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Solemnity of Christ the King [B]

24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Jesus came to Dinner

Ruth looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter one more time... "Dear Ruth, I'm going to be in your neighbourhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit. Love Always, Jesus". Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer." With that thought, Ruth remembered she has no food in the house. She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Three pounds and forty pence. "Well, I can get some bread and cheese, at least." She felt satisfied as she headed home, her meagre offerings tucked under her arm. "Excuse me, can you help us please?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags. "I don't have a job, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're so hungry and, well, if you could help us, we'd really appreciate it." "All I have is some cheese and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him." "I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the street. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart. "Wait!" The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the street after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her shopping bag. "Thank you. Thank you very much!" "Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering. "You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest. "Thank you! Thank you very much!" Ruth was frozen by the time she reached her front door and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope stuck in the door. "That's odd. The postman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it. "Dear Ruth, It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you too, for the beautiful coat. Love Always, Jesus. The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed. Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:37-40

# Thirty-Fourth Week of the Year [B]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed.</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>		<b>ST. BRIDE'S</b>	<b>ST. JOHN'S</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (B)</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Paul Devine (RD), Evelyn Brown (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (B)</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i> <b>Prayers of Reception Mary Sammons 6.30pm</b>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY SAMMONS 10am</b>			Annual Mass for the Deceased 7pm (L)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN TRACY 10am</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>34<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for John Aitken Clarke (A), Kenneth Donnelly (A)</i>		Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am (L) <b>Laura Dickie</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>34<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Kathleen Long (RD), Annette Pentelton (RD)</i>		Annual Mass for the Deceased 7pm (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>34<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Natalina, Arturo &amp; Cosimo Farro (A)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]</b> (Blessing of the Advent Wreath) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for John Maxwell (A), Mary Sammons (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.

Monday 9th December at 7pm  
in St John's, Stevenston

Tuesday 10th December at 7pm  
in St Peter's, Ardrossan

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm  
in St Mary's, Saltcoats

### AN ACT OF HOPE

When faith falters, virtue fails, and deeds of love are few, then, Lord, I pray that we may turn in hope to you. So why are we disheartened when those whom we appoint, reveal themselves as only human and inevitably disappoint? May we hope not in our strength, wisdom, goodness, nor our reason, not in our economy, technology, nor the latest, greatest of a season. Turn our eyes to you, Lord, beauty, ever ancient, ever new. Birthing hope, not of our own making but from you. In you, through you. Jesus, I trust your words of hope, cutting deeper than a knife: "I've come in love for only this—that you may have New Life!"

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith, Sr. Margareta, Wynter McNabb, Alan & Margaret McDonald, Cathie Currie, Jim McEwan, Grant Mitchell, Angela Clark, Francis Adie.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*John Tracy, Mary Sammons, Frances McVey (Glasgow), Tommy Clark, Paul Devine, Kathleen Long, Annette Pentelton.*

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

*Janie Matthews 2014, Elizabeth McDougall 1948, Father John Walsh 2009, Monsignor Frank Duffy 2000, Ian Mitchell 2011, John Clarke 2020, Declan Kelly 2016, Mary Higgins 1992, Jim Brodie 2011, Kenneth Donnelly 2008, John Maxwell 2002, Sarah McNamara 1980, Liz Berti 2018, Shannon Elizabeth Byrne 2000, Peggie Duffy 2022, Sarah Heaney 1955, Jemima McAuliffe 2001, Mart Toland 2015, Eddie McNamara 2014, Lilian Paterson 2011, Maria Reid 2013, Peggy Dorian Smith 1991, Martin Vernon 2011, James Allen 2003, Molly Ball n e Cahill 2011, Gordon Burns 2021, Ann Hackett 1998, Sarah McLaughlin 2021, Andy Stevens 1995, Natalina Farro 2022, Gribben family, Janie McGonigle 2012, Hannah Kirk 1989, Mary McNally 2004, Mary Bridget Timmons.*

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

#### ► **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY SAMMONS AT ST PETER'S**

Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Mary Sammons who died on 12th November, aged 87 years. The Reception into Church will be on Sunday, 24th November at 6.30pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 25th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN TRACY AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Response of the Soul of John Tracy who died on 5th November, aged 58 years. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 26th November at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **"SYCAMORE" MEETINGS AT ST BRIDE'S** Please join us for the second Meeting of "Sycamore" at St Bride's. The Meeting is on Wednesday, 27th November 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome!

► **LARDER COLLECTION AT ST BRIDE'S** there will a box for items for the Larder in the porch from and Monday 25th November to Monday 16th December. The items wanted this time are Christmas food and treats, please check the sell by dates, plus small jars of Coffee and small boxes of Tea. The SSVP and The Village Larder want to thank everyone for their support throughout this last year.

► **ST BRIDES MONTHLY DRAW** congratulations to No 6 Ellen Milne who wins £31 in the November Draw.

► **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** thanks again for letting our hospitality pupils provide the after mass teas/coffees. The hot rolls seem to be a success so we shall continue with them through the winter. We raised an amazing £206.12.

► **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** Chair dance every Thursday, 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.

► **ST. BRIDE'S DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY** 13th DECEMBER, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £25 Please come along and support our Parish. All welcome, friends and family and enjoy a fun filled night with a very special guest appearance!

► **TESCO FOOD BANK COLLECTION - IRVINE AND SALTCOATS** This takes place on 28th, 29th and 30th November. If you can spare a couple of hours between 10am and 4 pm giving out leaflets and encouraging people to donate, please contact Anne on 07979 065564 for Irvine or Danny on 0797 954 2319 for Saltcoats. Thank you.

► **CHANA** (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) is teaming up again with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire Council. Last Christmas, Liz Brown of NAC wrote '169 gifts were provided, including gifts for boys & girls of all ages as well as particularly vulnerable or isolated adults who otherwise might not have received a present at Christmas'. If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at <https://www.nightbeforechristmas.co.uk/>

#### **RETREAT DAY FOR ADVENT AT ST PETER'S**

Please come and along and support our Retreat Day for Advent this Saturday, 30th November, starting at 3.30pm. We will have a look at some of the beautiful Advent traditions and customs that get us ready for the Birth of our Saviour at Christmas. Come and join us for Advent!



#### **H.C.P.T LOURDES GROUP 376 AT ST PETER'S**

An afternoon of festive songs featuring Theresa Morrison and Paul Hume, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Peter's Church. In aid of H.C.P.T Lourdes Group 376 and Father Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust. Tickets will be available after 10.30am Sunday mass at St Peter's. Esther Coulter 07772433070 or pay at door. Tickets £8 including afternoon tea.

#### **DOCUMENTARY ON ASSISTED SUICIDE, CREATED BY BEING CATHOLIC TV**

"Do No Harm" is a short documentary which highlights some of the grave concerns around proposals to legalise assisted dying in the UK and Scottish Parliaments. The documentary, which features Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishop John Keenan, Dr Gillian Wright, Lord David Alton, and Professor David Albert Jones, gathers together experts from the medical and palliative care professions, alongside prominent politicians, ethics experts and religious leaders, to construct a unified voice of unease. It spotlights key concerns around preserving human dignity and protections for vulnerable groups, and challenges the robustness of tabled safeguards in the UK legislation, by citing the experience of other jurisdictions which quickly eased access and expanded eligibility. You can view the documentary via the links: YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Mi3S2yp3hjY> Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/1029444718?share=copy>

#### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection

17<sup>th</sup> November 2024: £493.30

Second Collection (Building Fund): £297.53

#### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection

17<sup>th</sup> November 2024: £349.15

*Many thanks for your support and generosity!*

#### **JUST FOR A LAUGH...** 😄 😄 😄

◆ The young couple invited their elderly Parish Priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the Priest asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled Priest. "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the boy. "On the drive back from church I heard mum say to dad, 'Remember, we're having the old goat for dinner tonight.'"



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