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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ [C]

19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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

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## Mustard Seeds

### † The Greatest Gift of All

Our Catholic teaching that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus, not bread and wine, is clearly taught in the Bible and throughout the 2,000-year tradition of the Church. The teaching of Jesus in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel is very clear: "Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him" (John 6:53-56). John goes on to say that, even though many disciples would not accept this teaching and went away, Jesus did not attempt to bring them back by saying He was only speaking symbolically. The early Church took this teaching seriously. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord... for anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgement on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29) Paul's statement makes sense only if the bread and wine have become the real Body and Blood of Christ. How does this change take place? It happens during the eucharistic prayer of the Mass. At that time, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, as the Church has always taught.



Although they still look like bread and wine, they have, by divine power, actually changed into His Body and Blood. How can we know this? It requires faith. It is a mystery which, like love, we will never fully understand. The Trinity, the divinity of Jesus, His death and Resurrection are other mysteries which, along with the Eucharist, we will never fully comprehend in this life. Catholic teaching on the Eucharist gives great inspiration and strength to believers. Jesus is really present and, under the appearance of food, nourishes us for our journey through life.



[Archbishop Sheehan]

# Twelfth Week of the Year [C] 2022

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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>		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jim Kean (RD), John Morrison (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15 Offered for Ignatius McAleavy (A)	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Vera Gilfillan (RD),                      Marjorie Drotar (RD), Owen &amp; Teresa Maguire (A)</i>			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Viv Jones (RD), Anne Taggart (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Memorial of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael Collins (A), Isabel (Pamela) Swanson (MM)</i>		Mass at <b>9am</b> (L)	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Patricia Sheridan (RD), Olive Mulligan (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gina McTurk (RD), Mary &amp; Michael Maher (SI)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	<b>No Mass Today</b>	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Thirteenth Sunday of the Year</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Michael Fitzpatrick (A),                      Karen Fitzpatrick (A), Tommy Stewart (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

### A Famous Eucharistic Miracle

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He is described as being a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina, he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. At first he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighbouring city of Orvieto, the city where Pope Urban IV was then residing. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto. After visiting the Cathedral of Orvieto, many pilgrims and tourists journey to St. Christina's Church in Bolsena to see for themselves the place where the miracle occurred. The altar of the miracle, which is surmounted by a 9th-century canopy, is now situated in the grotto of St. Christina. A reclining statue of the saint is nearby. In August of 1964, on the 700th anniversary of the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Paul VI celebrated Holy Mass at the altar where the holy corporal is kept in its golden shrine in the Cathedral of Orvieto. Twelve years later, the same pontiff visited Bolsena and spoke from there via television to the 41st International Eucharistic Congress, then concluding its activities in Philadelphia. During his address Pope Paul VI spoke of the Eucharist as being "... a mystery great and inexhaustible."

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Morag Munroe.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*John Morrison, Jim Kean, Vera Gilfillan, Marjorie Drotar, Viv Jones, Patricia Sheridan, Olive Mulligan,  
 Gina McTurk, Tommy Stewart, Doris Haugh (Aberdeen), Elizabeth Higgins.*

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

*Margaret Forbes 2006, Billy Harvey 2004, John Malloy 2002, Father Alan Wilson 2012, Margaret Boyd 2005,  
 Gertrude Cunningham 2008, Mary Bridget Magee 1988, James Lane 1995, Catherine Robertson 2015,  
 Susan Watson 2002, Rosie Benson 1995, Agnes Delahunt 1936, Margaret Donnelly 1953, Mary Leishman 1997,  
 Ronald McKay 2008, Shiela Kearney, Mamie Scotland, Frank Tracy 2007, Marade Ballantyne 1991, John Flood 2003,  
 Bill Mathieson 2014, Greta Murphy 1973, George Russell 2005, Ben Walsh 1985.*

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

► **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS** The Diocesan Administrator has appointed Father Benjamin Mkeri as hospital chaplain at Ayr Hospital. For Crosshouse Hospital: Fr. Stephen McGrattan [crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832 and for Ayr Hospital: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri [ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01655 882145.

► **THANK YOU FROM THE MAHER FAMILY** "The family of Kirsty Maher would like to thank everyone for the kind words and wishes, Mass cards and expressions of sympathy at Kirsty's recent passing. Thanks also to Fr Duncan for helping us to give Kirsty back into God's loving care. We would also like to thank the congregation for their generosity and the sum of £770 will be donated to the charity Beautiful Inside & Out SCIO."

► **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT ST BRIDE'S** On Tuesday 28 June at 7 pm there will be an Open Parish Pastoral Council meeting in St Brides to discuss future events and parish matters. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. If you have any issue or suggestion that you would like raised during the meeting please contact Phyllis to include in the agenda. [Howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Howiephyllis@yahoo.co.uk)

► **ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE** Next weekend, the 25th and 26th June we will take up the annual collection for Peter's Pence, Collection in favour of the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry. Thank you once again for your continuous generosity.

► **NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR OUR DEACON KEVIN RENNIE** Deacon Kevin Rennie is being ordained a priest for Galloway Diocese on 1st July in St. Teresa's Church, Dumfries. A Novena of Prayer has been organised by the people and priests of our Diocese. It will run from 23rd June until 1st July itself and will be published on the 'Galloway Diocese' Facebook page.

► **GALLOWAY NEWS** The summer edition of the Galloway News is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

### **Catholic Trivia - Did you know?**

"The Jack-in-the-Box"" - This toy has a rather unfortunate history. The first violent Reformers gave this title to the Blessed Sacrament. Children not long ago could obtain a well-made Jack-in-the-Box with the words, "Hocus Pocus" painted on its lid. This is a parody of "Hoc est Corpus" - the words of consecration used at Mass. The blasphemous application of this toy to one of the greatest mysteries of the faith is obvious and it is also an example of the attitude of the Reformers.

### **The Worldwide Synod: What Can We Learn?**

The Worldwide Synod started in 2021 and ends in 2023. It is an endeavour started by Pope Francis teaching us to walk together as Catholics. The goal is to learn, and to grow in faith. The Synod is an invitation for the entire world to partake by discovering more about ourselves and our identity. We learn what the church is doing well, where it is stagnant, and where it is currently failing. To date, it is the largest survey of the Catholic Church, ever. The survey has many questions, and the intention is discovering who we are and what we are doing well. Most of all it helps us to investigate how we can best serve the human family. How can we grow and what can we learn from this two-year process of the Synod? We can move forward together and walking and listening to one another. A synodal church is all about working together, and not giving up in our mission. Moving forward together involves honesty, and a willingness to correct what is able to be corrected. It also involves a highlighting of what is good, and continuing on that journey. Let us learn together during this synodal process. We must pray for the worldwide Catholic community to expand and grow. Loving and serving Jesus and his people is the end goal of this endeavour, and that is worth all the effort.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022: £458.69  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £210.75  
Standing Orders for May 2022: £3956.00

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

Offertory Cash Collection 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022: £104.73  
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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Kindness**

Kindness is a gift  
we can all give to anyone.  
It needs no wrapping,  
it can be given anytime,  
freely with love and abundance.  
Kindness is a smile  
to caress bleeding hearts,  
An extended hand,  
arms embracing,  
enfolding eyes that listen and speak,  
understanding, sensitivity,  
stopping sad tears, forgetting oneself,  
never counting the cost,  
going where and when needed,  
remembering the greatest kindness of all -  
The Cross.



### **Just for a Laugh...**

A man walking along Ardrossan beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Las Vegas so I can drive over anytime I want to." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the oceans! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honour and glorify me." The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy." After a few minutes God said, "Do you want two or four lanes on that bridge?"

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