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Fifth Sunday of the Year [B]

4th February 2024

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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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and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Blondin's High Wire Act

The story is told of a great circus performer by the name of Blondin who stretched a long steel cable across Niagara Falls. During high winds and without a safety net, he walked, ran, and even danced across the tightrope to the amazement and delight of the large crowd of people who watched. He even took a wheelbarrow full of bricks and pushed it effortlessly across the cable, from one side of the falls to the other. Blondin then turned to the crowd and asked, "Now, how many of you believe that I could push a man across the wire in the wheelbarrow?" The vote was unanimous. Everyone cheered and held their hands high. They all believed he could do it! "Then," asked Blondin, "would one of you please volunteer to be that man?" As quickly as the hands went up, they went back down. Not a single person would volunteer to ride in the wheelbarrow and to trust his life to Blondin. All of us at Church today believe in Jesus Christ - that's why we came to Mass, but how much have we put that faith into practice? Often we are content to have Jesus sit in our boat, to hear his teaching and feel the comfort of his presence. But when he asks something of us, when he pushes us out of our comfort zone, we resist. That's why we get stuck in our Christian lives: stuck on this side of holiness, stuck with a mediocre happiness, stuck with empty nets. Jesus has more to give us. He wants to fill our nets, as he filled Peter's. He just needs us to trust him a little bit more, to climb into his wheelbarrow, to put out into deep water.



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THANKS!

Fifth Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</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 Ursula, Sr Anna</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 3 rd February	Memorial of St Blaise (<i>Blessing of throats at Vigil Mass</i>) 5th Sunday of the Year (B) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Josephine Atkins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 4 th February	5th Sunday of the Year (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 5 th February	Memorial of St Agatha Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter & Margaret Mitchell (A), James Meechan (A)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am Peter Stoney	
Tuesday 6 th February	Requiem Mass for Alison Trayner Mass at 10am	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass at 10am	7pm Confirmation (both schools)	Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 7 th February	5th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Alison Lees (RD), Ellen & Frank Barrett (A), Roseann Welsh (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 8 th February	5th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Paul McNulty (RD)</i>	Requiem Mass at 12 noon Paul McNulty		Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 9 th February	5th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marie & Edmund Lang (SI), Jackie Johnson (SI)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 10 th February	6th Sunday of the Year (B) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Catherine Sweeney (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God our Father, you have called us today
to join in the offering of Jesus Christ,
your Divine Son, in this Mass.

Grant that every action we do,
every word we say every note we sing,
may unite us more closely in our love
for you and for one another.

Help us to offer this Mass
with love and attention.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER AFTER MASS

God our Father, continue in our lives
the offering we have made in this Mass.

Let Jesus your Son remain with us,
so that we may help bring others
to know, love and serve Him.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross,
Dawn Clark, Ellen Quirk, Tony Smith, Freddy Kean,
Gerard Tully, John McKenna.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

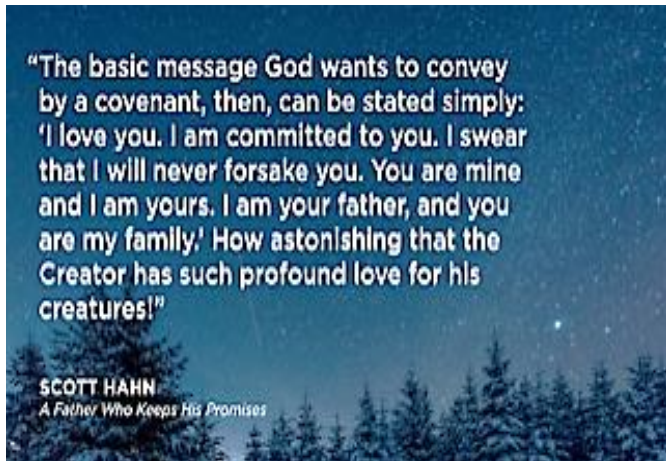
Paul McNulty, Alison Trayner, Alison Lees.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Monsignor Joseph Boyd 2021, Frank McKane 2021,
Mary C McManus 1973, Margaret Mitchell 2004,
Mae Murray 2018, Josephine Atkins 2021,
Michael Barrett 1972, Paul Hamilton 2020,
Catherine McIlroy 2009, Archie McLaren 2009,
Peter Mitchell 1973, Joseph Brodie 1961,
Eileen Busbridge 1978, Lilli McCulloch 2011,
James Meechan 2019, Marjory O'Connell 1986,
Sarah Cunningham 1977, Patrick McGinn 1999,
Malcolm McLean 2022, Marie Pellegrini 2020,
Pamela McIntosh 1999, James Akins 1980,
Baby Sophie Kerr 2008, Canon Sam McGinness 2009,
Cesare Scott 2002, Maude Cullinane 1960.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR ALISON TRAYNER AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Alison Trayner, who died on Thursday, 18th January 2024, aged 82 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 6th February at 10am, followed by Interment at Hawkhill Cemetery, Stevenston. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR PAUL MCNULTY AT ST BRIDE'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paul McNulty, who died on Tuesday, 16th January 2024, aged 82 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 8th February at 12 noon at St Bride's, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CHILDREN TODAY** We offer our congratulations and prayers to the children who will be confirmed today and their families. We wish them a day of grace and joy and may the Holy Spirit always inspire them to be the best version of themselves.
- ▶ **BIG THANK YOU FOR THE SCOTTISH NIGHT** A great evening once again took place at St Peter's Centre. The Scottish Night was a get-together for our Community and the fruit of lots of hard work. Sincere thanks to George, Michael and Bill and the Social Committee. The Scottish Night raised £375 for the Parish.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SOUP SUNDAY** By popular request there will be another SOUP SUNDAY after Mass on SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY at 1 pm. Please bring along family and friends; it has been suggested that any donations will be sent to help Child Poverty in North Ayrshire.
- ▶ **REPAIR WORK AT ST BRIDE'S** Some work has taken place at St Bride's for repairs. Slates were replaced on the roof of the Church and Presbytery, leaks were repaired in the entrance and skylight.
- ▶ **WORK AT ST PETER'S CENTRE** St Peter's Centre has received a lot of repairs and improvements: New wall heater in the Snug, repair to outside lights, replacement of lights in the main hall.



Diocesan Priesthood: Are you thinking about becoming a Priest in the Diocese of Galloway? The Diocese is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

Just for a Laugh...

A Scotsman from Ardrossan moves into a tiny village in the Highlands, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "I know it is odd" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the village, even to the extent that tourists would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..." The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

Cry for Peace in the Holy Land SCIAF Campaign

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund have organised an online petition to lobby the Westminster government for peace and justice in the Holy Land. Please have a look at this campaign on the SCIAF website and consider adding your name.

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/campaign>

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28th January 2024: £610.50
Second Collection (Building Fund): £292.55
Standing Orders for January 2024: £3877.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 28th January 2024: £137.50
Standing Orders for January 2024: £1069.00

STANDING ORDERS –

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