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First Sunday of Advent [C]

28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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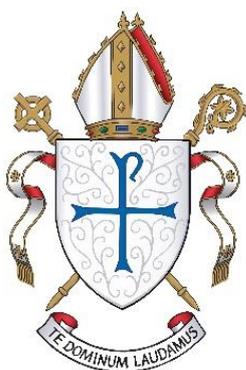
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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**St. Bride's:** Friday  
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox. Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. *In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.*



### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
now and forever. Amen.



**SYNOD TOPIC THREE - SPEAKING OUT:** We are invited to speak out boldly and responsibly. *What helps us to do this? What prevents us from doing this? How does the relationship with local media work (not only Catholic media)? How well do we choose the people who speak on our behalf to the wider community?* Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage [gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news](http://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news), and at <https://youtu.be/pSHHnlns15U>, to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at [synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk), which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks. *Next week: Synod topic four - Celebration*

# First Sunday of Advent [C] 2021

<b>November 2021</b>	<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
	<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b>	<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Patsy Hyslop (RD), Les Mills (RD), Emanuela Micallef (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30 (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Harriet Roe (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Solemnity of St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Thomas Gilheaney (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30  Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Patsy Hyslop (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Morgan (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Memorial of St. Francis Xavier</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Siobhan McNulty (RD)</i> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10.30 – 11am</b>	Adoration 11.30  Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Elizabeth &amp; Leo Walsh (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## The Sunday Obligation reinstated in the New Year 2022

“The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation will therefore be reinstated from Sunday 2nd January, the first of the new year. That Sunday coincides with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It will be an occasion for us to join the wise men in offering worship to the Infant Jesus. In accordance with the common teaching of the Church this obligation does not bind those in ill health or those otherwise impeded from attending Mass. Nor, in the context of Covid, does it bind those showing symptoms of the virus or with underlying health conditions, or those with responsibilities for people in need of special care. The obligation to keep the Lord’s Day holy by attending Mass should not be seen as a burden. It is a summons addressed to our human freedom and to the heart of every baptised member of the Church. “There is within me”, said St Ignatius of Antioch, “a murmur of living water which says, ‘Come to the Father’”. The obligation calls us to come to the Father together with our fellow-believers, to “listen to the word of God and to take part in the Eucharist, calling to mind the passion, resurrection and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God who ‘has begotten [us] to a living hope, through the resurrection of Christ from the dead’” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 106; 1 Pt 1:3). Sunday Mass can reinvigorate and refresh our Christian faith, our sense of community and our desire to live as missionary disciples in the world. This is why the Church takes this obligation seriously. It has been good to have access to the Sacred Liturgy online, and we encourage those unable to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays to continue making use of this. Of itself, though, online participation does not fulfil the obligation. Nothing can adequately replace actual presence.”

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Margaret Morgan, Patsy Hyslop, Siobhan McNulty, Les Mills, Thomas (Tommy) Gilheaney, Harriet Roe (Glasgow).*

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

*Liz Berti 2018, Shannon Elizabeth Byrne 2000, Sarah Heaney 1955, Jemima McAuliffe 2001, Eddie McNamara 2014, Lilian Paterson 2011, Maria Reid 2013, Peggy Dorian Smith 1991, Martin Vernon 2011, James Allen 2003, Molly Ball née Cahill 2011, Ann Hackett 1998, Andy Stevens 1995, Gribben family, Janie McGonigle 2012, Mary Bridget Timmons, Jack Collins 1970, Margaret Hamilton 1992, Collette McKibben 2003, Matt Donnelly 2020, Alison Harkness 2020, John McNamara 1997, Elizabeth Theresa Walsh 1970, Jim Wallace 2014, Brian O'Hare 2009, Tom Reid 2006, Monica Tipping 2010, John Welsh 2009, Jim Delahunt 2014, Mary Finnigan 2020, Martin Lehane 2015, Mary Martin 1983, Isabella McGoogan 1998, Gordon Alexander Smith 1997.*

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

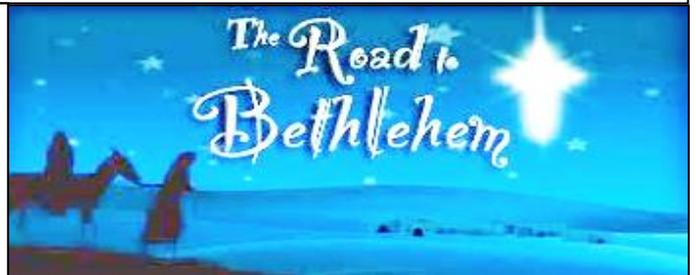
- ▶ **THANK YOU** St Peter's Church has received 2 anonymous donations of £1000. We sincerely thank you and God bless you.
- ▶ **THANK YOU TO OUR SYCAMORE COORDINATORS** A big "thank you" to our Parish Coordinators for the Sycamore Project which has just come to an end before Advent. Sincere thanks to Laura, Joe and Peter, Marade, Maureen, Anne, Alison, John, Katrina and all the helpers for refreshments.
- ▶ **ARDROSSAN CEMETERY MASS** Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be today, 28th November at 2pm. We will offer the Mass for all our deceased loved ones, friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome to come along.
- ▶ **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!
- ▶ **CHANA - DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS** we are teaming up with the charity Night before Christmas (NB4CC) to provide those who are homeless and being supported by North Ayrshire Council a Christmas present. Last year we donated £790, not counting the direct donations. We would be delighted if people would contribute to this charity. This can be done by visiting NB4CC's "Justgiving" page <https://www.justgiving.com/nb4cc> or putting your donation in an envelope marked "NB4CC" in the church collection".
- ▶ **ST. PETER'S CHURCH PIETY STALL** If you should require purchasing anything i.e., Christmas Cards, Mass Cards, Religious Items etc. It is important that a face covering must be worn. Thank you.
- ▶ **NEWSPAPER** The November edition of the Irish Voice is now available, collect your free copy from the stall today.
- ▶ **THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** Issue 3 is now available at a cost of £2. From today this magazine will only be available to those who pre-order and pay for the yearly subscription. Please contact the parish office if you would like to to order and pre-pay for a subscription to this lovely magazine.

### **The Advent Season begins today**

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Church year and marks the beginning of our journey toward Christmas. We prepare for everything we consider important... and how we prepare for Christmas says something about what our priorities are. How will you prepare for Christmas this year? What will be most important? The gifts? The food? Avoiding family drama? The tree and decorations? The Manger? Or the Christmas Mass? Here's an idea: Make this Advent a life-changing time in your life. Allow God's grace to touch you and your life in a new way, to transform you in ways you know you need and ways unexpected. Make the most important part of this Christmas a personal spiritual renewal. We all need the Lord to lead us to peaceful waters and restore our souls this Advent and Christmas. May God bless you and all those you love. Let us never lose sight of how blessed we are, and mindful of our blessings may gratitude be our constant reality.

### **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



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

A mother was teaching her three year old daughter the Our Father Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to do it on her own. The mother listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end - "Lead us not into temptation" she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail, Amen".

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