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Second Sunday of the Year [A]

15th January 2023

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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Mustard Seeds

✚ The Unlit Candle

A man had a little daughter - an only and much beloved child. He lived only for her, she was his life. So when she became ill and her illness resisted the efforts of the best obtainable doctors, he became like a man possessed, moving heaven and earth to bring about her restoration to health. His best efforts proved fruitless, however, and the child died. The father was totally irreconcilable. He became a bitter recluse, shutting himself away from his many friends, refusing every activity that might restore his sense of purpose and bring him back to his normal self. Then one night he had a dream. He was in heaven and witnessing a grand pageant of all the little child angels. They were marching in an apparently endless line past the Great White Throne. Every white-robed, angelic child carried a beautiful candle. He noticed, however, that one child's candle was not lit. Then he saw that the child with the unlit candle was his own little girl. Rushing towards her, while the pageant faltered, he seized her in his arms, caressed her tenderly, and asked, "How is that your candle is the only one not lit?" "Daddy, they often relight it, but your tears always put it out again," she said. Just then he awoke from his dream. The lesson was crystal clear, and its effects were immediate. From that hour on he was no longer a recluse, but mingled freely and cheerfully with his former friends and associates. No longer would his little daughter's candle in heaven be extinguished by his unnecessary tears.



Second Week of Ordinary Time 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 & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's	
Saturday 14 th January	2nd Sunday of the Year (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Margaret Smilie (RD), Margaret O'Donnell (RD), Margaret Joyce (RD), June Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 15 th January	2nd Sunday of the Year (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 16 th January	Requiem Mass for Anne Kennedy Mass at 10am				
Tuesday 17 th January	Memorial of St Anthony Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Steven Fitzpatrick (SI), Jimmy Crichton (A), McDermott Family (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Betty Paterson	
Wednesday 18 th January	2nd Week of the Year (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Butcher (A), Philip Burns (RD), Liam McDermott (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 19 th January	2nd Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Alan Byers (MM), Fitzpatrick Family (SI), Tom McGreevy (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 20 th January	2nd Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ann Ward (MM), Gerard Brown (S), Allan Peter McIsaac (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 21 st January	3rd Sunday of the Year (A) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for George Scott (MM), Joan Nellany (RD), Theresa O'Donnell (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh,
Paul McNulty, Peter Ross, Steven Fitzpatrick.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Alan Byers, Tom McGreevy, Ann Ward, Anne Kennedy,
Joan Nellany, Theresa O'Donnell (Higgins), George Scott,
Mary Reilly, Betty Burns, Philip Burns, Allan Peter McIsaac.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Mary Coulter 1978, Tony Khan 1982, David Magee 2014,
Hugh Taylor 2016, Peter McCarroll 1940, Isabella McHugh 2019,
Elizabeth Walsh 2005, David Gallagher 2011,
Mary Boyce Gillies 2012, Theresa McDermott 2000,
George Agostini 2006, Maureen McKenzie 2014,
Janis McSkimming 2010, James Murray 1972,
Rena Scullion 2008, Canon Michael Farrington 2009,
Margaret McLaughlan 2005, Thelma Carrick 2005,
Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967, Celio Staffieri 2017,
Mary Catherine Teggart 1999, Frances Vennard 2000,
Thomas West 2005, Bessie Brown 1982, Peggy Gray 2010,
Addie Hissey 2009, Margaret McMillan 2009,
Margaret Jane Brennan 1964, Betty Kelly 2011.*

An Early Parting

We wish you could have stayed with us,
we would have liked you here.
But the angels came so suddenly,
And took you to their care.

In the gardens of the heavens,
Growing with Jesus loving care,
Look down upon us sometimes,
The family you left here.

We could not find the reasons,
And never within our time,
Will understand God's season,
That reaps before the prime.

One by one we'll join you,
And maybe then we'll see,
The reason why, our God above,
Allowed what was to be.

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANNE KENNEDY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Kennedy, who died on 22nd December 2022, aged 77 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 16th January 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **FAMILY FRIENDLY CEILIDH** All welcome to a ceilidh on Friday the 20th of January from 7-8:30pm in St. Peter's Hall. Recorded music with a caller, run by volunteers. Bring your own snacks/drinks and come for a good time!

Are you a Catholic Hero?

Sometimes they sit in the pew next to us during Mass, but we may not know their names. They volunteer for parish ministries, show up whenever needed, and spend hours in parish chapels, on their knees in Eucharistic Adoration. Others may be making a positive difference outside the parish through community involvement, writing, teaching, art, mission work, or bringing their Catholic faith into the business world. They share the common traits of humility, selflessness, and self-sacrifice. They don't seek the spotlight and would rather see others get the credit. They are prayer warriors, diligent in celebrating the sacraments, and devoted to serving Christ and his Church. They radiate peace. But there is something else that is striking about these unsung heroes of the Church. By the very way they live, they are shining examples to us of how to be a joyful witness for Christ. There is an extraordinary Catholic in each of us. We are called to do more and lead lives of holiness, never forgetting that we are made for heaven and not this world. Let us prayerfully commit to a new way of living our Catholic faith — a way of living that shines the light of Christ on all who encounter us, a life that can be best described as living a joyful witness.

Here is quick list to help identify a regular Catholic hero:

- + They clearly show the light of Christ to those around them.
- + They are joyful and make being Catholic look inviting and attractive.
- + They follow the Magisterium and are devoted to the sacraments.
- + They have vibrant prayer lives.
- + They live authentic Catholic lives that don't change to suit their companions or to avoid challenges.
- + When dealing with others, they are always about the other and not about themselves.
- + It is their privilege to do any task necessary to help a ministry or to serve another person.
- + They possess a quiet and powerful form of courage in the face of adversity, which emanates from their complete trust in Jesus Christ. May we all be joyful witnesses!

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Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

A Kind and Gentle Shepherd

Last Thursday, the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI took place in St. Peter's Square in Rome. To honour the late Pope, a man whose last words were, "Lord, I love you!" below are some of his most inspiring and meaningful quotes. May they encourage us, to seek a deep and eternal friendship with Jesus Christ.

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God."

"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

"Evil draws its power from indecision and concern for what other people think."

"It is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love, and goodness, that we drift into a life of emptiness, in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater."

"Love is the only force capable of changing the heart of the human person and of all humanity, by making fruitful the relations between men and women, between rich and poor, between cultures and civilisations."

"If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation."

"If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge. You know that the foundation of the world is love, so that even when no human being can or will help you, you may go on, trusting in the One that loves you."

"Truth is not determined by a majority vote."

"Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave."

"To have Christian hope means to know about evil and yet to go to meet the future with confidence. The core of faith rests upon accepting being loved by God, and therefore to believe is to say Yes, not only to him, but to creation, to creatures, above all, to men, to try to see the image of God in each person and thereby to become a lover."

Just for a laugh... The Parish Priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the Parish Priest moves closer to the boy's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to the child's level, the Parish Priest smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

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