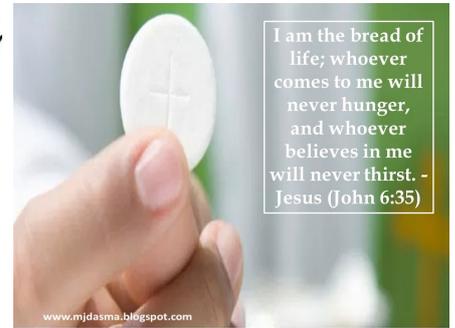


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I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. - Jesus (John 6:35)

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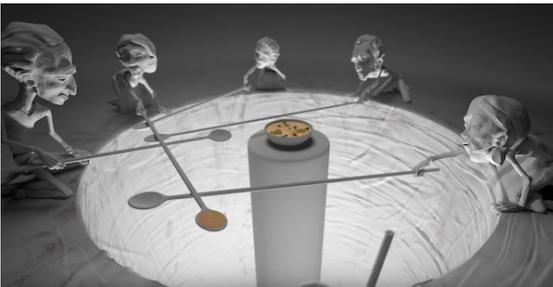
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand." God smiled. It is simple, he said, Love only requires one skill. These people learned early on to share and feed one another. While the greedy only think of themselves!



GOD'S WORKSHOP

Poet: Alex Tuer

*I think of Life as God's workshop,
Where we each have our work to do.
To some are entrusted many tasks —
To others — only a few.*

*One man may rule a nation.
Or conquer a thousand foes.
One may just soothe a widow's grief;
Another — just plant a rose.*

*One man may climb Fame's ladder
Till he reaches Life's highest goal.
Another goes down to the gates of Hell
And brings back a poor lost soul.*

*But none shall be called unworthy
Who works as best he can,
For, lowly or high, each has a part
In the Master Workman's plan.*

*And I think when the Master Workman
Shall show us his finished plan,
It will be just a picture of God Himself,
The soul of a perfect man.*

Parish Liturgy for the coming week

Monday 2nd August

St Mary's
10.00am Mass
(Live Streamed)

Tuesday 3rd August

St. John Ogilvie's
10.00am Mass
(Live Streamed)

Wednesday 4th August

St Mary's
1.30pm Wedding

Thursday 5th August

St Mary's
10.00am Mass
(Live Streamed)

St. John Ogilvie
12 noon Funeral Mass
for Mary Tate
(Live Streamed)

Friday 6th August

No service

Saturday 7th August

St. John Ogilvie
4.00pm Vigil Mass
(Live Streamed)

St. Mary's
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8th August

St. John Ogilvie's
9.30am Mass

St. Mary's
11.00am Mass
(Live Streamed)

Confessions
By appointment.

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INTENTIONS

Please keep the following in your prayers during the week:

Recently Deceased: Mary Tate

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions:

Collection for last week

Envelopes: £106.50 **Loose coins** £79.23 **Standing orders (per month)** £1301.00

Thank you for your continued support.

200 Club winners for 18th & 25th July

1st	Gertrud Gaffney (197) Dee Torney (134)	2nd	Cathie Dowell (92) James Hollis (106)	3rd	Anna McCullagh (10) Jean Finn (39)
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Summer draw winner - Agnes Sneddon (117)

Congratulations to all our winners! We'll make arrangements to get your winnings to you!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

No General Audience this week.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Here is a thought based on today's Sunday Readings for all our couples in the Parish

Jesus will give us courage and strength
The readings today focus very much on God's love and care for each of us. Our relationship at times can be challenged by something like a serious physical or mental illness, making it very hard to communicate. At such times, if we dig deep, we will find the trust we have in Jesus. This can pull us through together.

PROTECTION LEVEL ZERO

The following email was received from the diocesan office. **Comments in red are how we interpret these instructions.**

As you may already know, the First Minister announced today that all parts of the country will move to **Protection Level Zero** on Monday 19th July. From this date:

1. The 2 metre physical distancing between households /bubbles for places of worship, and other indoor spaces, will be reduced to 1 metre. **Our church seating will be remapped to accommodate this.**
2. Face coverings must still be worn in churches.
3. Stewarding and hygiene and disinfection measures must remain in place as previously.

4. **VENTILATION:** The virus is predominantly contagious through the breathing in of air droplets, therefore windows and doors in the Churches should be open during Mass, and especially between Masses. Please maximise ventilation, especially during the summer months with better weather.
5. Up to 200 people are permitted to attend weddings and funerals, as long as 1 metre physical distancing can be in place between households.
6. Congregational singing with face coverings is permitted. Care should be taken when using hymn books. Parishes with a copyright license may print hymn words on single-use sheets or in the bulletin. If hymn books are used, they should be set aside for 72 hours before being used again by another household. **We will project hymns on to the large screens. Hymn books will not be used.**
7. Booking is recommended when capacity is likely to be exceeded. Contact details are to be taken for Track & Trace. **Eventbrite will still be used and we would encourage all those who can book using this method to do so. This is to allow a printed check-in sheet to be produced for stewards. Those who can't use the on-line booking can just turn up for Mass but will need to give their name and telephone number to the stewards for Track & Trace purposes. This will be reviewed in 1 month.**
8. Holy water fonts are to remain empty, the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace is not permitted, and Communion from the chalice should not yet be taken by the congregation.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we will have Father Boyd and Deacon Rennie distribute communion simultaneously. One will position himself in front of the pulpit and the other in front of the tabernacle. Stewards will invite the congregation on a row by row basis from the front of the church as normal to go to communion. Please return to your seat via the centre aisle 'merging in turn' and adhering to the 1 metre social distancing rule.

Please deliver a copy of this newsletter to our sick and housebound parishioners

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

(Taken from Sunday Connection)

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and re-joins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realising that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

HOW TO BOOK SEATS FOR MASS

Seat availability through Eventbrite will be increased from 45 to 90 at St. Mary's and at St. John Ogilvie's. Eventbrite will remain open for the next month to allow monitoring and allow us to review its need thereafter. Parishioners who can't book seats on-line are invited to just turn up for Mass.

Seats at St. John Ogilvie's

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seat-bookings-for-st-john-ogilvies-tickets-157385057945>

Seats at SJO Cry room

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sjo-cry-room-booking-tickets-157385218425>

Seats at St. Mary's

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seat-bookings-for-st-marys-tickets-157384789141>

Click on the relevant hyperlink and you should be taken to Eventbrite where you can book seats or copy the link to your browser.

CHURCH CLEANERS

With more people now attending Mass there is a greater need to maintain cleanliness in our churches. At St. John Ogilvie's we had a super team of ladies in Sue Lloyd, Gertrud Gaffney, Wilma McDougall and Doreen Cowan who diligently cleaned our church every Friday. They are all stars! One or two other parishioners from time to time may have assisted. It's time to thank our team for their huge effort and dedication for the work they have done for us. It is now our intention to bring in professional cleaners to take over and give our ladies a well deserved rest. The 'girls' have prepared a schedule which will be used as the basis for the new contract.

Thank you ladies!

AND FINALLY JUST FOR A LAUGH

There was a young deacon who had just joined a Parish. His picture had been in the local newspaper, in the church bulletins, and he had even been on local television.

So he thought everyone in town should know him.

He went to the nursing home to visit an elderly member of the congregation. As he walked down the hall she was sitting in a wheelchair outside her room. He walked up to her with a smile on his face, stuck out his hand, and said, "Do you know who I am?"

She replied, "No, but if you ask the lady at the nurse's station, she may be able to tell you."



I've always wondered if songbirds get mad at hummingbirds for not knowing the words!



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All components of the Catholic Church in Scotland, especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility, value the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to uphold the highest safeguarding standards in our relationships with people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. And therefore, as a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and voluntary members - to work together to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.



Every Sunday evening in
the Church Hall
Eyes down 7.30
Give this worthwhile social
event your support please!

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Regulation came into force on Friday **25th May 2018**, and gives individuals greater rights and control over the use of their personal information. **Your privacy is important to the Parish Communities of St. John's and St. Mary's.** We use the personal data, provided by you for Pastoral support and the administration of weekly collections. The information is held securely and confidentially in electronic or paper format. We will not share this information with third parties without your prior consent. A fuller Privacy Notice is now available on the Diocesan website. www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr

Baptism:

Infant Baptisms are generally celebrated during Sunday Mass. Parents and Godparents are asked to participate in a pre-baptismal meeting. Infants should be baptised within the first few weeks after birth. Please contact Father Boyd.

Weddings:

Congratulations on your engagement! A minimum of six months advanced planning and preparation is required. Please contact Father Willie Boyd for more information.

Holy Communion to the Sick or Housebound:

Please inform us if someone is needing Holy Communion at home, or wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Thank you!

Hall Bookings

Would you like to book the hall for that special function?

Contact 07534 626621

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