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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [C]

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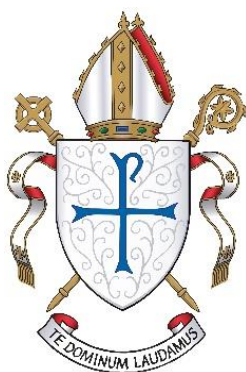
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ When you thought I wasn't looking

A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favourite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life. When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

### A Blessed Christmas Everyone!

A blessed Christmas everyone! Take a moment, pause and breath, and become aware that you are not alone, that God is with you at this very moment. We may be bombarded with requests and people wanting something, or we may have a list of the things we are still trying to get done before Christmas, and sometimes we just miss the whole point: The God of the Universe became a baby to save each one of US! So, just pause, breathe, and say, "Thank you, Jesus!" It is so important to remember that this whole season is about love -- love of God, love of family, love for the poor, and love for those who are alone. This Christmas, refocus on these things.

First, spend time with Jesus as a helpless child. Take a moment to hold Him. Wonder with the shepherds and kings as they come to adore Him and join them in adoration. This is a time for hope – a time for new beginnings, a time of light that conquers the darkness of the world and of our lives. We have nothing to fear. God is in control. Trust. Next, spend time with your family. Reflect on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and how they were just together. If you are not able to be with your family this Christmas, then spend time as part of the Holy Family. They invite you to spend Christmas this year with them! There is so much love to be found with them. Let them include you in their love as a member of their family. If you are blessed to be with your family this Christmas, do not take them for granted! You have no idea how long you have people in your life, so stop, pause, and remember that Jesus is in every one of your family members even if they drive you crazy. Breathe and take a moment to find Jesus inside of them. Thank God for each of them. And then, strengthen by the Miracle of the Holy Night in us, reach out to someone outside of your family. There are so many people who are poor or alone. Do something to make them feel less alone. Do something to make them feel loved. Treat them as if they were Jesus Himself, because they are! How blessed you will be when you decide that this Christmas, you are going to show others the love of God through you! A blessed and happy Christmas! Father Duncan

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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS  
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [C] 2021

December 2021 January 2022	<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b>		St Bride's	St. John's
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Day Mass of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Mass at 11am	Mass at 9 am		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of the Holy Family (C)</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> December	<b>Feast of St John the Evangelist</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Tom McKay (A), John Dollan (A), Cathie McEvoy (A), Jessie &amp; Lindsay Brown (A)</i>			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of the Holy Innocents</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Akuro &amp; Cosimo Farro (A), Nan Reid (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Mass at 11am (L)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Requiem Mass for Gordon Burns</b> Mass at 10am		Mass at 11am (L)	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Octave</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Hendry (A), Theresa McGuire (A), Catherine (Kit) Kean (A)</i>			Mass at 11am (L)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December New Year's Eve	<b>Christmas Octave</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sarah McLaughlin (RD), Anthony &amp; Teresa McGarvey (A)</i>  <b>Funeral Service for James Devine at 12 noon</b>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 11am (L)	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January New Year's Day	<b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Nora Kemp McMurtrie (RD), Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord                      Mass at 5.30pm  <i>Christmas list of Katy Collins, Sr Ursula &amp; Sr Marie Monique (SI),</i> </i>		Mass at 11am	Mass at 11am (L)  <b>No Vigil Mass</b>

### SYNOD TOPIC SEVEN - ECUMENISM:

The dialogue between different Christian groups has a special place in the synodal journey. What relationships do we have with members of other Christian traditions or denominations? What are the benefits and difficulties? How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other? Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage [gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news](http://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news), and at <https://youtu.be/ACs7pa69sh4> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at [synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk), which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks. Next week: Synod topic eight - Authority and Participation

### 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, James Devine, Sarah McLaughlin, Nora Kemp McMurtrie.*

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

*Jessie Brown 1975, Tom Finn 1993, Anne-Marie Jenkins 2005, Sister Mary McCann, Isobel O'Hare Rae 2004, Patrick Quinn 1969, Margaret Shanks 1966, Margaret Clarkson 2003, Molly Cosgrove 1994, Jim Lindsay 2013, Catherine McEvoy 2009, Arthur Robertson, Arturo Farro 1994, Catherine McCulloch 2012, Rose Murphy 2009, Thomas O'Connell 1957, May Shanks 1990, Maria Tomelty 2014, Patrick Cahill 2010, Kit Kean 2012, Mary Dorian Stirling 1999, Anna Ferrie 2014, John Hendry 2015, May Kelly 2016, Theresa McGarvey 2019, Mary McSpurren 2020, Alice Sibbald 2010, Terence Witt 2010, Alfonso Agostini 1955, Brian Connick 2010, Father Joseph Glendinning 1993, Catherine McAteer 2014, Joleen McIndoe 2015, William Twigg 1983, June Doherty 2010, Isabella Dougherty 2010, Charles Patrick Hendry 1967, Father Andrew Karwemera 2002, Lizzie Macnamara, James Murphy 1997.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR GORDON BURNS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Gordon Burns who died on 29th November 2021, aged 51 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 29th December at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JAMES DEVINE** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James Devine who died on 11th December 2021, aged 90 years. His Funeral Service will be on Friday, 31st December at 12 Noon, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **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 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Next Sunday is Epiphany

Next Sunday, 2nd January 2022, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Three Kings will be given pride of place in our Nativity.

Also chalk will be blessed and distributed for the traditional House Blessing at all Masses for the New Year.

### Christmas Message from Bishop Nolan

The dark cloud of the covid pandemic hangs over our Christmas celebrations. The omicron variant means that this year's Christmas, like last year's, we cannot celebrate as we might wish. We need, therefore, to concentrate on what is most important, which is not the parties or the presents, but the people - the people who are close to us, who are dear to us, who care about us. As we sing our carols and hear yet again the story of the birth of Jesus, may we also appreciate how close God is to us in the good and the bad events of life, and how much God cares for us. This Christmas may God give peace and remove our anxieties and worries, may God give us joy as we appreciate all our blessings, and may God give us hope as we step forward into the coming new year. +William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway



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### Thank you from Father Duncan

I would like to say a big "Thank you": to everyone who sent a card or a gift to the Presbytery for Christmas. It was very much appreciated - Thank you for all your support and friendship and for all the kind thoughts and wishes! Thank you for everything and you are all in my prayers every day!

### 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...** It was a few days before Christmas. The trip went reasonably well, and he was ready to go back home. The airport on the other end had turned a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols. Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood. (Almost a scrooge) Going to check in his luggage (which, for some reason, had become one suitcase with entirely new clothes), he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and pointer parts, that could be taken for mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way. With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the attendant, "Even if we were married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe." "Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is." "Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss." "That's not why it's there." "Ok, I give up. Why is it there?" "It's there so you can kiss your luggage good-bye."

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honour of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolises Christmas to get into heaven." The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said. The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates." The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolise?" The man replied, "They're Carol's."

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