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Second Sunday of the Year [C]

19th January 2025

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and St. Bride's,
are Parishes in the
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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Wedding Feast of Cana

Our painting by Winifred Margaret Knights, executed in 1923, is a more contemporary depiction of the Wedding at Cana, Jesus' first miracle. The guests don't seem to be speaking: they are mute. All eyes are on the miracle being performed. A number of people lie along the riverbank, oblivious to the events unfolding behind them. A beautiful aspect of the story of the Wedding at Cana is the relationship between Jesus and his mother. There is a mutual respect and tender love. Mary is there not just as a mother, but also placing herself at her Son's service. Jesus, for His part, addresses His mother as 'woman', which nowadays sounds a little odd, but at the time it was an honorary title to address one's mother. The only time we will find Jesus addressing His mother again as 'woman' in John's Gospel is when Jesus is dying on the cross. He will say: 'Woman, behold your son...' (John 19:26). It was a crucial family moment where Jesus was asking of his best friend, John, to look after His mother. So in today's Gospel of John, we see Mary's role as mother of Jesus, about to be expanded to her being the mother of us all when we hear Jesus' words at the cross. This aspect of the womanhood of Mary is beautifully portrayed in our painting by our female artist. It carries a subtle, gentle, caring undertone.



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THANKS!

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ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		ST. BRIDE'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. MARY'S
Saturday 18 th January	2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Alison Trayner (A), James Crichton (A), Betty Walker (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 19 th January	2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 20 th January	2nd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Robert Hastings Snr. & Agnes Hastings (A)</i>	Requiem Mass 12 noon Irene Moran		
Tuesday 21 st January	MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Kathleen Tracy (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 22 nd January	2nd WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for those suffering through addiction</i> Prayers of Reception 6pm, Karen Wardrope		Mass 10am (L)	Prayers of Reception 6pm Maureen Mumford
Thursday 23 rd January	REQUIEM MASS 10am KAREN WARDROPE			Funeral Mass 10am Maureen Mumford
Friday 24 th January	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Kathleen Lehane (RD)</i> Benediction 10.30am (Refreshments in our Café afterwards)	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 25 th January	3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] (Sunday of the Word of God) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: In January, please pray with Pope Francis for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, will always be respected.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley,
Sarah Fitzgibbon, Tony Smith, Rosemary Smith, Jim McEwan,
Grant Mitchell, Wynter McNabb, Carolyn McGinn,
Cathie Currie, Margaret McDonald.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Betty Craig, Kathleen Tracy, Kevin Wallace, Irene Moran,
Betty Walker, Karen Wardrope, Kathleen Lehane.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Thelma Carrick 2005, Annie Boyle O'Hare 1967,
Celio Staffieri 2017, Mary Catherine Teggart 1999,
Frances Vennard 2000, Thomas West 2005, Bessie Brown 1982,
Peggy Gray 2010, Addie Hissey 2009, Margaret McMillan 2009,
Margaret Jane Brennan 1964, Betty Kelly 2011, Avril Cullis 2009
Hugh Taylor 2016, John Curran 2013, Annie Monan 1998,
James Cunningham 1986, Michael Lynn 2005, John McKay 1957,
James McCormack 1999, Catherine Welsh 2005, Annie Carson 1995,
Joe Marshall 2013, Sally McKane 2021, Bernard Burns 1963,
Brookelyn Angel Donnachy 2006, James Jennings 2013,
Andrew McCormick 2009, Alfie Willis 2015.*

ST PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection
12th January 2025: £687.50
Second Collection (Justice & Peace): £322.45

ST BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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12th January 2025: £99.10
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Many thanks for your support and generosity!



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

► **REQUIEM MASS AT ST BRIDE'S FOR IRENE MORAN**

Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Irene Moran, who died on 2nd January, aged 97 years. The Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 20th January at 12 noon, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS AT ST PETER'S FOR KAREN WARDROPE**

Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Karen Wardrope, who died on 4th January, aged 67 years. The Prayers of Reception will be on Wednesday, 22nd January at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 23rd January at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **BIBLE GROUP AT ST PETER'S** The first Meeting of our Bible Group for the New Year will be on Thursday, 23rd January at 7pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome to come and join in!

► **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** Tea, coffee, and hot rolls will be served by St Matthew's pupils after Mass today, Sunday 19th January.

► **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair Dance on Thursdays at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

► **KNIT & KNATTER AT ST PETER'S** Come and join us at Knit & Knatter on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) EVENINGS

Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for their monthly talks at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on the first Sunday of each month from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Find the full program of talks on the noticeboard or on social media: @rcdgyouth.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Join the Galloway Youth Office and Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 112km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th - 19th October and costs £700 per person (we will support you in fundraising to reduce this). A program of meetings (also available online for those unable to travel) and walks will take place in advance to help you in your preparations. Interested? For more information or to sign up scan the QR code on the poster or search for @rcdgyouth on social media - but places are limited so don't delay!

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

One Sunday, Fr Duncan was preaching against the evils of alcohol when he added a visual demonstration to his fire and brimstone sermon. He filled a glass with whisky into which he dropped a wiggling worm. The worm quickly stopped moving and died. Father asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" "Father," said Maureen, "I learned that if you drink whisky, you will not have worms."

**INVITING JESUS AND MARY
TO YOUR MARRIAGE AND HOME**

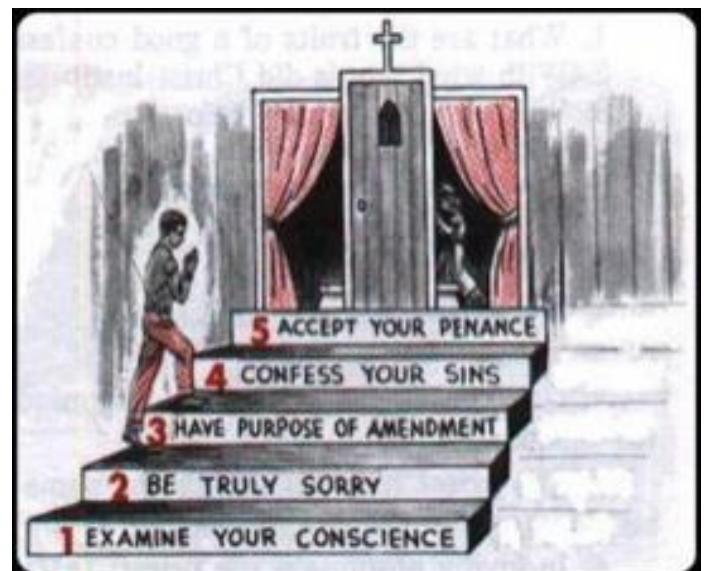
The unknown couple in today's wedding feast was truly blessed. Perhaps it was just serendipity that brought God himself to their wedding feast, or perhaps there is another layer of meaning to this story for us today. They were blessed because in some way, somehow, that couple invited Mary and Jesus to be present. This is something every couple can do. Every wedding that is celebrated in a Catholic mass truly is blessed by the presence of Jesus. Often couples bring a bouquet of flowers to Mary after their wedding. Beyond just the wedding feast, the couple in today's Gospel seems to have been celebrating the wedding reception in their home. In this case, the couple invited Jesus and Mary into their home. Every couple today can also do this. Having holy images, a crucifix on the wall, and family prayers said in the living room are great ways to formally invite Jesus and Mary into your home.

H.C.P.T. LOURDES GROUP 376

Esther Coulter wishes to thank everyone who contributed to her new year's day dip fundraiser, either via the collection after masses or the just giving page. The magnificent sum of £2040 was raised. A mass will be said for all parishioners in Lourdes at Easter. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

BINGO NIGHT AT ST PETER'S

Andrena Hughes is holding a Bingo night in aid of our Parish Lourdes Group and Youth for Lourdes on Saturday 1st February in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Tea, coffee and cake included in the cost of the tickets, however BYOB and snacks are also an option. Andrena is also looking for donations for raffle prizes if anyone can help. Tickets available from Andrena or at the Parish office. Adults £2 and children £1 or pay at the door. Her mobile number is 07917732091. Please come along and enjoy a night of family fun.



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