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Second Sunday of Advent [C]

5th December 2021

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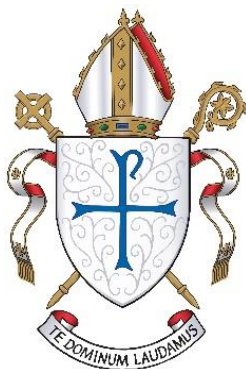
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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St. Bride's: Friday
between 11am-12noon
And by request.

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Mustard Seeds

✠ On Santa's Team

My grandma taught me everything about Christmas. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," jeered my sister. "Even dummies know that!" My grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her world-famous cinnamon buns. Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus!" she snorted. "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumour has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad. Now, put on your coat, and let's go." "Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be Kerby's local shop, the one shop in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten pounds. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's. I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The shop seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten pound note, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbours, the people who went to my church. I suddenly thought of Rob Decker. He was a boy with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's class. Rob Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out for recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough; but all we kids knew that Rob Decker didn't have a cough, and he didn't have a coat. I fingered the ten pound note with growing excitement. I would buy Rob Decker a coat. I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. I didn't see a price tag, but ten pounds ought to buy anything. I put the coat and my ten pounds on the counter and pushed them toward the lady behind it. She looked at the coat, the money, and me. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" she asked kindly. "Yes," I replied shyly. "It's ... for Rob. He's in my class, and he doesn't have a coat." The nice lady smiled at me. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag and wished me a Merry Christmas. That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in Christmas paper and ribbons, and write, "To Rob, From Santa Claus" on it ... Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Rob Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially one of Santa's helpers. Grandma parked down the street from Rob's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Suddenly, Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going." I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his doorbell twice and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Rob. He looked down, looked around, picked up his present, took it inside and closed the door. Forty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my grandma, in Rob Decker's bushes. *That night, I realised that those awful rumours about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were: Ridiculous! Santa was alive and well ... AND WE WERE ON HIS TEAM!*

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

Second Sunday of Advent [C] 2021

December 2021	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed	Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 4 th December	2nd Sunday of Advent (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Elizabeth & Leo Walsh (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 5 th December	2nd Sunday of Advent (C) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30 (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 6 th December	Memorial of St. Nicholas Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jean White (RD), Pauline Boland (RD)</i>			6pm Reception Sheila McLellan
Tuesday 7 th December	Memorial of St. Ambrose Mass at 10am <i>Offered for McGinley & Doherty Families (A)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass Sheila McLellan at 10am
Wednesday 8 th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception <i>[End of the Year of St. Joseph]</i> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McSorley (A), Jim Mathieson (A)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L) 6pm Reception Catherine Tumilty	Mass at 10am
Thursday 9 th December	2nd Week of Advent Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Jane Morris (SI), Patsy Hyslop (RD)</i> Reception of Sarah McLaughlin at 7pm		Funeral Mass Catherine Tumilty at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 10 th December	Requiem Mass for Sarah McLaughlin Mass at 10am	Adoration 11.30 Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 11 th December	3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Caleb Forrest (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)



SYNOD TOPIC FOUR - CELEBRATION

The celebration of the Eucharist - i.e. Mass - is at the centre of our Catholic communities, and forms the basis for our 'walking together'. *How well do communal prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our sense of community? How well do we allow and enable every member of the faithful to participate?* 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/dt5LXQ2ZJAc>, 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 five - Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, John Quinn, Peter McEvoy (Blackpool).

✚ Those who have died recently:

Sarah McLaughlin, Gordon Burns, Jean White, Pauline Borland, Patsy Hyslop, Noel Hughes, Bishop John Cunningham.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

John Hughes 2010, Margaret Anne Shanks 1994, Rose Smith 1999, Anne Thompson 1986, Robert Walker 2012, Susan Connor 2009, Thomas Connor 2006, Joyce Feeney 2012, Jean Graham, Alexander Merrick 2001, May Shanks 1990, Rose Smith 1999, Sarah Braniff 1961, Katherine Fearon 1911, Janet Ferris 2013, Ann McCubbin, Robert Shanks 1996, Alexander Bartley 2017, Teresa Dorans 2006, Francis Fitzpatrick 2020, Philip Gargan 2012, Margaret Hughes 2006, James Mathieson 1999, Gerard McCulloch 1990, Anthony McGarvey 1996, John McKay junior 1972, James McSorley 2010, Cassie Millen 2011, May O'Farrell 2013, Father Alec Smith SDB 2008, John Tracy 1999, George Forbes 2014, Agnes Martin 2007, Jim McIntosh 2019, Harry McKeachan 2020, Laurence Poland 2010, Agnes Stevenson 1992, Agnes Tomelty 2017, Maria Cunningham 1997, Alex Fitzpatrick 1991, James McGlynn 2004, Catherine McGrattan 1969, Sheila McLaughlin 2010, Danny McMail 2016, Harry Quigg 1998.

St. Bride's & Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR SARAH McLAUGHLIN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sarah McLaughlin who died on 29th November, aged 84 years. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Peter's on Friday, 10th December at 10am, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **DONATION TO ST PETER'S** An anonymous parishioner has donated £3000 to St Peter's. I would like to express by gratitude for such great generosity and support of our Parish commitments. God bless.

► **ST. BRIDE'S CAROL CONCERT** This will take place on Thursday 16th December at 7pm.

► **ST. BRIDE'S 100 CLUB WINNERS** Our winners for September and October are: Paul Corrigan and Neil Watson.

► **EMERGENCY ON-CALL FOR AYR HOSPITALS** Father Duncan will be attending emergencies at the hospitals this week. Please keep those who are sick or are waiting for operations in your thoughts and prayers.

► **LEPRA** is an international charity working to beat Leprosy and will be making an appeal next Saturday and Sunday (13th/14th December) at all Masses. All monies from the second collection will go towards this important Charity.

► **SINGING AND MUSIC AT ST PETER'S** The Choir has been meeting regularly in Church with David. If you would like to join in and get involved either by singing or with an instrument, please come along: Tuesday at 7pm.

► **ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE** St. Anthony's Christmas Fayre will take place at St. Peter's Hall on Friday, 10th December at 3:30-5:30pm. There will be Santa's grotto, lots of prizes to win and fun to have! All are welcome!

Advent Reconciliation Services

There hasn't been many opportunities for Confession in the last 18 months, so this is our chance to prepare well for Christmas by confessing our sins. There will be three Advent Services offered in the Three Towns: Monday, 13th December at 7pm at St Peter's; Tuesday, 14th December at 2pm at St Mary's Saltcoats and Tuesday, 14th December at 7pm at St John's Stevenston. Come along to the "place of victory".

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 28th November 2021: £604.50

Second Collection (Building Fund): £198.34

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection 28th November 2021: £103.00

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

Consecration of Scotland to Our Lady

O Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of all people, we consecrate to your Immaculate Heart our beloved country of Scotland. We stand confidently before you today, O Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same divine fire which inflamed your own Immaculate Heart. Reign over us and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you. Make our country and its people, your shrine, Mother of God, so that we may be yours in prosperity and adversity, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in life and death. We consecrate Scotland to you: all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To you we give our minds and hearts, our bodies and souls. We willingly place at your service our homes and our families, our parishes and schools: we desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you, O Mary, and may share in the benefits of your motherly care. That this consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting: We renew this day the promises of our Baptism and our Confirmation, to be faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pledge ourselves to foster a true love of the Mass and devotion to the Real Presence of your Son in the Blessed Sacrament. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and his holy Church. We pledge ourselves to promote in our homes and parishes the practice of a virtuous life. We pledge ourselves to recite the Rosary more frequently, and to make reparation for the coldness and indifference of so many human hearts. Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the service of your blessed name, in order to assure, through the sovereignty of your Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of your adorable Son Jesus Christ, in our own hearts and in our country of Scotland. Amen.

Assisted Suicide Bill in Scotland

Liam McArthur MSP has launched a public consultation on a proposal to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has urged Catholics to respond to the consultation: "I urge the Catholic faithful of Scotland to respond to Liam McArthur's consultation and to reject his proposal to legalise assisted suicide. Assisted suicide is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and the respect due to the living God. It is a serious threat to the elderly, the disabled, and the vulnerable, and sends a message that some lives are not worth living. Please engage with this consultation and send the message that every human life has value." The Catechism of the Catholic Church declares that assisted suicide is "gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator...[it] must always be forbidden and excluded." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2277. "In your work, may you always strive to promote the dignity of and life of each person, and reject any compromise in the direction of euthanasia, assisted suicide or suppression of life, even in the case of terminal illness." - *Pope Francis speaking to health workers, XXVIII World Day of the Sick 2020*

Just for a Laugh... It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of winter after a heavy fall of snow and only one farmer and the priest managed to arrive at the church for the morning Mass. 'Well' said the Parish Priest 'I guess there's no point in having Mass today.' 'Well that's not how I see it. said the farmer. If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it.'

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