



Bridie's Blethers



Issue 3 (March 2022)

Welcome to the 3rd edition of St. Bride's "**Bridie's Blethers**", St. Bride's very own newsletter. Much has changed in the world since our last issue and we're sure all of us at St. Bride's would like to send our support and prayers to those suffering as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

When the fire is burning all around you, You will never be consumed by the flames. *When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, Remember you are precious in my eyes.* *When the fear of loneliness is looming, Then remember I am at your side.*

This issue includes another varied range of interesting and relevant topics: how we can offer our support to the people of Ukraine, Shannon Gibson's confirmation, growing up in St. Bride's with strong Catholic roots, World Day of Prayer, our film review, "Bridie's Nuggets" and inspiring quotes to name just a few. As usual, the key to Bridie's Blethers success is you! We'd like your comments / feedback (good or bad) as well as suggested topics of interest and contributions to future issues by writing, emailing westkilbride@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or speaking to one of the editorial team.

Ukraine: Please Take Action....



SCIAF and Justice and Peace Scotland are asking the Prime Minister to waive visa requirements for the people of Ukraine. And we need your support. No one can fail to be moved by the horrific situation faced by people in Ukraine. As we witness the conflict escalate daily, Ukrainians have been in all our thoughts and prayers. Many have sought refuge in other countries and some may wish to come to the UK. As we watch families trying to flee from danger, we need to open our hearts and welcome them.

People who are exhausted and traumatised by the conflict should not have any barriers put in their way. In Scotland Archbishop William Nolan, and more than 1,000 faith leaders from across the UK, have already written to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, urging him to reconsider the Nationality and Borders Bill. We must stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine by adding our voices too. Ukrainian people seeking refuge in this country need to be able to do so without fearing that they may get turned away. Please take action and let the Prime Minister know today that you think the UK should be a place that offers a safe and warm welcome to our sisters and brothers from Ukraine. Join SCIAF and Justice and Peace Scotland in calling the government to act and ask the Prime Minister to waive visas for Ukrainian refugees, ensuring those who have been forced from their homes are able to reach safety. Many thanks for your support....

<https://campaign.sciaf.org.uk/ukraine?bblinkid=258704114&bbemailid=38573034&bbejrid=-2013545627>



Please note: Victoria Gillies will be giving a talk on Ukraine at St. Bride's Mass on Sunday 28th March.

Congratulation Shannon Gibson on your Confirmation at St. Brides



On Monday 7th February 2022, Shannon, the youngest of the Gibson children, made the Holy sacrament of Confirmation. As you know, the sacrament of confirmation confers the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord) upon the recipient - a baptised person at least seven years old. The service took place at St Peters and as well as her family; parents Stefan & Jo, and older sister Annabel, Shannon was sponsored by close family friend, Cath Cooney (in photo). Ivor, Shannon's brother, couldn't be there as he had a prior commitment playing at Kilmarnock FC.



Shannon chose the name Catherine for her confirmation name, with many Catherines in mind. These include her sponsor, Cath, her Aunty Cathy, and St. Catherine of Alexandria. Saint Catherine of Alexandria was among the most venerated female saints of medieval England. She is the patron saint of young girls, students, philosophers, and craftsmen working with wheels! After the lovely ceremony, Shannon and her family had cake at home before bed, as it was a school night!

Rosemary's Creed.....by Rosemary Kean



I think it is important that each of us, as baptised persons, reflect from time to time on what our personal faith really means to us. If I am not living my own faith, whose am I living?

The following is a personal reflection...

- ❖ I believe in an extravagantly loving and merciful God who desires to relate to us and open up the life of the Trinity to us in our lives.
- ❖ I believe in the oneness of all life and in its interrelatedness, interdependence and interconnectedness.
- ❖ I believe that God is totally available in all of creation, in all that lives and breathes and that it is vital to have a special reverence for our world.
- ❖ I believe Jesus came to establish a kingdom of justice, love, peace, truth, holiness and freedom, but that the institutional Church has obscured His spirit and vision by over-emphasis on norms, codes and rules.
- ❖ I believe in a human-hearted Church and in a spirituality that releases the feminine dimension, where male dominance and exclusiveness no longer prevail and where the growth of the person takes precedence over the preservation and perpetuation of the system.
- ❖ I believe we need new rituals and symbols and more creativity if our form of worship is to continue to have any relevance for today's congregations, particularly for the younger members.
- ❖ I believe in nourishing a conscious relationship with God through quiet contemplation and prayer which happens when we are still and open ourselves to Christ's spirit within us.
- ❖ I believe God is found in the ordinariness of our everyday lives and that we should pay as much attention to how we are living in the here and now, as we do to how it shall be for us hereafter.
- ❖ I believe in trusting in each other's goodness and giftedness and in the freedom and growth which forgiveness brings.
- ❖ I believe in the power of the Word of God to form, inform, challenge, change, comfort, console, inspire and energise.

Reflections of St. Bride's past from Marlene Hughes (now living in Canada)



I was born in West Kilbride on 22nd September 1945 and was baptised on 7th October, the feast of the Holy Rosary. My faith journey began with baptism and seemed to grow on three strong roots very present in St Bride's in the early days of my childhood and during my years growing up: (1) Mass and the sacraments; (2) Love of Our Lady; and (3) Support and service to the poor and marginalized.

(1) The sacraments and Mass were true celebrations for the whole parish. At my First Communion all dressed up in white, Jesus was coming to us. He loved us and everyone congratulated us. Confirmation was also very special although more solemn with the Bishop present. Again everyone celebrated with us. I remember getting gifts of money too. Confession was a sweet relief, always able to leave everything with Jesus through the blessing of absolution from the priest. Today I still find confession a great and powerful source of peace. Marriage in our church was a beautiful sacrament with the Mass and Nuptial blessing. My Dad would wake me up for daily Mass at 6:30am each day before he got the train to go to work at ICI in Stevenston. I would bike to mass. I loved those masses in the early morning light and often I got to answer the responses in latin (pre Vatican 2). It's hard to put in words how reverent it felt - heaven had come to earth. I loved it and still do.

(2) Love for our Lady was very strong in St Bride's especially in 1950 jubilee year. Our beautiful statue of our Lady of Lourdes was erected and placed by the hall in the garden at back of the church. Later the statue was moved at the request of my cousin (John McLaughlin RIP) to the front of the church where she watches over parishioners today as they come and go. I grew to love our Lady so much at St. Bride's bringing her wild flowers as a child and attending our Lady of perpetual help novena devotions weekly. I still attend the same novena devotions here in British Columbia Canada every week.

(3) In our parish then we had the Legion of Mary and I loved the service to the poor and the elderly that we did through this parish ministry. I was a teenager at this time. The parish always had a St Vincent de Paul group who supported the poor and marginalised very quietly and very effectively. My Dad was a member of the St Vincent de Paul and I heard later in life of the many people they assisted financially and with food and goods and practical services. This still continues today in St. Bride's. Pope Francis would love it! My Mum used to cook meals for the sick and elderly who lived in the village and my sister Betty McLaughlin (Orr) and I would get to deliver the hot meals on our bikes with our baskets in front. My mum also used to wash clothes and sheets for elderly sick people in the village. Again we were the delivery girls. There were no washing machines only wash houses and clothes lines inside and outside.

Today as I reflect the important parts of my life have been these 3 roots which were born into me in St. Bride's. Mass and the sacraments are my lifeline in my life. They nourish me with the body of Christ. I'm in a parish with adoration of the blessed sacrament 24/7 for 24 years continually and I love my adoration hours every week. Miracles happen there with Jesus. In regards to our Lady "I just love her". She is my mother and I trust her with everything in my life. I have visited Medjugorje in Bosnia many times and my faith and my love for Mary Queen of Peace has grown deeper through those pilgrimages.

My working life was spent in medical social work in Kelowna general hospital. I loved it so much and the draw to that profession began in the parish of St Bride's helping and serving in parish ministries to the poor and marginalised. St Bride's is a family and family is what gave me life and gives me life today and have faith in God. I have 6 children and 11 grandchildren who bring joy to my life everyday and I thank the family of St Bride's, the priests who served and all who loved me and inspired me to follow the faith with a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving.

Thankyou!

Reclaim Sunday (by Father Duncan)



Sabbath in Hebrew literally means “rest”. When people would rather do something else that comes to mind on Sunday they are showing a lack of spiritual vision and a case of misdirected priorities. Pope Francis said. "How can we carry out the Gospel without drawing the energy needed to do it, one Sunday after another, from the limitless source of the Eucharist?"

The Jewish observance of the Sabbath is a memorial of the liberation from the physical bondage of the Egyptians [Ex 6:6], and the spiritual bondage to idols and false gods of Egypt. The commandment of the Decalogue by which God decrees the Sabbath observance is “Remember the sabbath day in order to keep it holy” (Ex 20:8). It is a call to awaken remembrance of the grand and fundamental work of God which is creation and to rest in the Lord, a sacred value - as the Lord rested. Although the Lord's Day is rooted in the very work of creation and even more in the mystery of the biblical "rest" of God, it is nonetheless to the Resurrection of Christ that we must look to understand fully Sunday as Christ's Day.

The “Martyrs of Abitene” (modern day Tunis) were martyred in 303, by the Emperor Diocletian. They gathered weekly in one of their homes to celebrate Sunday Mass, but were arrested and taken to Carthage to Proconsul Anulinus to be interrogated. When he asked: “Why have you received Christians in your home, transgressing the imperial dispositions ?” One of them, Emeritus, answered: “Sine dominico non possumus” (“We cannot live without Sunday”). While the Church had not yet established in a formal way the Sunday precept, theirs was the conviction that Sunday Mass is a constitutive element of one's Christian identity and that there is no Christian life without Sunday and without the Eucharist. This is what the Christian Sunday does: leads the faithful each week to ponder and live the event of Easter, true source of the world's salvation. That is why we are Christians - because Christ rose from the grave. “He is not dead. He is alive.” That is our faith. That means when people look at us, they should no longer see us, but see Jesus Christ living inside of us.

According to the common witness of the Gospels, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ took place on “the first day after the Sabbath” (Mk 16:2,9; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1). On the same day, the Risen Lord appeared to the two disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35) and to the eleven Apostles gathered together (cf. Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19). A week later — as the Gospel of John recounts (cf. 20:26) — the disciples were gathered together once again, when Jesus appeared to them and made himself known to Thomas by showing him the signs of his Passion. It was for this reason that, from Apostolic times, “the first day after the Sabbath”, the first day of the week, began to shape the rhythm of life for Christ's disciples (cf. 1 Cor 16:2).

Christ gave new meaning to the Sabbath. The news of life in Christ is brought about through the miracle of the Resurrection. Every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promised resurrection of our own bodies. It is Easter every Sunday. Sunday is an invitation to rejoice in an encounter with the Risen Lord. The most important way to celebrate this feast is through our presence at Holy Mass and receiving the Eucharist.

Thus the Sunday Mass is the privileged point of encounter with Jesus Christ. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear not simply human words crafted by poetic geniuses, but rather the words of the Lord. In the readings, and especially in the Gospel, it is Christ who speaks to us. In our responses, we speak back to him, entering into conversation with the second person of the Trinity. Then, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the same Jesus who has spoken his heart to us offers his Body and Blood for us to consume. There is simply, this side of heaven, no more intimate communion possible with the risen Lord.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life. It is both the path and the goal of Christian discipleship. The Church Fathers consistently taught that the Eucharist is sustenance for eternal life. Thomas Aquinas said that the Eucharist contains “Ipse Christus” (Christ himself). It is precisely at Mass that we are privileged to receive this incomparable gift. It is precisely at Mass that we take in this indispensable sustenance. Without it, we starve to death spiritually.

Make Sunday a special day - the day of the Lord, the day of Christ! And might I suggest that you bring someone with you, someone who has been away too long. Let our own Eucharistic hunger awaken an evangelical impulse in you. Bring in people from the highways and byways; invite your co-workers and family members; wake up the children on Sunday morning; turn off your computers and TV screens. Reclaim Sundays, rediscover Sundays!!

World Day of Prayer at West Kilbride Parish 4th March 2022



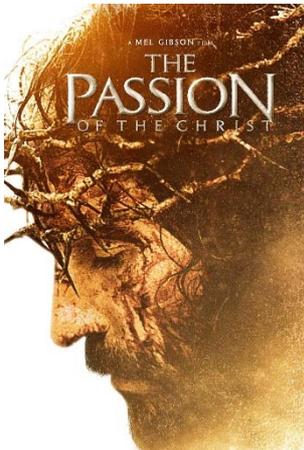
On Friday 4th March in West Kilbride Parish Church, a joint service was held to mark international World Day of Prayer. Speakers from St Brides were Phyllis Howie, Laura McLean, Pat Smith and Betty Orr.

Maureen Watson greeted the people as they arrived at church. The programme was based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to exiles in Babylon in the context of suffering and uncertainty. We heard the stories of women who feel excluded and listened to the fear of a child refugee. How appropriate is all of this in our world today and especially in Ukraine. This was highlighted at the start of the event when Rev James lead us and we prayed together for Ukraine.

Father Duncan gave an excellent reflection to the congregation of over 50 people again with a clear message to everyone that even in the darkest of times God is there. The unity in prayer between the 2 churches was palpable and everyone commented on it at the end.

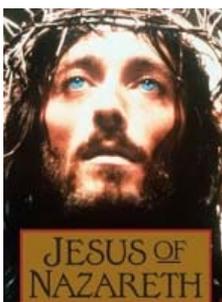
Thank you to all from St Brides who were able to attend and thank you to Rev James McNay and congregation of the Parish Church for your warm welcome , and your hospitality. We look forward to seeing everyone again in St Brides next time. God Bless.

One to Watch: The Passion of Christ (Netflix and Amazon Prime)



Issue 3 is published during Lent this year, so our suggested film is Mel Gibson's "*The Passion of Christ*". This is a story of unparalleled substance told with unprecedented style. Perhaps the most powerful—and violent—depiction of Christ's final earthly hours ever put to film, *The Passion of the Christ* begins with Jesus' tormented prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with a glimpse of his resurrection. It marches unflinchingly through the suffering and death Christ endured on our behalf, using flashbacks to relieve tension and offer insight into his humanity.

The Passion of the Christ is a stirring, reverent and significant motion picture for believers and nonbelievers alike. It is the most heart-wrenching, powerful portrayal of Christ's suffering. Those who are unsaved and tempted to marginalise Jesus as a tragic or misguided historical figure will be confronted with the harsh reality of who he was and why he died.



As an extra suggestion, did you know..... that Franco Zeffirelli's epic **Jesus of Nazareth** is available for free on YouTube ? All 6 house 12 minutes of it! Now there's a TV binge for Holy Week. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yumogNlaPCE>

Imagining The Future (by our Largs' correspondent)



In the 1st edition of *Bridie's Blethers* I argued that future generations would look back on *Covid19* as a time of deep and radical renewal within the Church. Times of disturbance and upheaval have always been catalysts for renewal and change, the period we are living through being no exception. It's not that things will change at some point in the future. The change is already happening, and no amount of pretending that things can 'return to normal' will stop it. The only question is how we respond to it. Like King Canute standing on the beach trying to turn back the tide – apparently the poor man was really trying to show people that this wasn't actually possible - we can resist it. Or we can embrace it, trusting in a God always doing a new thing. Then, in the 2nd edition, I returned to the words of William Johnston SJ. 'The Church of the twenty first century' he warned us, 'must give people mysticism or die'. Mysticism, as we saw, is simply a deeper, more personal, more experience-based way of knowing which goes

beyond and bypasses the limitations of human reasoning, and we need such knowledge today if we are not to be left floundering around like fish stranded on a beach as the tide of history moves on. And now, in this 3rd edition, I invite you to reflect on something without which this will not be possible. It's perhaps God's greatest gifts to humanity, evidence that we really are created in God's image and likeness. It's our imagination, our capacity to envisage things different from what they are now.

Quite simply, every new discovery in science, every technological breakthrough, every piece of music, every work of literature or art, every new idea or way of thinking, every new book, every gadget we are encouraged to buy, every single object we touch and use in the course of a day: they all began in someone's imagination. Einstein's theory of relativity did not start on a blackboard or a piece of paper. It began in his head, in his imagination. People imagined what it would be like to fly long before aeroplanes existed. Without our capacity to imagine something different from what we have, we would still be living in caves. Cows and sheep are doing today what they have always done because, unlike us, they lack imagination. And so we could go on. Nothing exists which did not begin in someone's imagination. I believe, without knowing or understanding exactly what it is I believe and don't understand, that this is true of the cosmos itself. That the whole universe in some sense exists within God's imagination. Does the book of Genesis not tell us that: 'God said, let there be light and there was light'? God imagined it and it came to be. And that is what we need in the Church today. It is what people in parishes throughout the world are currently being asked to do in preparation for the Synod. We are being invited to imagine a different way of being the Church. The Church can only draw closer to what it already is in God's imagination if, by 'walking together' we can move beyond our individual fears, limited ways of thinking, prejudices and 'tune in', through prayer and discernment, to what the Spirit is saying to the Church at this moment in history. It is what John Lennon was inviting us to do all those years ago: – to imagine something which does not exist yet.

So imagine what the Church could be in generations to come. Imagine a Church made up of men and women of deep personal faith committed to the values of the Gospel and the growth of the Kingdom in the world. A Church committed to working for justice, reaching out to those in need and loving those whom the world rejects. It would be a Church with a positive, hope-filled attitude to the world, a Church whose first instinct would be to say YES to the world rather than, as so often happens, NO. This would be a Church open and welcoming to everyone, free from discrimination of any kind, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, marital status or any other of the reasons religious people come up with for sitting on judgement on the world.

Internally, this would be a very different Church from the one we are familiar with. The clericalism Pope Francis keeps telling us is the cause of evils such as sexual abuse by priests, will be increasingly challenged by a more mature and adult laity, better informed and unwilling to accept the abuse of power which has, for centuries, gone hand in hand with the clerical state. Women will increasingly play their full part in the life of the Church, exercising leadership at every level and greatly enriching us all. Some women may be priests and some priests,

both men and women, may be married. Only time will tell about that. No-one can accurately foretell the future. But what we can say about the future with absolute certainty is that it will be different. 'Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has prepared for those who love him', and the first step towards discovering through prayer and discernment as proposed by Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod, is to start imagining it.



Remembering parishioners of St. Bride's no longer with us....

Sarah McLaughlin



Sarah McLaughlin was born near Whithorn 84 years ago. In her teens she trained at Glasgow Western Infirmary and became a nurse where her naturally caring personality came out and she maintained that all of her life.

Mother to 5 boys, she had to be strong as well as deeply caring. Always an open house to the friends of the boys with hot food and home baking. She was active in the community in PTA and other groups. At St Brides, she and her husband John supported every Mass, holiday of obligation, social events, inter denomination events and many more. But it is her association with SVDP that she is widely remembered. For over 20 years she visited the sick and the elderly, helped the struggling and bereaved always in a quiet unassuming way. There are people in West Kilbride today of all denominations who still talk about how she helped them in a time of need.

She was devout with a quietly strong Faith and had a modern outlook advocating new ways. Sarah always had family at front and centre, giving advice when asked in a positive encouraging way. Paul, Shaun, Ewan and Gavin and all of us in St Brides give thanks for her life of Faith, patience, generosity and support. In her own words "I had a good ,happy and full Life". Rest in Peace, Sarah. Well done good and faithful servant.

Marie Louise Paterson



Marie had a life well lived. Born in Ardrossan, and although lived in West Kilbride for many years she was drawn to move back to her home town. Marie was a kind soul and a carer at heart, this was visible throughout her life; in the police service, caring for her parents, working as a carer in Largs and of course Tom, her partner in crime, was always well looked after! Kindness and faith embodied Marie's heart and she put tremendous energies into both St Bride's and St Peter's; readings, cleaning, teas, children's liturgy, setting up for funerals and weddings, driving elderly parishioners to mass and the close care of Canon McGuinness until his death. The list could go on but it was the small things that made Marie special; taking the chill from the water in the baptismal font!

Marie's funeral, at St. Peter's, was a lovely tribute to her life, filled to the brim with family, friends and colleagues, paying their respects. Father McVicar reflected on Marie's faith that gave her strength throughout life. She believed in the power of prayer and had an ever growing list of souls to be remembered. Marie was a wise women and a reading from the book of wisdom was aptly read at the requiem mass "those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen. Tom also organised a motorbike police escort for Marie's procession to West Kilbride cemetery; Marie would have loved that! Remember Marie in your prayers because you can be sure she will be remembering all of us.

Netta Sayers



Netta Sayers was born in West Kilbride and had one sister Madge who was a nurse. Their father was the local blacksmith and Netta married Alex Sayers who was an agricultural worker. They had 2 children Margaret Mary and Sandy. Netta worked in the Ardenlee hotel and was a fine cook and baker.

The family were regular Mass attenders with their aunt Madge. Netta's Faith never faltered and latterly when she was unable to come to Mass herself, her neighbours and great friends Kenny and Fina brought her. She was so delighted to be at Mass again enjoying the tea and chat afterwards. Every time over the years I met Netta what is in my mind is her beautiful smile. Even when she was in Abbotsford Nursing Home she always had that lovely smile. Rest in Peace Netta and May your smile light up heaven the way it did in West Kilbride .

Jimmy Meehan

Born in the Gorbals in Glasgow and very proud of that too, Jimmy came to West Kilbride more than 12 years ago to be nearer his daughters. He loved West Kilbride although latterly the hills were sore on him. He could be seen every day with his rucksack either going up to visit Theresa or waiting for a bus to Largs or Saltcoats but his heart was always in Glasgow. When we produced a Parish Recipe booklet for charity, Jimmy put in his lentil soup recipe of which he was very proud. The main ingredient being a ham haugh but you had to go the Gallowgate in Glasgow to buy it!! Sitting at the back of St Brides every Sunday we witnessed his strong Faith and love of Our Lord himself. He loved to come in after Mass and have a cup of tea especially when one of his grandsons was with him.

He was well liked in Headrigg Gardens, taking part in games afternoons and caring about others. We miss him in St. Bride's but have very fond memories of his presence there. Rest in Peace Jimmy. You were an example to us of undoubting Faith.



Easter Good News: There will be the usual Easter Egg hunt for children after Easter Sunday Mass at 12:15pm on Sunday 17th April. Remember all Easter Eggs found need to be collected and shared!

What does Easter mean for you: Design a poster of Easter to be posted in the church. All entries will receive a free Easter Egg. There is also an extra prize for the winner!



The Church I want.....

We wanted to ask our younger parishioners what type of Church they would like.

Here is one reply. Please send us more of your thoughts.

Who are you?

I am 19 years old, and I am from North Ayrshire. I am currently studying accountancy at the University of Strathclyde.

Why are you Catholic?

I was raised as a Catholic by my family, although from a young age it was made clear to me that my faith was my personal choice. I decided to remain as part of the church as I believe it offers me guidance and assurance. Furthermore I attended Catholic primary and secondary schools, and I believe the Catholic faith there helps to promote a very strong message of community and well being.

What would you like the Church to be?

I would like the church to have an increase in the number of younger people that attend as moving forward they will be in integral part of keeping the faith alive.

How, or , Should the Church change?

Lots of younger people who have fallen away from the faith over time feel as though there is a judgement from those who have stayed with the Church, and therefore may find it harder to return. For this to change, the Church should make an effort to show these individuals that is not at all the case. Even though that many in the Church will know this is not the case, others may not.

Bridie's Nuggets



"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope"

...Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our human compassion binds us one to the other – not in pity or patronisingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

.....Nelson Mandela

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Here's a Facebook request for you ?



And finally, A Funny Thought Provoking Story.....Not found in The Bible



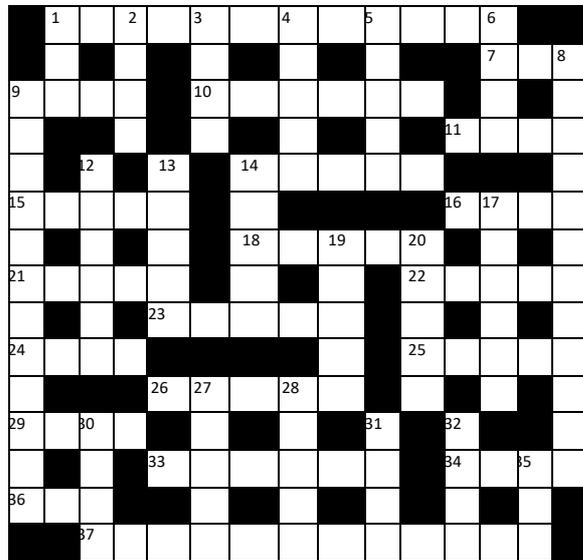
Menachim, a Jewish father was troubled by the way his son, Benjamin, had turned out, and went to see Rabbi Goldberg about it. 'I brought Benjamin up in the faith, gave him a very expensive bar mitzvah; it cost me a fortune to educate him, then he tells me last week he has decided to be a Christian. Rabbi, where did I go wrong?' pleaded Menachim.

'Funny, Menachim, that you should come to me,' commented Rabbi Goldberg. 'Like you I, too, brought my boy up in the faith, put him through University; that cost me a fortune, then one day he, too, tells me he has decided to become a Christian.'

'What did you do?' inquired Menachim. 'I turned to God for the answer,' replied the Rabbi.

'And what did He say?' pressed Menachim. 'God said, 'Funny you should come to me.....''

CrossWord source: scottish Catholic



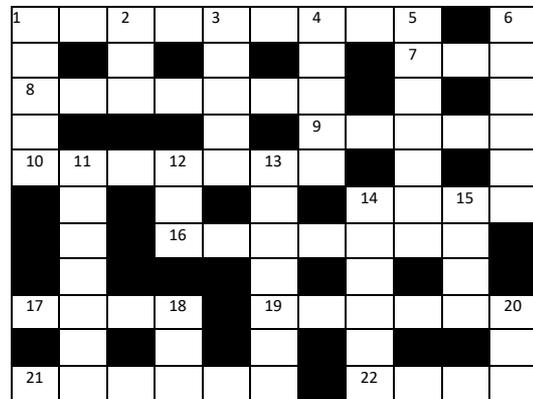
Across

- 1 The people in attendance at a mass (12)
- 7 White robe worn by a priest (3)
- 9 & 16a Location in London of Speakers Corner (4,4)
- 10 & 15a Sailor Renee goes round this African country (6,5)
- 11 Type of car or type of skirt (4)
- 14 Fish that can glide on ice (5)
- 15 See 10 across
- 16 See 9 across
- 18 Uniform jacket (5)
- 21 Pleasure sailing vehicle (5)
- 22 Animal of the Andes (5)
- 23 Aspirations (5)
- 24 A monk's hood (4)
- 25 Floating markers (5)
- 26 Sad poem (5)
- 29 Jeer, make fun of (4)
- 33 Uncivilised, ferocious (6)
- 34 Snare with part adjusted (4)
- 36 Item of neckwear (3)
- 37 Ceremonies that precede burial or cremation (7,5)

Down

- 1 Yell or Sob (3)
- 2 Requirement (4)
- 3 Relax, Take t easy (4)
- 4 One from Athens perhaps (5)
- 5 One of a set of fortune telling cards (5)
- 6 Member of Hitler's party (4)
- 8 Taking maters right to the edge may cause one to banish Mr Pink, strangely enough (12)
- 9 It will next be visible when it passes earth in 2061 (2,5)
- 12 Russian capital city (6)
- 13 Sailor's sleeping place (5)
- 14 Establish (3,2)
- 17 Great river of South America (6)
- 19 Unlikable (5)
- 20 Suit you'd use on the golf course (5)
- 27 Depart (5)
- 28 West African country formerly known as Gold Coast (5)
- 30 The boss in the kitchen (4)
- 31 Turn sharply, swerve (4)
- 32 Let it stand – used to nullify a correction (4)
- 35 Sad, confused commercials (3)

Kid's CrossWord source: scottish Catholic



Across

- 1 Shoot the ball between them for a goal in soccer (9)
- 7 Black substance poured onto the road (3)
- 8 Doing as one is told (7)
- 9 You keep a rabbit in one (5)
- 10 The world's highest mountain (7)
- 14 You ____ milk from a jug (4)
- 16 'Strictly Come _____' (7)
- 17 Call out when you see a pair in this card game (4)
- 19 Get on someone's nerves (6)
- 21 Academy awards given to people in the movies (6)
- 22 The opposite of hot (4)

Down

- 1 Ball shaped map of the world (5)
- 2 It's usually the best card (3)
- 3 How much you must pay to buy something (5)
- 4 The sense we get by using our eyes (5)
- 5 Where to get on a train (7)
- 6 A person who uses a bow and arrow (6)
- 11 In history, these sailors sailed in longboats (7)
- 12 Crimson (3)
- 13 You might wear them on your feet in the summer (7)
- 14 Outdoor meal (6)
- 15 Like Cinderella's two step sisters (4)
- 18 Vegetable which grows in a pod (3)
- 20 Unhappy (3)



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Answers to Crosswords:

Across: 1 Congregation; 7 Alb; 9 Hyde Park; 10 Sierra Leon; 11 Mini; 14 Skate; 18 Tunic; 21 Yacht; 22 llama; 23 Hopes; 24 Cowl; 25 Buoy; 26 Elegy; 29 Mock; 33 Savage; 34 Trap; 36 Tie; 37 Funeral rites
Down: 1 Cry; 2 Need; 3 Rest; 4 Greek; 5 Tarot; 6 Nazi; 8 Brinkmanship; 9 Halley's Comet; 12 Moscow; 13 Berth; 14 Set up; 17 Amazon; 19 nasty; 20 Clubs; 27 Leave; 28 Ghana; 30 Chef; 31 Veer; 32 Stet; 35 Ads

Kids:

Across: 1 Goalposts; 7 Tar; 8 Obeying; 9 Hutch; 10 Everest; 14 Pour; 16 Dancing; 17 Snap; 19 Annoys; 21 Oscars; 22 Cold
Down: 1 Globe; 2 Ace; 3 Price; 4 Sight; 5 Station; 6 Archer; 11 Vikings; 12 Red; 13 Sandals; 14 Picnic; 15 Ugly; 18 pea; 20 Sad