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Fourth Sunday of Advent [C]

19th December 2021

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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and St. Bride's,
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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Christmas Truce

It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I, German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternised with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas." "You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high. A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peace-making to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternisation movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered. Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the Boston Globe mentioned that a local FM radio host played "Christmas in the Trenches," a ballad about the Christmas Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations. "Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn't heard it before," said the radio host. "They telephone me deeply moved, sometimes in tears, asking, 'What the hell did I just hear?' " You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.

Revealed: Secrets of 1914 Christmas truce



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December 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i> www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 18 th December	4th Sunday of Advent (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for The Ferguson Family (SI), Betty Craig (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 19 th December	4th Sunday of Advent (C) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 20 th December	Advent FERIA by Date Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John & Anne Kennedy (SI), Margaret Swiercz (SI), Sr. Ursula & Sr. Marie Monique (SI), Mary & Esther Madden (A)</i>			
Tuesday 21 st December	Requiem Mass for Rebecca Rourke Mass at 10am	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am	Mass Livestreamed to Pr. Schools	Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 22 nd December	Advent FERIA by Date Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Annie Reid (SI), Gertrude Gaffney (SI), Lawrence & Theresa Madine (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 23 rd December	Advent FERIA by Date Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Owen Bogue (A), Janet Chapman (A), Gwen Body (A), Bert Body (A)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5pm Mass of the Holy Night at 8pm	Mass of the Holy Night at 7pm	Vigil Mass at 5pm (L) Mass at 7pm	Vigil Mass at 5pm Mass at 7pm (L)
Saturday 25 th December	Christmas Day Mass of the Nativity of the Lord Mass at 11am	Christmas Day Mass at 9am	Mass at 10am (L)	Mass at 11am No Vigil Mass

SYNOD TOPIC SIX - DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding. To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? How can we improve dialogue between our own communities, i.e. between parishes/deaneries and with lay ministries? What particular issues (in the Church or in society) do we need to pay more attention to? How well do we dialogue with and learn from other areas of society, such as politics, culture, diverse groups; how can we improve? Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news, and at <https://youtu.be/XvPSqfqlmY> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks. Next week: Synod topic seven - Ecumenism

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire
to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now
receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.
Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Gordon Burns, Rebecca Rourke, James Devine.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Maureen Adamson 2014, Bobby Edwards 2014, Manus Gallagher junior 2016, Alice Grogan 2003, Father Peter Sweeney 2001, May Wilson 2006, Theresa McGuire 1989, Anne-Marie McMail 2018, Gwen Body 1966, Janet Chapman 2004, Charles Fisher 2014, Jane Gallagher 2011, Sister Hilda CP 2000, Edward Keogh 2007, John McCourt 2010, Josephine McGeachy 2003, Ellen Barrett 1984, Ted Boyle 1975, Tom Braniff 2003, Gerry Coogans 2015, Doris Coulter 2012, Jenny McAree 2003, Andrew McAteer 1983, Anne McGowan 2019, Davie McIlroy 2020, David Mills 2014, Jean Orr 2008, Peggy Hamilton, Patrick McLaughlin 1998, Father George Thompson 2016, Theresa Tumilty 2016, Mereno Berti 2003, Jack Collins, Sister Anne Delahunt 2011, Peggy McLaughlan 2006, Samuel McMail 2016, Mary McSpurren 2020, Bessie Delahunt 2006, Tom McKay, Bessie O'Rourke 2005, George Scott 1973.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

- **REQUIEM MASS FOR REBECCA ROURKE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rebecca Rourke who died on 4th December 2021, aged 80 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 21st December at 10am, followed by Cremation at Clyde Coast Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- **CHRISTMAS MASSES PROGRAMME** Please make sure you get your copy of the Christmas Programme for this year. Copies are also available for neighbours and family members. The Cards are available at the back of Church.
- **THANK YOU FROM JIM DONNELLY** I would like to thank Father Duncan, Canon Matt & everyone for the beautiful Crystal Rose Bowl. I appreciate it and thank you all for this lovely gift.
- **EMERGENCY ON-CALL FOR THE HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be answering the emergency call-out for the hospitals from 19th -22nd December. Please keep all those in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers.
- **SINGING AND MUSIC AT ST PETER'S** The Choir has been meeting regularly in Church with David. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact the parish office.

Nicene Creed

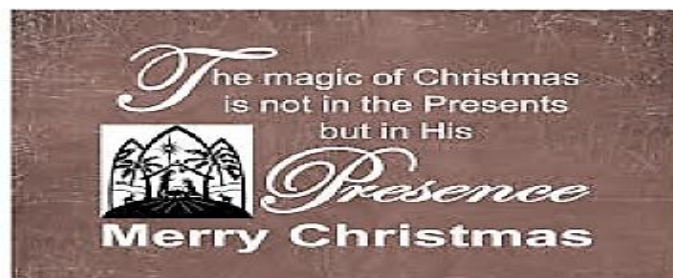
(for Advent and Christmastide)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen



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Offertory Collection 12th December 2021: £452.87
Special Collection (LEPRA): £533.60

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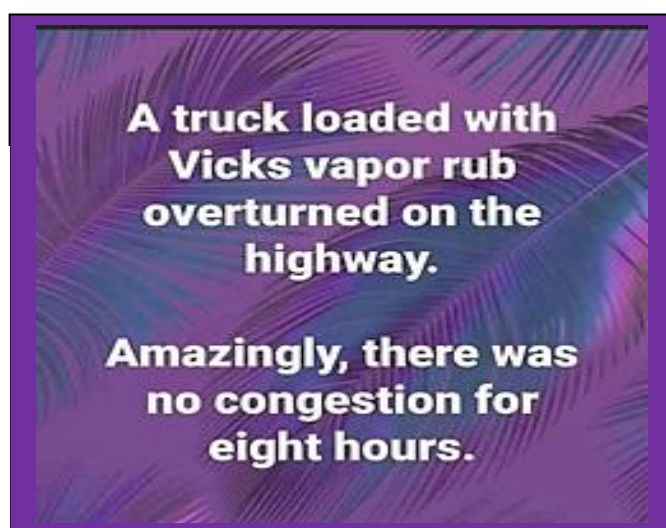
Offertory Collection 12th December 2021: £129.00

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Just for a Laugh...

Here are some Actual Announcements Taken from Church Newsletters:

- Don't let worry kill you - let the church help
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Weight Watchers will meet a 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



*Father Duncan, Canon Matt, Father Gerry
and all the staff wish you
a very happy, holy, and blessed Christmas.*



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