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Meeting people where they are... leading them where God calls them to be!



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [C]

29th December 2024

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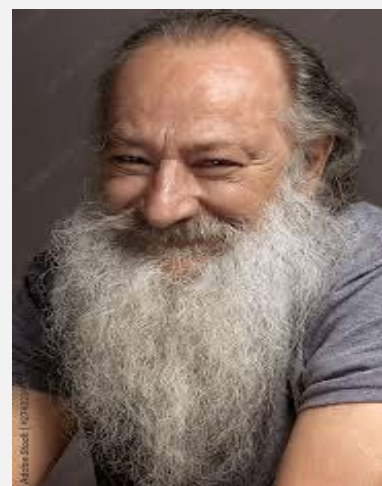
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Potato Crisps

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato crisps and a six-pack of lemonade and started his journey. When he had gone about three streets, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his lemonade when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some crisps. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a lemonade. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As twilight approached, the boy realised how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied "I ate potato crisps in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected." Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally! Have lunch with God... and bring crisps...



Christmas Octave [C]

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> Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		
		ST. BRIDE'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. MARY'S	
Saturday 28 th December	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH [C] Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Jean Conlan (CB), Ann McDonald (SI), Mary Sammons (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 29 th December	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH [C] Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)	
Monday 30 th December	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Jane McGonigle (A), Theresa McGuire (A), John Hendry (A), Theresa McGarvey (A)</i>				
Tuesday 31 st December	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Arturo, Cosimo & Natalina Farro (A), McEvoy Family (CB), Reilly Family (CB)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am			
Wednesday 1 st January	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD New Years Day (With the Blessing for the New Year) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for O'Brien Family (CB), Howie Family (CB)</i>	Mass 10am			
Thursday 2 nd January	MEMORIAL OF SS BASIL AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Lizzie Paterson (A), Gough Family (CB), Patrick & Sarah Braniff (A)</i>				
Friday 3 rd January	MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary, Seamus & Michael Reilly (A),</i> Benediction 10.30am (<i>Refreshments in our Café afterwards</i>)	Mass 10am			
Saturday 4 th January	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [C] (Blessing of chalk for the traditional House Blessing) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for McWhinnie Family (CB), Mary & Esther Madden (A), Michael, Philomena & June Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

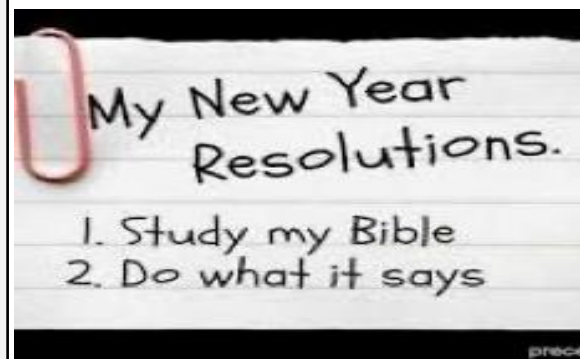
Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly, Veronica McAuley, Tony Smith, Rosemary Smith, Sr. Margareta, Jim McEwan, Grant Mitchell, Wynter McNabb, Betty Craig, Carolyn McGinn, Cathie Currie, Alan & Margaret McDonald, Kathleen Tracy.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Margaret Gribben, Gabrielle Cahill.

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

Patrick Cahill 2010, Kit Keen 2012, Mary Dorian Stirling 1999, Anna Ferrie 2014, John Hendry 2015, May Kelly 2016, Frank Clark 2009, Theresa McGarvey 2019, Mary McSpurren 2020, Alice Sibbald 2010, Terence Witt 2010, Alfonso Agostini 1955, Brian Connick 2010, Father Joseph Glendinning 1993, Catherine McAteer 2014, Joleen McIndoe 2015, William Twigg 1983, June Doherty 2010, Isabella Dougherty 2010, Charles Patrick Hendry 1967, Helen McGinn 2012, Father Andrew Karwemera 2002, Lizzie Macnamara, James Murphy 1997, Thomas Bell 2019, Hugh Brown 1980, Betty Burns 2023, Susan Burns 1986, Maura Lapsley 2019, Mary Reilly 2023, May Rollie 2007, Catherine Marroni 2012, John McTiernan 2016, Sister Imelda CP 2000, Sister Marie Celeste CP 2000, Gerry Brown 2010, Tom McAvennie 2011, Charles Retzbach 2000, Dorothy Welsh 2014.



ST PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection
 22nd December 2024: £517.48
 Second Collection (Building Fund): £282.48

ST BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection
 22nd December 2024: £136.85

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

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

► **H.C.P.T. LOURDES GROUP 376 NEW YEAR'S DAY DIP** Esther Coulter will be doing the New Years day dip at 12 noon across from the church. Esther and group members will be collecting at all masses this and next weekend for the Lourdes charity. The group are travelling again at Easter with a number of adults who require additional support . Thanks to all who supported the recent festive afternoon and who support the group with donations during the year. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us

► **ST PETER'S 50/50 CLUB** Congratulations to November and December winners who each win £25;- No.196: Kevin Meina No.170; Anne McCormick No: 175 John McPherson, No: 122 Moira Connor No:178 Mary Jane White No.:171 Alfie Agostini , No.193 Jean Smith No.39 Anne Calvert & the Bonus of £100 for December to Joseph Sammons, Many thanks to our Members for their continuing support during 2024. We start our new year 2025 in January, membership renewal continues at £15 annually. NEW Members are very welcome. please contact Mrs Myriame Sammons the 50/50 Club Promoter on Tele:469006

► **THANK YOU** St Bride's have received a very generous donation of £2000. A very warm thank you for you generosity .

► **CHANA** A huge thank you to all who donated to Chana's Night Before Christmas Appeal. 168 presents have been delivered in time for Christmas to those in the Homeless Hostel and in Supported Accommodation in North Ayrshire.



Blessing Prayer for the New Year 2025

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, we gather at the Christmas tree or Nativity scene. All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins: Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest! **R/**. And peace to his people on earth!

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing: Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis: God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day. Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/**. Thanks be to God. Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year. Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. **R/**. Amen. The leader says: Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross: Thanks be to God. The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

"Hope Does Not Disappoint" - Pope proclaims Holy Year 2025

"The time has come for a new Jubilee when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ," Pope Francis said in a document formally proclaiming the Holy Year 2025. Christians must "abound in hope" to be credible witnesses of God's love, he wrote, and they can give signs of that hope by having children, welcoming migrants, visiting prisoners, working for peace, opposing the death penalty, helping young people find a job, pressuring rich countries to forgive the debt of poor countries, praying for the souls in purgatory and lobbying to divert money from military spending to food aid. In a world seemingly marked by war, divisions, environmental destruction and economic challenges, hope can seem hard to come by, he said. But "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."

New Year's Day 2025 - Mary, the Mother of God

Pope Francis encourages us: "We are in this world not to die, but to give life. The holy Mother of God teaches us that the first step in giving life to those around us is to cherish it within ourselves. Today's Gospel tells us that Mary "kept all these things in her heart" (cf. Lk 2:19). And goodness comes from the heart. How important it is to keep our hearts pure, to cultivate our interior life and to persevere in our prayer! How important it is to educate our hearts to care, to cherish the persons and things around us. Everything starts from this: from cherishing others, the world and creation. What good is it to know many persons and things if we fail to cherish them? This year, while we hope for new beginnings and new cures, let us not neglect care. Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care. This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us... What are we called to find at the beginning of this year? It would be good to find time for someone. Time is a treasure that all of us possess, yet we guard it jealously, since we want to use it only for ourselves. Let us ask for the grace to find time for God and for our neighbour – for those who are alone or suffering, for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them. May Our Lady, who brought God into the world of time, help us to be generous with our time. Holy Mother of God, to you we consecrate this New Year. You, who know how to cherish things in your heart, care for us, bless our time, and teach us to find time for God and for others. With joy and confidence, we acclaim you: Holy Mother of God! Amen.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to Mass and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

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