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Second Sunday of Lent [A]

5th March 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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St. Bride's: By request.

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Mustard Seeds

✝ Finding My Father

Rap artist Legin exploded onto the music scene in 2009, winning the best male rap artist at the Youth Gospel Entertainment awards. His distinctive rhymes interweave past pains with his restored faith in God. To his friends and family, he is simply known as Nigel Anderson. Growing up, Nigel was always in church, but his home life was far from peaceful. "My father was an alcoholic, he ended up getting addicted to drugs and some hard stuff, and my mother would shelter me from that stuff. I was never really exposed to those things, but he would come home drunk, high, and she was getting emotional abuse because of that. She was trying to work her hardest to save her marriage. She stuck by him, but he just made a decision to stay with those things." Despite her efforts to help, his mother decided to leave. Over the next 15 years, Nigel rarely saw his father. Anger and bitterness began to build. "Most people that know me would say I was a good guy, good reputation, kind of chill, but on the inside, I was dying man. I was hurting. I was so hurt by dad not caring enough to be a man, I was like, 'Whatever, I'm just going to do what I want to do.' I had some sort of control over my life when I was doing what I wanted to do all the time." One day, he received a surprise letter from his father inviting him to lunch. "I didn't know what I was going to do, but I know I wanted to cause him some pain. I wanted him to feel what I had been feeling for 15 years. I wanted him to suffer some. I remember walking up behind him to go meet this man who had caused me so much pain. At first it was like tears in my eyes and then it turned to anger. This was payback time. When I walk up to this man, I'm just going to punch him in the face. I touched him and he turned around. I saw a man in his 50s that looked like he was 80. He just said he was sorry. All that anger just turned to pity immediately. I said, 'Dad, I forgive you.' The beautiful thing about that moment was that was for the first time that I think I'd ever felt somebody else experience freedom." A few months later his father passed away. Nigel began to ponder what happens after death. He began to seek God for answers. "I decided to know who this God guy was. I just cried out to Him and I told Him, 'I need You. If You're really there, I need You to talk to me.' The funny thing is He began to talk back to me in my heart and prove who He was." Nigel surrendering his life to God. Opportunities for music began to



open up. "Doors opened. The Lord connected me with people. I met great people. I get to see God do for someone else what He did for me." Nigel married and is expecting his first child. He says, "Without having a natural father, I know I am going to be a good father to my child because God's been a good father to me."

Second Week of Lent 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</i> <i>(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 4 th March	2nd Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John & Cathy Connolly (SI),</i> <i>Charlie & Martha Farrell (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 5 th March	2nd Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 6 th March	2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Brendan Dorian (A), Margaret Friel (A)</i>			
Tuesday 7 th March	2nd Week of Lent Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary McInulty (RD), Jim McDonald (RD)</i>	Requiem Mass at 10am Ruth Hacker	6pm Prayers of Reception Drew Ferguson	P5/6 Mass at 10am
Wednesday 8 th March	2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Josephine Nawarqucks (RD), Joe Curran (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am Drew Ferguson	
Thursday 9 th March	2nd Week of Lent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Marion Borland (A), Michael Gillan (RD)</i> Reception of Dennis Atkins at 6pm			P5 Mass at 10am
Friday 10 th March	Requiem Mass for Dennis Atkins Mass at 10am	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am No Mass today	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 11 th March	3rd Sunday of Lent (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Minnie Campbell (SI), Agnes Little (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

Someone Does Care

I found God in the morning, we just sat and talked.
 I kept Him near me everywhere I walked.
 I called on God at noon time, a heart filled with despair.
 I felt His quiet Presence, I knew He was there.



We met again at sunset,
 the waning of the day.
 I had made Him happy,
 I had lived His way.
 Then when at bedtime
 I knelt silently in prayer,
 again His gentle Presence,
 I felt someone does care.

Statue of St Michael the Archangel in Scotland

A statue of St Michael the Archangel is going from Parish to Parish in Scotland this year. The statue which was made in Italy is quite unique and has been beautifully designed. The statue will be at St Peter's from Wednesday 1st March until Wednesday 8th March. Please pass the word around to that other local parishioners can come and visit and use the opportunity to pray and leave their petitions. St Michael the Archangel pray for us!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Harry Sammons, Ennis McHugh,
Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Dennis Atkins, Ruth Hacker, Mary McInulty,
Jim McDonald (Glasgow), Josephine Nawarquckus,
Joe Curran (Ireland), Michael Gillan, Agnes Little.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

James Convery 2008, Bishop Joseph McGee 1983,
Father Charles McLaughlin, Irene Breen 2019,
Hugh McGraa 2002, Isabella McLaughlan 2001,
Joe Colvin 1908, Olga Mastradomenico 2009,
Cosimo Farro 1993, Francis Flynn 1990,
Hugh McCluskey 1992, Catherine Robertson 2012,
Mary To 2014, Luke Gargan 2001,
Father Jerry Sheehy SCJ 2012, Helen Brown 2013,
Frances Stannisforth 2017, Jim Watt 2021,
Alice Bell 2005, May Bell 2003, John Carroll 2004,
John Kyle 2009, Pat Logan 2021, Agnes Scott 1990,
Myles McDonald, Peter McGlone 2016,
Monsignor Archibald McSparran 1950,
Stephanie Hope Turner 2001, Francis Ferguson 2022,
Monsignor Edward Traynor 2006.

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

► REQUIEM MASS FOR RUTH HACKER AT ST BRIDE'S

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ruth Hacker, who died on 4th February 2023, aged 86 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 7th March 2023 at 10am, followed by cremation. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► REQUIEM MASS FOR DENNIS ATKINS AT ST PETER'S

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Dennis Thomas Atkins, who died on 18th February 2023, aged 74 years. His Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 9th March at 6pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 10th March 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Saturday, 18th March. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► WELCOME TO REV. JANICE ANDREWS

Rev Jim Smith is now retiring at the EU Church in Glasgow Street. Rev Jim has been a great friend to St Peter's over the years and has made a lasting contribution to the Churches in Ardrossan working together. We sincerely welcome Rev Janice Andrews, who will be inducted into the EU Church as the new minister on Saturday 11th March at 11am. We wish her many blessings and a great start in Ardrossan.

► STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Please come along to the Stations of the Cross for Lent at St Bride's on the Fridays of Lent at 9.30am. The Stations of the Cross at St Peter's will be on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – OCTOBER 2023

Fr. David Borland is putting together a small group Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 15th – 22nd 2023, flying with British Airways from Glasgow to Tel Aviv via London Heathrow. The cost of the Pilgrimage is approximately £1,850 per pilgrim (exact fare will depend on the price of the airfare at your time of booking) based on two people sharing a twin room for 7 nights on a half-board basis in three star hotels. Single rooms are limited in number and unfortunately carry a supplement of £440. For more information on how to book please visit www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage or email Fr. David on david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk The earlier you book then the lower the price as airfares only increase as we get nearer the departure date!

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 26th February 2023: £609.50
Second Collection (Building Fund) £295.85
Standing Orders for February: £3734.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 26th February 2023: £147.05
Standing Orders for February: £1052.00

STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT

Please consider taking out a Standing Order? It would be of great benefit to our Parishes. Forms are available from the Parishes Office.

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or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN THE THREE TOWNS

Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent in the Three Towns:

Monday, 27th March at 7pm at St Peter's, Ardrossan.

Tuesday, 28th March at 2pm at St Mary's, Saltcoats.

Wednesday, 29th March at 7pm at St John's Stevenston.

APPEAL FOR HELP AT ST PETER'S

St Peter's has had a serious gas leak where the old pipes have had to be replaced by new ones and the gas connections to the Church and Presbytery renewed and reinstated. The cost is huge, but it is work that simply has to be done as it concerns public safety. The work is extensive and brings with it a heavy cost to our Parish - the estimate is £18,500. If any Parishioner can make any extra contribution to this cost, I would be very grateful. Special Gift Aid envelopes will be available after Mass. Please help if you can and thank you for anything you can do.

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL

Kabika and her children live in Zambia. Before receiving support from SCIAF they were waking up every day hungry. "We ate once a day, either in the morning or the evening. It was painful – my heart was bleeding. I couldn't feed my children." This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a big change. Please put your faith into action and give generously to help more families like Kabika's who are suffering from devastating hunger. To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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Just for a laugh...

A mother knocked on her son's door one Sunday morning and said, "Get up, dear, it's time to get ready for church." The boy responded, "Oh, mother, I don't want to go to church today. Just let me sleep." The mother replied, "I don't care what you want. Get yourself out of bed, get dressed, and get down to church." He responded, "Mother, I don't want to go! Those people down there don't like me, and I don't like them. Just the other day I was walking down the hall and around the corner I heard some people talking about me. And, Mother, they were saying some awful things. Don't make me go." The mother responded, "I don't care about all that. You get yourself up. You're going." The boy responded, "Why, Mother? Why?" And she said, "For two reasons. First, you're forty-five years old. And second, you're the Parish Priest and they're expecting you down there."

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