noon and 3pm, the time Christ spent on the cross. This is also a prime time to pray privately the Stations of the Cross. Holy Saturday is a silent time of waiting. No Mass is offered, not even a Communion service like Good Friday's. It isn't an official fasting day, but many Catholics eat modestly this day as we wait to celebrate the Resurrection.



On the Saturday evening, we celebrate the Resurrection with the wonderful Easter Vigil. This is the greatest feast of the Church - as we carry in the Light of Christ and dispel the darkness. Easter Sunday is the great day of victory and new beginning for all of us!

### "The Light is On for You"

Our Lord says to us: "Nothing you confess could make me love you less" - come before him with trust in his mercy. Come to Confession this Lent, Saturdays 4.30pm until 5pm.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN THE THREE TOWNS

Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent in the Three Towns:  
Monday, 27th March at 7pm at St Peter's, Ardrossan. Tuesday, 28th March at 2pm at St Mary's, Saltcoats.  
Wednesday, 29th March at 7pm at St John's Stevenston.

# Fifth Week of Lent 2023 [A]

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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 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kevin Doherty (A), Chris McManus (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>Offered for Colin James Robertson (A)</i>	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Theresa Quirk (A), Helen Carruth</i>			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (A), Roger Smith (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tricia Hornsby (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Cath McGeown (RD), For expectant Mothers</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Morag Armstrong (RD), John Mullen (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Maria McDonald (S), Lily Barrett (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am  Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Palm Sunday (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Felix Hamill (A), Betty Craig (SI), Margaret (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

### WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL

This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a big difference in Zambia – and around the world. As you prepare for Easter, SCIAF have created a number of prayers and reflections to use as part of your Lenten worship. Please visit [sciaf.org.uk/resources](http://sciaf.org.uk/resources) to download your prayer resources today.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023: £551.35  
 Second Collection (SCIAF): £421.47  
 Up till now the Emergency Gas repair Donations:  
 £9523.75

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023: £99.00  
 Second Collection (SCIAF): £125.40

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### FUNDRAISING FOR RENEWAL OF GAS PIPES

A parishioner has kindly started a just giving page for the recent necessary gas work and restoration of the car park.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-peters-in-chains-ardrossan>  
 all donations gratefully received.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon,  
Rose Bowers, Roseann Bannan.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Roger Smith, Tricia Hornsby, Cath McGeown,  
Morag Armstrong*

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

*Felix Hamill (Father of Fr. Gerry Hamill), 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, Sheila Love 2017,  
Gerald McGhee 2008, Devlin McIndoe 1992,  
Allister Nesbit 2000, Cathie Quinn 2015,  
Seamus Reilly senior 2020, Menotti Carrino 1953,  
Odina Carrino 1987, Monsignor Stephen Kennedy 2009,  
Sally Wilson 2012, Mark Kilday 2022, John Mullen 2020,  
Sarah Anderson 2003, Pauline Gear 2020,  
Elizabeth Hughes 2013, James Kelly 1983,  
Michael McCann 2012, Sandy Miller 1979,  
Gus Slimman 1993, Isabella Stuart 2004,  
William Friel 1994, Peter Hughes 2011,  
Irene Mathieson 2012, Jenny Murphy 1998,  
Marjorie Robertson, Margaret Shanks 1993,  
Kenneth McSkimming 2002, Jane McFarlane 2006.*

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

- ▶ **EMERGENCY GAS REPAIR** Due to your overwhelming generosity, we have now raised £7,485 towards our Gas Repairs. With Just Giving of £1,030 and gift aid the overall total is £9523.75.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S** In addition to the Holy Week services of The Easter Triduum, the people of St Brides are preparing a service of Readings, Prayer, Music and Reflection on Monday 3 April at 7 30 pm to which all parishioners, families and friends are invited.
- ▶ **ST PETER'S COLLECTION ENVELOPES** The Collection Envelopes for 2023–2024 are available at the Stall for collection. Many thanks for your continued generosity.
- ▶ **PARISH 50/50 CLUB** We hope to make the PRIZE DRAW for 50/50 Club next week-end but still have 20 members who need to renew their membership. If this might be **YOU** can you please return your letter to the Parish Office with payment of £15. It could be **YOU** who will win a prize - **JAN.** 4 PRIZES OF £25. **FEB.** 4 PRIZES OF £25 and **MAR.** 4 PRIZES OF £25 Many thanks for your continued support. Good Luck in the Draw. Myriame Sammons /Promoter
- ▶ **HAVE A LOOK AT OUR ST PETER'S PARISH SHOP!** Easter Mass and Easter cards now in. Come and have a look - you will be surprised!

### **Sacrament of the Reconciliation**

Why confess my sins to a priest? Why not just pray for forgiveness on my own? Because it's right there in the Bible. Jesus gave the power to release people from their sins to his Apostles, who were the first bishops and priests. When you wrong somebody, you have to seek forgiveness on their terms—when we sin, we wrong Jesus. That's why we seek healing and forgiveness on Jesus' terms. But why did Jesus make confession to a priest mandatory? It's psychologically healing. It gets you straighter to God than praying by yourself would. It roots out deadly sins. And because your sin hurts the community of the Church, you need the opportunity to confess to the priest who represents the Church. Remember: Jesus wants you to be free, to not wallow in your misery. He wants you to bask in the grace and mercy he died to give you. Confession isn't for him, it's for you. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always a place of victory, a place where people are returning to Jesus. Has God been Number One in your life? We want to be a good person - we are not as good as we should be, and not as bad as we could be. Is God is the centre of your life? We often don't put God in the centre, and we put in on the side-lines. What is sin? Definition: Lord, I know what you want me to do, but I don't care, I want to do what I want. Definition of mortal sin: It's bad, I know it's bad, and I do it anyway.

Four places where you can start:

1. Find a good examination of conscience.
2. Pray the Litany of Humility - notice what wounds we have.
3. Going to Jesus is own words - The Beatitudes
4. St Ignatius writes: "Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, go over the day when did I say yes. When did I say thank you God. When were the times where God was offering his grace and I said no. Go through those moments. Please forgive, Lord." You will make a great confession.



### **MASS OF CHRISM**

There will be a coach going from the three towns to St Margaret's Cathedral for the Mass of Chrism on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The coach will pick up from St Peter's Church at 6.15pm, St Mary's at 6.30pm and the bus stop beside the Jet garage, Stevenston at 6.45pm. If you would like to book a seat on the coach please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch. Cost is £5 per person.

### **HMS Dasher Service - 80th Anniversary**

This Sunday, there will be the annual Dasher Service at the Memorial at 11.30am led by Canon Matt. Refreshments and snacks will be available in St Peter's Centre afterwards.

### **Just for a laugh...**

The Parish Priest was talking about the Ten Commandments in St Peter's Primary School. He thought it would be most helpful if he read out concrete examples. "One morning Johnny's parents were going shopping," he read to them. "They asked Johnny to wash the dishes while they were gone. When they returned, however, Johnny was watching TV, and the dishes were still unwashed." Then he asked, "What commandment did Johnny break?" In one accord the class responded, "Honour thy father and thy mother!" "Good," said the priest. "Ann went shopping with her mother, but when no one was looking, she slipped a chocolate bar into her pocket." Again, he asked, "What commandment was broken here?" The class was quick to respond: "Thou shalt not steal!" "Great," said the Parish Priest. "Andy was a mean little boy and had a bad temper. He got angry with his sister one day, and grabbing her pet kitten, he threatened to pull its tail off. What commandment did this break?" asked the priest. This was a much tougher example. Everyone was quiet for a moment, but then one little boy piped up and shouted, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder!"

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