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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord [C]

2nd January 2022

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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

✠ T-bone steaks and yellow roses

I walked into the grocery store not particularly interested in buying groceries. I wasn't hungry. The pain of losing my husband of 57 years was still too raw. And this grocery store held so many sweet memories. He often came with me and almost every time he'd pretend to go off and look for something special. I knew what he was up to. I'd always spot him walking down the aisle with the three yellow roses in his hands. He knew I loved yellow roses. With a heart filled with grief, I only wanted to buy my few items and leave, but even grocery shopping was different since he had passed on. Shopping for one took time, a little more thought than it had for two. Standing by the meat, I searched for the perfect small steak and remembered how he had loved his steak. Suddenly a woman came beside me. I watched as she picked up a large package of T-bones, dropped them in her basket, hesitated, and then put them back. She turned to go and once again reached for the pack of steaks. She saw me watching her and she smiled. 'My husband loves T-bones, but honestly, at these prices, I don't know.' I swallowed the emotion down my throat and met her pale blue eyes. 'My husband passed away eight days ago,' I told her. Glancing at the package in her hands, I fought to control the tremble in my voice. 'Buy him the steaks. And cherish every moment you have together.' She shook her head and I saw the emotion in her eyes as she placed the package in her basket and wheeled away. I turned and pushed my cart across the length of the store to the dairy products. There I stood, trying to decide which size milk I should buy. I placed the milk in my cart and looked down the aisle toward the front. I then recognised the pretty lady coming towards me. In her arms she carried a package. On her face was the brightest smile I had ever seen! I would swear a soft halo encircled her blonde hair as she kept walking toward me, her eyes holding mine. As she came closer, I saw what she held and tears began misting in my eyes. 'These are for you,' she said and placed three beautiful long stemmed yellow roses in my arms. 'When you go through the line, they will know these are paid for.' She leaned over and placed a gentle kiss on my cheek, then smiled again. I wanted to tell her what she'd done, what the roses meant, but still unable to speak, I watched as she walked away as tears clouded my vision. I looked down at the beautiful roses nestled in the green tissue wrapping and found it almost unreal. How did she know? Suddenly the answer seemed so clear. I wasn't alone. Oh, you haven't forgotten me, have you? I whispered, with tears in my eyes. He was still with me, and she was his angel.

✠ Food for Thought

Every day be thankful for what you have and who you are. Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings. Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf. Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible. Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind. Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising. Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden. Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud. Thank you, Lord, for my family.. There are many who are lonely. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced. Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry. Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job. Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest. Thank you, Lord, for life.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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January 2022	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<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>	
	Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed		St Bride's	St. John's
Saturday 1 st January New Year's Day	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Nora Kemp McMurtrie (RD),</i> Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 5.30pm <i>Christmas list of Katy Collins, Sr Ursula & Sr Marie Monique (SI),</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 2 nd January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 3 rd January	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Charles Luscombe (RD), Charlie Little (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 4 th January	Christmastide Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Monsignor Father Peter Magee (SI), Noel Hughes (RD), Nan Donohoe (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 5 th January	Christmastide Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jim & John Boyle, Margaret Swiercz (SI), Patrick & Sarah Braniff (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 6 th January	Christmastide Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Rebecca Rourke (RD), Yasmin & Family (SI), for a deceased person (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 7 th January	Requiem Mass for William Armstrong Mass at 10am	Mass at 12 noon	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) Melissa Campbell	
Saturday 8 th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (End of the Christmas Season) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Paul, Clare, Erin & Daniel McHugh (SI), Delia McFadyen (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

SYNOD TOPIC EIGHT - AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION

A synodal Church is a Church where everyone participates and everyone shares responsibility. How well do we identify our goals and how to reach them? What good examples do we have of governance, teamwork and shared responsibility? How do we promote lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people? What fruitful experiences can we share of lay leadership? How can we develop fruitful participation and leadership? 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/Toun6STlmPg> 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 nine - Discerning and Deciding.

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:

William Armstrong, Charles Luscombe (Plymouth), Charlie Little, Rebecca Rourke, Noel Hughes, Nora Kemp McMurtrie.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Thomas Bell 2019, Hugh Brown 1980, Susan Burns 1986, Maura Lapsley 2019, May Rollie 2007, Frank Clark 2009, Catherine Marroni 2012, Helen McGinn 2012, John McTiernan 2016, Sister Imelda CP 2000, Sister Marie Celeste CP 2000, Gerry Brown 2010, Tom McAvennie 2011, Charles Retzbach 2000, Patrick Braniff 1991, Gary Cahill 2012, Margaret Griffin 1997, Isabella Keenan 1939, James Monan 1969, Celia Ralston 2007, Leda Biagioni 2007, James Burns 1955, Patrick Cawley 2001, Canon Peter Fitzpatrick 1952, Helen McCluskey 2004, Cornelius Welsh 2021, John Cahill 1989, Danny Higgins 2009, Frank Kelly 2013, Patricia Brennan 2005, Robert Colvin 1998, Jimmy Crichton 2019, Gerard Fairhurst 2003, Bernard McLaughlan 1984, Derek Tomelty 2003.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR WILLIAM ARMSTRONG** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of William Armstrong who died on 21st December, aged 80 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th January 2022 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **END OF CHRISTMASTIDE** The end of the Christmas Season is next Sunday, 9th January 2022, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Then we enter into Ordinary Time.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SUNDAY TEAS** due to the current Covid situation we regret to announce there will be no teas or coffees served after Sunday Mass until further notice.
- ▶ **JUSTICE AND PEACE SPECIAL COLLECTION** The annual special collection for Justice and Peace will be taken up this Saturday 1st January and Sunday 2nd January 2022.
- ▶ **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.

Reason to give Thanks

Even in these dark times, we are reaching people with the best news ever—and we're reaching more of them every day. We have the most important mission we can think of—to share the love of Jesus and help others do the same. Every day, we thank God for friends and parishioners like you—because your generosity is what makes it happen. Consider this: Right now, we're in the middle of reaching more and more people through the Church live-streaming and our text-messaging service; and through our websites we have been able to empower others to share the faith with resources they'd be proud to share not just with the devout, but with those who have stopped going to church.



ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 26th December 2021: £268.13
Second Collection (Building Fund): £87.77
Christmas Collection: £855.14

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 26th December 2021: £87.00
Christmas Collection: £186.00

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It would be of great benefit to our Parishes.
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ardrossan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk
or call 01294 464063.

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

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

Just for a Laugh...

A 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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