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First Sunday of Lent [A]

26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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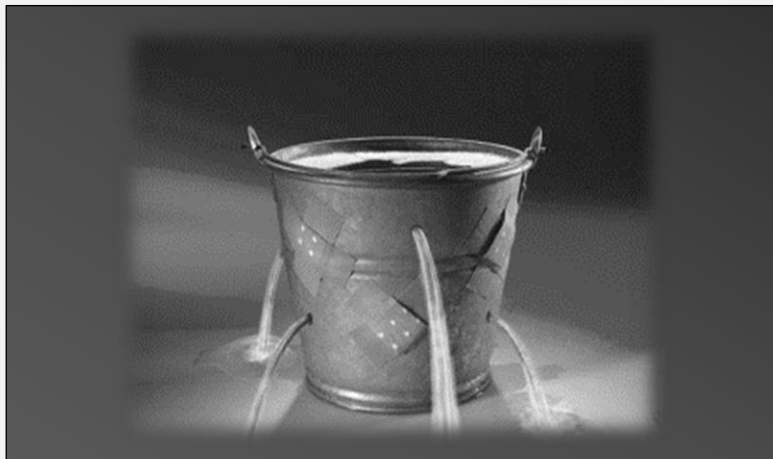


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### Mustard Seeds

#### ✚ The Leaky Bucket

Once upon a time in ancient China, there was a young monk who drew water from the well and carried it back to the temple everyday. The young monk carried two buckets of water slung on a bamboo pole across his shoulders. One of the buckets was perfect while the other one was a leaky bucket with several holes on the sides. Every time the young monk filled up the two buckets and got back to the temple, the leaky bucket would be half empty as water sprinkled out through the holes on its sides. The leaky bucket was sad that it was imperfect and water was leaking from its sides. One day, on the way to the well, the leaky bucket plucked up enough courage and spoke with the young monk with an apologetic tone: "Master, I am sorry that I am imperfect and could not keep the water from sprinkling through the holes on my sides." The young monk smiled slightly and nodded his head knowingly, and silently in acknowledgement. When at the well, the young monk drew the water and filled up the two buckets as usual. On the way back to the temple, the young monk said to the leaky bucket, who was very quiet. "Look to the side of the road where the perfect bucket passed over. It is barren. Not even a blade of grass grows here." Pointing to the blooming flowers on the other side of the road, the young monk said to the leaky bucket. "See these beautiful flowers? These are here only because of the water you sprinkled on them everyday. They owe their existence to you, and we are able to enjoy these beautiful flowers, only because of you. Your imperfection has brought benefits to people around you." The water in the pail reminds me of our gifts and we are like the leaky bucket. All of us are imperfect and all of us have gifts - gifts that will bring value and benefits to others when put to good use. Our imperfections are the channels that allow our gifts to flow to where it is most useful. Embrace our imperfections and find ways to combine it with our gifts to create value and benefits for others.



# First Week of Lent 2023 [A]

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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 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary McNulty (RD),</i> <i>Jacqueline McFarlane &amp; Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Lent (A)</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 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sr. Ursula &amp; Sr Marie Monique (T),</i> <i>Chris Callaghan (A)</i>			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Lent</b> Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James Patrick Kelly (RD), Julianna Lee (SI)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peter Monaghan (RD), Gary Savage (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	Funeral Service at 1pm <b>William Potts</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sr Moira Donnelly (A), Hugh Wright (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Charlie &amp; Veronica Farrell (A),</i> <i>Cathy McColgan (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am <b>World Day of Prayer Service at 2pm</b>	Stations of the Cross at 9.30am  Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John &amp; Cathy Connolly (SI),</i> <i>Charlie &amp; Martha Farrell (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Our Confirmation Children 2023



## 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, James Patrick Kelly,*  
*Peter Monaghan, Gary Savage, Hugh Wright.*

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

*Agnes Delahunt 1944, Elizabeth Delahunt 1976,*  
*William John Dorian 1935, John Moore 2000,*  
*Matilda Brannan 1970, Betty Burns 2006,*  
*Frank Clark 1959, Sandra Cornwallis née Shaw 2014,*  
*Margaret Friel 2021, Ambrose Armstrong 1976,*  
*Billy Magee 2002, Joe and Nan McConnell,*  
*Canon John Walls 2010, Simon Brannan,*  
*Mennotti Carrino, Odina Carrino,*  
*Gerry Swan 2020, Paul Gerard Brown 1986,*  
*Father Charles Barclay 2001, Bernard Cassidy 1994,*  
*Margaret Dolan 1959, Frances Hackett 1997,*  
*James McFarlane 1976, Maria Gillen 2001,*  
*Rita McDermid 2018, Marion Borland 2021,*  
*Sister Teresita of Jesus (Valenti)*

## **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.

► **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 ON FRIDAY** Please come along and join in in the World Day of Prayer which is being hosted by St Peter's this year. The Prayer Service, prepared by the different churches in Ardrossan, will be on Friday, 3rd March at 2pm, followed by refreshments in St Peter's Centre. All Welcome!

► **MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Our Eucharistic Ministers will have their annual Meeting on Tuesday, 28th February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

► **MEETING FOR THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** The Children's Ministry will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday, 1st March at 7pm.

► **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 before Mass. The Stations of the Cross at St Peter's will be on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

### **WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL**

This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. Right now, millions of families in Zambia are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Your donations will help families to grow their own food by providing the training and tools they need. If you don't yet have a WEE BOX at home, please pick one up today or visit [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or call 0141 354 5555.

After 112 hours under the wreckage, this 5-year-old child answers Turkish A Haber journalist with a smile when he asks, "Didn't you feel hunger for all this time while you were under the pressure of these crashes!" The child response was like this word for word, "Every once in a while someone dressed in white would come give me water and feed me".

All glory to God in the highest.



**Just for a laugh...** A Parish had a rather pompous Parish Priest they wanted to get rid of. They prayed that he would leave. They recommended him everywhere. But no other Parish seemed interested. Finally he received a call from the Bishop to be Parish Priest in another place. The Sunday he resigned he said, "When I came here five years ago, Jesus led me here. And now Jesus is leading me away." When he was finished the choir director stood up and said, "Let's all sing, 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.'"

### **Thoughts for Lent**

The season of Lent is upon us. Lent is first and foremost the celebration of the presence of the Lord among us. For he has come indeed, and he comes to stay: to live with us, to suffer with us, even to die to the past and rise with us to embrace a newness of life together. Since ancient times there have been only three basic works common to a proper Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

#### **Prayer, for the good of our soul:**

A return to a daily, intimate dialogue with God, speaking and listening with the heart, experiencing His presence and love not only in the safety of our own solitude but in the work of building up a community of love with each other — remembering his words, "Wherever two or three of you are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of you."

#### **Fasting, for the good of the body:**

Fasting to feel and share the hunger of the poor and taste the tears of those who live on the edges of despair. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice sake"... those who work for the growth of peace and harmony, for the righting of wrongs, for the breaking down of barriers and for a new birth of compassion, understanding and love in this world... Yes, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice sake, for they shall be satisfied." Christ is one with them when he cries out from the cross: "I thirst." Who, if not we, are listening? Who, if not we, are to respond? Take courage: For as it is written: "In the chaos of learning to love, we are redeemed."

#### **Almsgiving, for the good of our neighbour:**

To take upon ourselves personal responsibility for helping a brother or sister in need is to reach out and touch God Himself. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren this you do unto me." (Matthew 25:40) Let us end with the words of an ancient Gaelic song spoken in honour of Jesus and the Lenten Season.

"We saw a stranger yesterday.  
We put food in the eating place,  
Drink in the drinking place,  
Music in the listening place.  
And with the sacred name of the triune God  
He blest us and our house,  
Our cattle and our dear ones.  
Just as the lark sings in her song:  
Often, often, often goes the Christ, our Lord Jesus,  
Masked in the guise of a stranger."

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