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Fifth Sunday of Easter [B]

2nd May 2021

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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

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and St. Bride's,
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THANKS!**

THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these readings to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these readings quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the Gospel, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your Sunday prayers

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Reflection

One of the distinctive features of Saint John's Gospel is the number of times Jesus says "I am ...". In fact books have been written on the eight "I Am" statements in the fourth gospel. Last week we heard him say "I am the Good Shepherd" and today he says: "I am the true vine." Each of these statements is revealing something of Jesus and his Father, and the mission of salvation in which he is engaged. Today the image of the vine is all about fruit – after all, what is a vine without good grapes?! How does a vine produce fruit? Only with a lot of intensive labour on behalf of the vinedresser, who must prune and trim and care for the vine unceasingly (rather like the shepherd looking after his flock). The Father, who loves us, works within us through the Spirit, so that we may remain a part of Jesus, the true vine, and produce good fruit. It is by our choice and actions that we become "disconnected branches", unable or unwilling to accept God's care, and so can produce no fruit.



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.



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May 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.		St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
			St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 1 st May	5th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Linda Kerr (SI), Michael & Marie Ferguson (A)				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 2 nd May	5th Sunday of Easter Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for our parishes		Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 3 rd May	Feast of Ss Philip and James Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Christine McFarland (SI), Maureen (SI)				
Tuesday 4 th May	5th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for Ted Kelly (RD)		Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L) Online Mass at 11.30 with St Anthony's & St John's PS (L)
Wednesday 5 th May	Votive Mass of St. Joseph Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Helen Robertson (RD), Agnes McHugh (RD)			Mass at 10am	
Thursday 6 th May	5th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for James Watt (RD), Cathie Slimman (RD)				Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 7 th May	5th Week in Eastertide Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Fr. Gerard Bourke cscr (A), Lina Gregoire (RD)		Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 8 th May	6th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Ian McCormick (A), Helen McGee (A)				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

"Witness involves openness of heart, capacity for dialogue and reciprocity, willingness to recognise the signs of goodness and of God's presence in the people one meets. God comes towards us from within the very hearts of those to whom the Gospel is communicated. He is always the first to arrive. Recognition of the primacy of grace is fundamental in evangelisation, right from the first moment. The disciples of Jesus, sharing life with all, bear witness even without words to the joy of the Gospel that elicits questions. Witness, which is always expressed as respectful dialogue, at the appropriate time, becomes proclamation." [Directory 32]

BBC Broadcast Sunday Mass

Mass from St. Andrew's Parish in Galashiels will be broadcast on BBC Scotland at 12 noon this Sunday (2 May) the broadcast can be viewed on the channels listed here and subsequently on iPlayer.

By viewing or downloading you will be supporting efforts by SCMO to commission Catholic programming in future.

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SKY	115	
Freesat	106	
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt, Bill Holden.

✝ Those who have died recently:

Winnie McMillan, Rosa Carrino, James Watt, Cathie Slimman, Teddy Kelly, Ellen Robertson, Agnes McHugh (Ireland).

✝ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joe Arkison 2005, Sheila Folan 2010, Jean Nesbit 1999, Nettie Retzbach 2010, Ian Clarke 2005, Agnes Grogan 1954, Anne Howieson 2011, Sadie Leslie 2013, John Ross 2020, Pat Breen senior 2018, Bobby Macnamara 1961, Steve McKinnon 2004, Greta Sudlow 2014, James Timmons 1982, Charlie Townsley 2014, Mary Barclay 2009, Kathleen Findlay 1996, William Hilferty 1943, Harry Hissey 1976, Robert Hunter 1956, John, Irene and Patrick McKelvey, James McEvoy 1964, Helen McGee, Patrick McGuire, Robbie McKeachan 2014, Patricia McPadden 2004, Robert Stewart 2002, Jean Agostini 1978, Josephine Brady 1953, Josephine Cunningham 2000, Margaret Long 1999, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Margaret Stevens 2007, Williamina (Wilshie) Boyle 2014, Annie Hilferty 1959, Simon Smyth 2001, Esther Tumilty 2020.

St. Bride's and St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** We are delighted to announce the Wedding of Helen Skimming and Andrew Turnbull on Saturday, 8th May at 2pm. We wish them both a "love for a lifetime".

"With a Father's Heart" Booklet available on our websites

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled "With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote "With a Father's Heart" against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Get your copy today!

Bishops' Statement on Worship Restrictions in Ireland

Commenting on the recent decision by the Irish Government to enact restrictions which do not allow public worship, the President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Bishop Hugh Gilbert has issued the following statement:

"As the Catholic Church in Scotland this year celebrates the 1500th Anniversary of the birth of St Columba who brought the faith from Ireland to Scotland in the 6th century, the thoughts and prayers of the Church in Scotland are now directed to our brothers and sisters in Ireland."

"Recent developments that penalise the celebration of Holy Mass have been disturbing not only to the Irish Bishops' Conference but also to the Bishops of Scotland. We all recognise the need for restrictions to protect the common good of all people in a pandemic but to enact legislation that criminalises those who gather to celebrate Holy Mass is indeed extreme and unjust."

"May the strong bonds between the Catholic Church in Ireland and Scotland established by St Patrick, St Columba, the Celtic saints and the faith of our forebears reassure our brothers and sisters in Ireland that they are not alone and are always in our prayers."

Just for a Laugh...

► TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

► TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

► TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I Love this child)

► TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

► TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

Mustard Seeds

✝ Start Over...

When you've trusted Jesus and walked his way
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day
But your steps now take you another way,
start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry
When you've tried your best and there's no more try
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why,
start over.

When you've told your friends what you plan to do
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through
And now you're all alone and it's up to you,
start over.

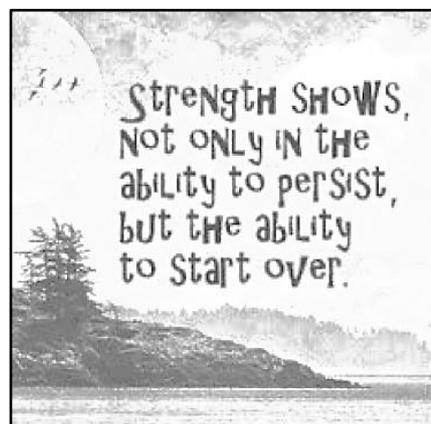
When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong
And now your grandchildren have come along,
start over.

When you've prayed to God so you'll know his will
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill,
start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit
When you've tried and tried to get out of it,
start over.

When the year has been long and successes few
When December comes and you're feeling blue
God gives a January just for you,
start over.

Starting over means "Victories Won"
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"
Starting over means "The Lords' Will Be Done"
We need not just sit there...
START OVER.



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