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Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) [A]

30th April 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✝ Reasons Why You Are Blessed

If you own a Bible, you are abundantly blessed - about a third of the world does not have access to one. If you wake up each morning with more health than illness, you are blessed to rise and shine, to live and to serve in a new day. If you have anyone on the planet, just one person that loves you and listens to you; count this a blessing. If you can freely attend Church for Mass without fear, then you are more blessed than over a third of the world. If you have a yearning in your heart to parent a child, you are blessed because you still desire what you cannot see. If you pray today or any day, you are blessed because you believe in God's willingness to hear your prayer. If you pray for someone else, you are blessed because you want to help others also. If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep; all at the same time; you are rich in this world; If you have a brother or sister in Christ that will pray with you and for you, then you benefit from a spiritual unity, bond, and agreement, which the gates of hell cannot stand against. If you have any earthly family that even halfway loves you and support you, are blessed beyond measure. If you attend Church with a church community that offers you one word of encouragement, you are blessed with some form of fellowship. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet or some spare change in a dish someplace you are among the world's wealthy. If you can go to bed each night, knowing that God loves you; you are blessed beyond measure. If you try each day to imitate our Lord Jesus Christ for even a minute, you are blessed because you show a willingness to grow in Him. If you have never had to endure the hardship and agony of battle, imprisonment, or torture, you are blessed in indescribable measure. If you have a voice to sing His praises, a voice to witness God's love, and a voice to share the Gospel, you are blessed. About a third of the world does not even know who the one true God is. If you can hold someone's hand, hug another person, touch someone on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch. If you can share a word of encouragement with someone else, and do it with His love in your heart, you are blessed because you have learned how to give. If you have the conviction to stand fast upon His Word and His promises, no matter what, you are blessed because you are learning patience, endurance, and tenacity. If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because most people can, but won't. Go Now... And... May You Have a blessed day!



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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT
ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. **THANKS!**

4th Week in Eastertide 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</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 29 th April	4th Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for William Savage (A), Yasmin & Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 30 th April	4th Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 1 st May	Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McLaughlan (MM),</i> <i>Edmund Lang (A), Bridget McLellan (A)</i>			
Tuesday 2 nd May	Requiem Mass for Rose Bowers Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am	6pm Reception Ann Taggart	Mass at 10am
Wednesday 3 rd May	Feast of Ss Philip and James Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Frank & Sadie Hamilton (A), Sarah Ralston (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Ann Taggart	
Thursday 4 th May	4th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Francis McEvoy Jnr. (A),</i> <i>Rose Bowers (RD), Elizabeth McCrae (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 5 th May	4th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Francis Smith (A), Francis & Michael Ferguson (A)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 6 th May	5th Sunday of Easter Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kirsty Maher (A), Patrick Roe (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

The Nicene Creed

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon,
Roseann Bannan, Craig Laughlan.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

James McLaughlan, Rose Bowers.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Mary Delahunt, Benet Brodie 2021,
Annie Mathieson Dorian 1974, Elizabeth Scott 2018,
Roseann Ward 2017, Simon Charles Cawley 2004,
Mary Crossan 1981, Iain Currie 2018,
Elizabeth Hendry 1998, Mary McCaul 2014,
Joe Arkison 2005, Sheila Folan 2010,
Jean Nesbit 1999, Nettie Retzbach 2010,
Janet Brown 2022, Ian Clarke 2005,
Agnes Grogan 1954, Anne Howieson 2011,
Sadie Leslie 2013, John Ross 2020,
Pat Breen senior 2018, Bobby Macnamara 1961,
Kirsty Maher 2022, 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,
Phil Coby 2022, James McEvoy 1964, Helen McGee,
Patrick McGuire, Robbie McKeachan 2014,
Patricia McPadden 2004, Robert Stewart 2002*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ROSE BOWERS AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rose Bowers, who died on 19th April 2023, aged 82 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 2nd May 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday, 19th May at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY ON-CALL FOR HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be on the emergency on-call for the Hospitals this week. Please keep all the sick and all those in hospital in your thoughts and prayers.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SSVF** We are collecting for The Village Larder during the month of May. Any items of food will be welcome (Please check the sell by dates.) The Final day for donating will be Sunday 28th May 2023. The SSVF greatly appreciate all the support the Parish gives us. *Thank you!*
- ▶ **SCIAF THANK YOU** Please see the noticeboard for a letter from SCIAF thanking you for your generous donations.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** This weekend 29/30 April, we will take up the annual collection for our students studying for the Priesthood.
- ▶ **CROWNING OF OUR LADY IN MAY** We begin the Marian Month of May with a crowning of Our Lady on the first Sunday, 7th May at the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Mass. We ask our Blessed Lady to intercede for all our families and our Parish in this special month of grace.
- ▶ **ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AT ST PETER'S** Please join in the daily rosary in the Church before the Celebration of Mass on weekdays during the month of May.
- ▶ **HMS DASHER MEMORIAL** Ardrossan Churches Group invites you to a Coronation Songs of Praise at 2pm on Sunday 7th May at Ardrossan South Beach (If wet, in St Peter's Church.)

Vocations Sunday This Weekend.

Sunday, 30th April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Prayer for Vocations (Pope Benedict XVI)

O Father, raise up among Christians
numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood,
to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory
of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word
and the administration of the Sacraments,
with which you continually renew your faithful.
Give us holy ministers of your altar,
who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist,
the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ
for the redemption of the world.
Call ministers of your mercy, who,
through the sacrament of Reconciliation,
spread the joy of your forgiveness.
Grant, O Father,
that the Church may welcome with joy
numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son
and, docile to His teachings,
may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood
and to the consecrated life.
Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons,
consecrated men and women,
and all the baptised in Christ,
so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission
at the service of the Gospel.
This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Just for a laugh... A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Darling, pack your bags. I won the lottery!' The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?' 'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just get out.'

Pope Francis gives personal reflection on the Priesthood.

"It may be that these reflections are the 'swan song' of my own priestly life, but I can assure you that they are the fruit of my own experience," he said. In the frank speech, Francis said that he had seen positive witnesses of the priesthood and walked with men whose "ministry had become barren, repetitive, and meaningless." Pope Francis' message was organised around four forms of "closeness" that he said were "decisive" in the life of a priest: closeness to God, closeness to the bishop, closeness to other priests, and closeness to people. Francis noted that there is a temptation to live the priesthood without remembering that the primary vocation is to holiness. "To be holy means to conform ourselves to Jesus," he said. "Only when we strive to love others as Jesus does, do we make God visible and fulfil our vocation to holiness... The intimacy born of prayer, the spiritual life, concrete closeness to God through listening to his word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the silence of adoration, entrustment to Mary, the wise accompaniment of a guide and the Sacrament of Reconciliation... Without these 'forms of closeness,' a priest is merely a weary hireling who has none of the benefits of the Lord's friends," he said. Pope Francis also urged priests to be close to people, saying that he is "convinced that, for a renewed understanding of the identity of the priesthood, it is important nowadays to be closely involved in people's real lives, to live alongside them, without escape routes." He emphasised that people were looking for "shepherds in the style of Jesus," not "clerical functionaries" or "professionals of the sacred... In looking at his own humanity, his own history, his own personality," he continued, "each of us should ask not if responding to a vocation is agreeable or not, but whether, in conscience, that vocation brings to light within us the potential for Love that we received on the day of our baptism."

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