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# ST. BRIDE'S • WEST KILBRIDE

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Second Sunday of Advent [C]

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday between  
4.45pm-5.15pm and by request.  
**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✝ The Reason for Christmas



A woman was Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of walking down row after row of toys and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the shop lift with her two children in hand. She was feeling what so many of us feel during the festive season

time of the year, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card. Finally the lift doors opened revealing a crowd in the lift. She pushed her way in and dragged her two kids and all her bags of stuff in with her. As the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and blurted out, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot." From the back of the lift, a quiet calm voice responded, "Don't worry, we've already crucified Him." The rest of the way down was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all would, just think how much better this world would be.



### Christmas Forever

You won't need a special star I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations –  
You'll have to look beyond the shops and all the decorations.

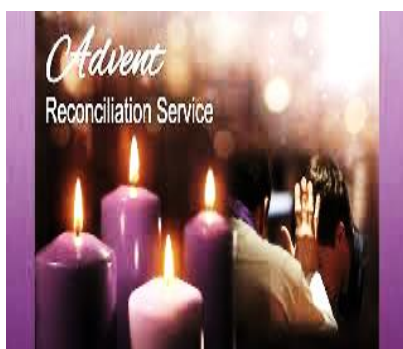
But if you take a moment from your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find me in the stillness As I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent [C]

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Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		ST. BRIDE'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. MARY'S	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Jim Timmone (RD), John Tracy (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Alice Lappin (RD)</i>	Mass 10am			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for James Coyle (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am Requiem Mass 12noon <b>Máire McCaffery</b>		Mass 10am (L)	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Renee Kane (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jim Mathieson (A), Daniel McMail (A), Annemarie McMail (A)</i>			Mass 10am (L)	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>REQUIEM MASS FOR THOMAS CLARKE 10am</b>	Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary Sammons (RD)</i>	Mass 10am (L)		
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]</b> (GAUDATE SUNDAY) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Tony McGarvey (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)	



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION 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

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Máire McCaffery, John Tracy, Mary Sammons, Jim Timmone, Alice Lappin,  
James Coyle, Renee Kane, Tommy Clarke.*

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

*Alexander Bartley 2017, Teresa Dorans 2006, Francis Fitzpatrick 2020, George Kelly 2011,  
Philip Gargan 2012, Margaret Hughes 2006, James Mathieson 1999, John Welsh 2017,  
Gerard McCulloch 1990, Anthony McGarvey 1996, Bruna Conn 2009, John Taylor 2002,  
Agnes Stevenson 1992, John McKay junior 1972, Catherine McMahan 2005,  
Ina McKay 1998, Cassie Millen 2011, May O'Farrell 2013, Agnes Tomelty 2017,  
Jim McIntosh 2019, Father Alec Smith SDB 2008, John Tracy 1999, Mary Dunn 2002,  
George Forbes 2014, Agnes Martin 2007, James Devlin 2021, James Devine 2021,  
Kenny Brown 2015, James McSorley 2010, Desmond Walsh 2007,  
Maria Cunningham 1997, Harry McKeachan 2020, Alex Fitzpatrick 1991,  
James McGlynn 2004, Catherine McGrattan 1969, Sheila McLaughlin 2010,  
Danny McMail 2016, Harry Quigg 1998, John Ireland 2017, Maria Monaghan 1998,  
Margaret Newall 1994, Margaret Spencer 1992, Alexander Stewart 1982,  
James Taylor 2002, Mary Branchfield 2003, Laurence Poland 2010,  
Sam Ferguson 2008, Catherine Graham 2015, Norman Lamont 2009,  
James McIntosh 1998, Mary Hall 1999, Annie Thompson 2016.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR MÁIRE MCCAFFREY AT ST BRIDE'S** Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Máire McCaffrey, who died on 24th November, aged 84 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 10th December at 12 noon at St Bride's, followed by Interment at West Kilbride Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **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. 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!
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR THOMAS CLARKE AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Response of the Soul of Thomas Clarke, who died on 18th November, aged 78 years. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 13th December at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ▶ **THANK YOU PARISHIONERS OF ST PETER IN CHAINS** The Neonatal Unit at Crosshouse Hospital thank everyone for their very generous donations.
- ▶ **SUNDAY TEAS AT ST PETER'S** St Matthew's pupils will be serving Tea/Coffee and a selection of hot rolls after Mass today, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- ▶ **NEW SUNDAY MISSALS** The new missals have arrived and are available for collection for those who have preordered. There are a very limited amount of missals available to purchase for those who have not preordered.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ON-CALL** Please keep all those in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers. Father Duncan will be on the emergency on-call this coming week at the Ayrshire Hospitals.
- ▶ **CHAIR DANCE WITH LOUIE AT ST PETER'S** has now stopped and will restart Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm till 1pm in the Parish Centre, £3.00 entry.
- ▶ **KNIT & KNATTER** has now stopped and will restart Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm.
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** There will be a Christmas Carol Service in the EU Church, Glasgow Street, Ardrossan at 7pm on Tuesday 10th December. Some of our children from St Peter's Primary School have been invited to sing. All welcome.

#### **WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?**

The Immaculate Conception refers to the dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without any stain of Original Sin in preparation for becoming the Mother of God, the Son Jesus Christ. Before the creation of the world, God the Father chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of his Son, Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel announced to her that she was "full of grace" (Luke 1:29)—or God's "favoured one," as in some Scripture translations—indicating her unique worthiness to conceive the Son of God; she "was enriched by God with the gifts which befit such a role" (LG 56). From the very beginning the Church has believed not only that the Blessed Virgin Mary was a virgin but also that she was not conceived with any stain of Original Sin into which everyone is conceived after the sin of Adam and Eve. This unique privilege enabled her to fulfil perfectly her unique mission as the Mother of God. God the Father blessed the Mother of his Son more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places [and chose her] in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Bl. Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus* [1854]: DS 2803). (Cf. CCC 966). The feast of the Immaculate Conception reminds us of the special favour that Mary received, and that this was an anticipation of the redemption that Christ would accomplish for all. We, too, have been loved into existence by God, and have received the gift of faith and the gift of God's grace we have done nothing of ourselves to merit. So we can truly say with Mary "The Lord has done great things for me."



#### **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> Dec. at 2pm in St Peter's Church. In aid of H.C.P.T Lourdes Group 376 and Father Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust. Tickets are available after 10.30am Sunday mass at St Peter's Esther Coulter 07772433070 pay at door. Tickets £8 inc. afternoon tea.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024: £538.26  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £254.84  
Standing Orders for November 2024: £3807.00

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

Offertory Cash Collection 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024: £109.25  
Standing Orders for November 2024: £1102.00

*Many thanks for your support and generosity!*

**JUST FOR A LAUGH...** It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike. So, she told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Sam went to his room and wrote 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version. 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter. 'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'



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