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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday - Mothers' Day [C]

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
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**St. Bride's:** Friday  
between 11am-12noon  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Expect An Answer

As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the way of life of the townspeople. As the problem became more acute, the local Parish Priest called a prayer meeting to ask for rain. Many people arrived. The Priest greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the Mass, he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socialising with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the Mass. His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven year-old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the Priest smile as he realised how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella. All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer.



### I asked God

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things.  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among all people, most richly blessed. Amen.

### Celebrate Mother's Day today

What a privilege to simply say thank you to God, for our wonderful mothers and grandmothers and other very special women who are now with Him in heaven. These are women who have given us so much in this world and continue to care for us from above. On this day, we take time to reflect on the important role that mothers, and mother figures play in our lives. Elizabeth Hawn writes: "Mothering is the gospel lived out as you hold your child's heart in beauty, prayer and patience. It is not the big decisions, but the little ones, trusting God through it all." Congratulations to all our Mothers!

## Fourth Week of Lent [C] 2022

<b>March / April 2022</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> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b>	<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Christopher McManus (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (A), Rina Donald (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim Carracher (RD), Bernard Cassidy (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joe Howie (A), John Mullen (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Debbie Roy (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Connell Thomas (A), John Kennedy (SI)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am <i>(Refreshments afterwards in St. Peter's Café)</i>	Stations of the Cross 11.30am Mass at 12 noon	Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Geraldine Irvine</b>	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Lang (RD), For Peace in Russia and Ukraine (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>All Masses may be subject to change</b>				

### Message from Bishop Joseph Toal and SCIAF

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I write on behalf of the Bishops of Scotland on this fourth Sunday of Lent to thank you for caring for others, and for the compassion you have shown to those around the world who are so dreadfully in need... The faith and compassion of the Catholic peoples of Scotland reaches out with love far beyond its borders, to care for our sisters and brothers in the poorest parts of the world. As the development charity for the Church in Scotland, SCIAF harnesses that love and turns that faith into action... we are called... to reach out to the poorest with love. This is why, during Lent, we ask you to give generously to support the vital work of SCIAF through their Wee Box, Big Change appeal. While climate change is global and threatens our Common Home, the most devastating effects are taking place now in places like Malawi... In Malawi, SCIAF is providing local solutions to prevent hunger and tackle climate change. Your gifts will help people grow more food, protect local environments, and provide more secure incomes. Your gifts will teach organic farming techniques, provide more resilient and varied seed varieties, and offer access to money to pay for essentials such as school fees and healthcare. As Lent continues, and we look forward to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, please remember SCIAF and everyone they work with in your prayers. Thank you for your continued generosity; know that it goes towards good work. May God bless you and your families during the Holy season of Lent and throughout the year.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Janet Brown, Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Susan Hughes, Robert Smallridge, Anita Smallridge.*

#### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Rina Donald, Jim Carracher, Debbie Roy, Mary Lang, Anne McLaren, Gordon Duffy.*

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

*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,  
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, Margaret Murphy, Monsignor John O'Farrell 2008, Pope John Paul II 2005, James Smith 1959.*

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Lillian Alice Semenowicz who will be baptised this Sunday and also Evie Helen Walsh and Leo Jack McGrath who will be baptised this coming Saturday. Congratulations to all the parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S UKRAINE APPEAL** Victoria Gillies, from Ukraine will speak to St Bride's Parishioners on Sunday 27th March Please show your support by coming along to hear Victoria's story. A special collection will be taken up at Mass. Donations by cheque should be made out to 'St. Brides' with Ukraine Fund written on the back. If you are unable to attend please put your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine Appeal, and post through the Church House letter box.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE** Please give as generously as you can to our appeal for Ukraine. There are designated collection buckets around the Church at St Peter's. Thank you for your support and generosity!
- ▶ **ST PETER'S COLLECTION FOR S.C.I.A.F** Our annual collection will take place this weekend, 26th and 27th March 2022.
- ▶ **THE AUTUMN CLUB** The Autumn club meet in the Park Church Hall on alternative Monday afternoons at 2pm. The club serves the local community for social/recreational activities. They are opening to **NEW** members and also inviting existing members who have not yet felt able to attend. The club do adhere to the current restrictions in place. The next meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Penitential Services for Lent

"Now is the time of grace, now is the time of blessing!" As we approach the celebration of Easter there are four Penitential Services available next week. Please take advantage and receive God's forgiveness before Easter. At St Peter in Chains, **Ardrossan** - Monday, 4th April at 7pm; at St Mary's, **Largs** - Tuesday, 5th April at 2pm; at St John's, **Stevenston** - Tuesday, 5th April at 7pm; at St Mary's, **Saltcoats** - Wednesday, 6th April at 2pm.

**Annual HMS Dasher Memorial Service** The Annual Memorial Service will take place today at the Dasher Monument at 11am. Canon Matt will lead the Service and prayers. May those who lost their lives rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Prayer for Forgiveness and Peace in Ukraine

As Pope Francis wrapped up the General Audience on Wednesday, he led those gathered in the Paul VI Hall and online in a special prayer for an end to the war in Ukraine. He made his own a prayer composed by the Italian Archbishop of Naples, Domenico Battaglia, making a few minor additions.

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labours, if we legitimise the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done;

Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord! Amen.



### Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

→ "The Wedding Breakfast" - According to Catholic custom, marriage took place at a Nuptial Mass, and both bride and bridegroom received Holy Communion. As they would both have been fasting, according to the Church's law, they needed their breakfast after the ceremony. Their friends would join them at the meal, and hence the origin of the "Wedding Breakfast".

→ "The devil's door" - Traditionally the prayer of exorcism is prayed before the actual Baptism; this was to dispel any spirit hostile to God. For this reason, fonts were always placed opposite the north door of the church, which would be left ajar during the exorcism prayer in order to let the devil escape - hence the "devil's door".

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022: £592.51

Second Collection (Building Fund): £245.55

Emergency Ukraine Appeal: £636.60

Standing Orders for February 2022: £3934.00

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022: £102.85

Emergency Ukraine Appeal: £46

Standing Orders for February 2022: £1197.00

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

**Just for a Laugh...** A thief in Paris planned to steal some Paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked by the police how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied... {you need to put on a French accent} 'Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings.' I had no Monet - To buy Degas - To make the Van Gogh.' See if you have De Gaulle to tell this to someone else. I've printed it in our newsletter because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.

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