



# ST. PETER IN CHAINS • ARDROSSAN

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Third Sunday of Lent [B]

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ God's Pictures

The history of salvation is the history of God showing how much he cares. We have all experienced God's closeness at one time or another. Sally was a little girl who learned to experience it all the time. Sally walked to and from school every day. She loved skipping along the pavement, looking at the flowers, and saying "hello" to neighbours and the people along the way. One morning, the sky was cloudy and rain was forecast for later in the day. But Sally still wanted to walk to school. Her mother allowed her to but told her to take her umbrella, just in case. When school was over, Sally began her walk home. As she skipped along, the wind began to howl and raindrops started falling from the sky. Sally opened her umbrella and continued on her way. Suddenly a bolt of lightning cut through the sky, followed by the roar of thunder. Sally's mother quickly jumped into her car and drove the route to Sally's school. She was worried that Sally might be hurt by the storm, or frightened by the noise and flashing light, which was now occurring at regular intervals, several times a minute. Around the corner, Sally's mother saw her little girl walking along with her umbrella. But at each flash of lightning, Sally would stop, look up at the sky, and smile. Sally's mother watched Sally do the same thing three times: Each lightning flash caused Sally to stop walking, look up at the sky, and smile. Finally, Sally's mother called to her, "Sally, what on earth are you doing?" Sally answered, "I'm smiling. God keeps taking pictures of me." That isn't just a nice story; it's true. In fact, the truth is even more amazing: God is always thinking of us, loving us, and guiding us. He proves it by staying with us in the miracle of the Eucharist. At times God may seem far away, because, after all, he's God, but in fact, he is much closer than we realise, because he cares.



## Third Week of Lent [B]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Sister Moira Donnelly (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Martha &amp; Charles Farrell (A)</i>			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Stations of the Cross at 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Charlie &amp; Veronica Farrell (A)</i>	<b>Mass at 10am</b>		<b>Mass at 10am</b> (L)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for David Farrell (A), Sister Anna Larkins (RD)</i>		<b>Mass at 10am</b> (L)	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret &amp; Jim Friel (A), Marion &amp; Jim Borland (A),</i>			<b>Mass at 10am</b> (L)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Cosimo, Arturo &amp; Natalina Farro (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30 <b>Mass at 10am</b>	<b>Mass at 10am</b> (L)	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Annmarie Dickie (A), Debra Crawford (RD), Ann McDonald (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

### NOVENA FOR BLESSING OF DIOCESE AND BISHOP

As we prepare for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Frank Dougan as the ninth Bishop of Galloway, we will come together as a diocese to pray a Novena. Each day will have a theme and a video will be made available on the Galloway Diocese Facebook page and Youtube channel. Please join us each day at 9.00 am.

#### Novena Prayer

*Lord God, eternal shepherd,  
you guard and guide your Church in many ways  
but always in love.*

*You have chosen your servant,  
Frank to be shepherd of your flock  
in the Diocese of Galloway.*

*Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.*

*By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care,  
may he build your Church and*

*foster in his people true faith in Christ  
that he and those whom he ministers to may  
be a sign of salvation for the world.*

*We ask this prayer, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Ellen Quirk,  
Tony Smith, Freddy Kean, John McKenna.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Debra Crawford, Sister Anna Larkins (Pontnewydd, Wales)*

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

*Marion Borland 2021, Sister Teresita of Jesus (Valenti),  
Matthew Johnson 2012, Catherine McCutcheon 2002,  
Michael Reilly 1995, James Convery 2008, Joe Colvin 1908,  
Bishop Joseph McGee 1983, Father Charles McLaughlin,  
Irene Breen 2019, Hugh McGraa 2002, Mary To 2014,  
Isabella McLaughlan 2001, Olga Mastradomenico 2009,  
Cosimo Farro 1993, Francis Flynn 1990,  
Hugh McCluskey 1992, Catherine Robertson 2012,  
Luke Gargan 2001, Father Jerry Sheehy SCJ 2012,  
Frances Stannisforth 2017, Jim Watt 2021.*

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN THE THREE TOWNS

We have three Lenten Penance Services in the Three Towns this Lent:

**Monday, 18th March at 2pm** at St Mary's Saltcoats,

**Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm** at St John's Stevenston,

**Wednesday, 20th March at 7pm**

at St Peter in Chains Ardrossan.

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

► **COACH FOR THE CHRISM MASS FROM ST PETER'S** Lorna, from St Mary's, has booked a coach for this year's Chrism Mass with the new Bishop at St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr. The Chrism Mass during the Holy Week will be on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30pm. The coach will pick up St Bride's and St Peter's parishioners at St Peter's at 6.15pm prompt. The cost is £5 per person. If you wish a seat on the coach please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch.

► **SCIAF** The annual special collection for SCIAF will take place next weekend on 9th & 10th March at the Vigil and Sunday Masses. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

► **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VOCATIONS** The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in our parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. We can pray the Stations together this Lent every Tuesday at 9.30am in St Peter's and also every Friday at 9.30am in St Bride's.

► **CHANA (Churches' Homeless Action North Ayrshire)** During March, we hope to collect toiletries for homeless people in North Ayrshire. In particular, soap, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors would be useful. Please leave any donations in the basket in the foyer. *Many thanks.*

### **Episcopal Ordination of Father Frank Dougan**

On the weekend of 9th-10th March there will be two celebrations associated with the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Frank Dougan. The Mass of Ordination will take place on Saturday 9th March at 11 am in the Church of St-Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. This venue was chosen on account of its capacity and entry will only be possible for those who have tickets. The Ordination Mass will also be broadcast live in the parish hall of St Peter-in-Chains and anyone who does not have a ticket will be welcome to attend in the hall until it is filled. Communion from the Ordination Mass will be distributed to the people in the hall and the bishop will go to the hall to impart his blessing on the congregation near the end of the Mass. The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed through the new Diocesan YouTube channel: @RCGallowayDiocese and on the Diocesan Facebook page:

@GallowayDiocese. After the Ordination, a buffet reception will take place at St Matthew's Academy, and all are welcome. On Sunday 10th March, Bishop Dougan will be received into St Margaret's Cathedral and will take possession of the Cathedral at a Mass beginning at 3pm. The Mass of Reception to the Cathedral will be livestreamed through the new Diocesan YouTube channel: @RCGallowayDiocese and on the Diocesan Facebook page: @GallowayDiocese.

### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024: £689.19

Second Collection (Building Fund): £266.41

Standing Orders for February 2024: £3770.00

### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024: £141.50

Standing Orders for February 2024: £1042.00

**STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Who am I?**

"I believe I am a beloved child of a God who created me, who knows me, and loves me. Because he created me, my Creator knows me better than I know myself. Therefore, the better I know God, the more I come to know and understand myself as well. While I have been born to parents, a family, and in a specific culture, place, and time, my identity is not limited to these particulars but is transcended by a higher divine identity that God has conferred upon me at my baptism and that comes from my faith in Christ. I am connected to my fellow human beings in a bond of solidarity and compassion. I am part of a wonderful universe, created by the same God who created me. I can only know myself in relation to the world I am part of. By keeping Christ's humanity and divinity before me like a mirror, I see myself as I truly am. I see my gifts, my dignity, and my call to be a saint. I also see my imperfections, my faults, and sins. I can see these blemishes only in the light of his beauty and goodness. God's Word in Scripture tells me that although I am one of billions who have ever lived, I still matter and am unique. As I make my pilgrim way on earth towards my destiny with God, Christ calls me to be his disciple, to be part of the Church community, to do his work, and to make a difference. I belong to him. The vocation he has given me fills my life with meaning. My existence began in God and is sustained by God. My future is to be united to the mystery of that divine love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Being united to that love now and in the future is the key to my joy. This is who I am."

### **Eucharistic Revival this Lent – What is the one thing that makes the Catholic Church unique?**

We all know plenty of people who have left the Church, and even more who have simply stopped practicing the faith. But how many people do you know who have left the Catholic Church who believe in the True Presence? None I suspect. I don't know any. And herein lies the answer. Those who believe don't leave. It's the one simple beautiful truth that will change everything. There are 45,000 different denominations of Christianity in the world. What is the one thing that makes the Catholic Church unique? "It's not just one thing," some people will argue, "Many things make Catholicism unique." They are right. But what one thing differentiates Catholicism more than anything else? What is the principal differentiator between the Catholic Church and the churches on every other street corner? The Eucharist. Jesus Christ—the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Alpha and the Omega—truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. He is the difference. [from Matthew Kelly]

**Just for a laugh...** A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the cowboy offered. "Once, on a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I then yelled, 'Now, back off, or I'll have to show you who's boss!'" St. Peter was impressed. He leafed through the great book he held. "When did this happen?" "Just a couple minutes ago..."

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