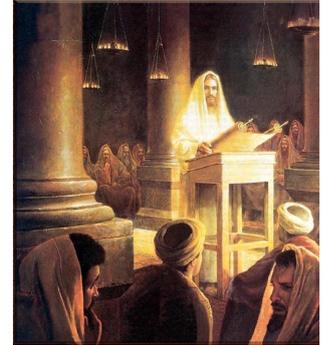


# ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



23RD JANUARY 2022  
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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

### **Toothpaste**

One night in July at an all-girls summer camp, the campers were gathered around in a circle for their night time devotions. The counsellor asked if any of the girls wanted to share something that had happened that day that impacted them. One camper raised her hand and said a girl from another camp cabin had said something that hurt her feelings and she was really upset about it.

The camp counsellor went to the bathroom to grab a tube of toothpaste. She took the tube and squeezed it just a bit so some toothpaste came out. She then tried to put the toothpaste back in the tube, but it just created a mess. Then she squeezed the tube even more, pushing more toothpaste out and creating even more of a mess, but none of it would go back into the tube.

The counsellor then told the campers, "this toothpaste represents the words you speak. Once you say something that you want to take back, it's impossible and it only creates a mess. Think before you speak, and make sure your words are going to good use before you let them out."

### **The Moral:**

Speaking is a fundamental social skill required for living a successful life. However, many are careless with their words, but they hold so much power. They can have a direct impact on the outcome of a situation, creating a helpful or hurtful reaction in our world. The problem is, once words come out of your mouth, no amount of "I'm sorry" will make them go back in: blurting something out and then attempting to take it back is like shutting the gate after the horse has bolted.

Thinking before you speak allows you the time to consider the potential impact of your words. Be careful when choosing where and when you let your words out. You can easily hurt other people, and once you do, you can't take it back.



### **The Weight of the World**

Once, a psychology professor walked around his classroom full of students holding a glass of water with his arm straightened out to the side. He asked his students, "How heavy is this glass of water?" The students started to shout out guesses - ranging anywhere from 4 ounces to one pound.

The professor replied, "The absolute weight of this glass isn't what matters while I'm holding it. Rather, it's the amount of time that I hold onto it that makes an impact.

If I hold it for, say, two minutes, it doesn't feel like much of a burden. If I hold it for an hour, its weight may become more apparent as my muscles begin to tire. If I hold it for an entire day - or week - my muscles will cramp and I'll likely feel numb or paralysed with pain, making me feel miserable and unable to think about anything aside from the pain that I'm in.

In all of these cases, the actual weight of the glass will remain the same, but the longer I clench onto it, the heavier it feels to me and the more burdensome it is to hold.

The class understood and shook their heads in agreement.

The professor continued to say, "This glass of water represents the worries and stresses that you carry around with you every day. If you think about them for a few minutes and then put them aside, it's not a heavy burden to bear. If you think about them a little longer, you will start to feel the impacts of the stress. If you carry your worries with you all day, you will become incapacitated, prohibiting you from doing anything else until you let them go."

Don't carry your worries around with you everywhere you go, as they will do nothing but bring you down.

Put down your worries and stresses. Don't give them your entire attention while your life is passing you by.

### **The Moral:**

Don't carry your worries around with you everywhere you go, as they will do nothing but bring you down. Put your "glass down" each night and move on from anything that is unnecessarily stressing you out. Don't carry this extra weight into the next day.

### **Parish Liturgy for the coming week**

#### **Monday 24th January**

*St Mary's*  
10.00am Mass  
(Live Streamed)

#### **Tuesday 25th January**

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

**Wednesday 26th  
January**

*No Services*

#### **Thursday 27th January**

*St. Mary's*  
10.00am Mass for  
(Live Streamed)

#### **Friday 28th January**

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

#### **Saturday 29th January**

*St. John Ogilvie's*  
4.00pm Vigil Mass

*St. Mary's*  
6.00pm Vigil Mass  
(Live Streamed)

#### **Sunday 30th January**

*St. John Ogilvie's*  
9.30am Mass  
(Live Streamed)

*St. Mary's*  
11.00am Mass

#### **Confessions**

By appointment.

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## INTENTIONS

Please keep the following in your prayers during the week:

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Colleen Moore, Margaret Brunton

### Other Intentions:

### Collection for last two weeks

**Envelopes:** £62.00    **Loose coins:** £43.72    **Contactless:** £15.00    **Standing orders (per month)** £1658.75

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### 200 Club winners

1st

2nd

3rd

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

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### 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

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the figure of Saint Joseph, we now consider his example of fatherly love and its importance in the life of Jesus. In the Gospels, significantly, Jesus always appeals to the image of an earthly father when speaking of his heavenly Father and his love. We see this especially in the parable of the prodigal son (cf. Lk15:11-32), which speaks not only of sin and forgiveness, but also of the love that renews and redeems broken relationships. Like the prodigal son, we too are invited to acknowledge our sins and failings, but also to let ourselves be changed by the loving embrace of the Lord. God's tender love is also seen in the trust he places in us to carry out his will by the power of his grace, which works even through our human weaknesses. As a loving Father, God helps us to see the truth about ourselves, in order to make us grow to spiritual maturity in Christ. That is why it is so important to encounter his merciful love in the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of Reconciliation. Through Saint Joseph's intercession, may we learn to follow Christ and to be witnesses to the transforming power of his divine love.

### LIVE STREAMING OPERATORS

My thanks to the two volunteers who contacted me for live streaming training for St. John Ogilvie's. Training will start shortly. We now have 2 volunteers from each parish.

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

#### A new creation

On our wedding day you and I became us! I am still me, you are still you, but we are now linked together in a unique relationship. When we share ourselves completely with each other, we are enabled to speak with the authority of faith, hope and love. In this context we bring the Good News of marriage to everyone.

#### COVID-19

In line with Government advice, people are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before mixing with groups of people. This includes the priest and congregation attending Mass.

**If your lateral flow test returns a positive result, please do not attend Mass but self isolate.**

Once again, the church has been marked out for 1 metre social distancing (both sides). Please follow the stewards instructions. You will be shown to your seat and at the end of Mass will be invited to leave your seat in an orderly manner. Once again we would ask that you do not congregate outside the church after Mass and that you maintain a 1 metre distance between you and others. Face coverings should be worn while in church (unless exempt) and nose and mouth must both be covered.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Church on 1st February for children from St. Mark's school.

Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Church on 17th February for children of St. John Ogilvie's school. Bishop Nolan has insisted that confirmation should take place in one church in each town despite appeals to the contrary.

Please pray for our children from both schools being confirmed this year.

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

## **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

*(Taken from Sunday Connection)*

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did - bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed - we serve the Kingdom of God.

### **200 CLUB**

New boxes are available in the narthex. Each box contains a slip of paper which needs to be completed and returned quickly. Pop it in the box provided.

### **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

**RC Irvine Synod Encounter** is an online Zoom event on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm**. To register visit [Evenbrite](#) and you will be sent the zoom login.

Alternatively, visit the Diocese of Galloway website ([SYNOD page](#)) and complete the online [questionnaire](#).

For those unable to access online you can get a paper copy in the porch. Return completed copies through the door of the presbytery. All methods of engagement are designed so that everybody will have an equal opportunity to explore the topic 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission', consider the 10 key themes and share their opinions.

**You are strongly encouraged to take part in whatever way you can.**

### **GALLOWAY LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ 50-50 CLUB**

Dear members, you are invited to renew your annual membership of £15.

Payments can be made to Therese Gibson, 6 Harris Court Dreghorn, KA11 4JR. Tel. 01294 212466

Cheques should be made payable to:

#### **GALLOWAY LOURDES 50-50 CLUB**

Envelopes may be left in the basket as you leave the Church. If you currently pay by bank standing order, please check that your payment is set up to leave your account on the due date.

Thank you for your continued commitment which ensures that much of the good work of the Lourdes Hospitalité is achieved.

**Please also inform Therese if you have changed name or address to avoid winning cheques being sent to the wrong address.**

### **CARE OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING**

The meeting scheduled for 20th January has been postponed. A new date will be communicated shortly. This meeting will be a 'virtual meeting' and all members will receive an on-line link to attend this meeting. Anyone else who would like to attend the meeting on-line should email Rob Copeland at [rob@secretsofsuccess.biz](mailto:rob@secretsofsuccess.biz) to get the link.

### **FINALLY ..... JUST FOR A LAUGH**

A Scotsman walked into the Bank of England in Threadneedle Street, Central London and asked for the manager. He told the manager that he was going to Australia on business for two weeks and needed to borrow £5,000.

The manager told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so Hamish handed over the keys and documents of a new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produced the Log Book and everything checked out. The manager agreed to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank's General Manager and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the rough looking Scotsman for using a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral against a £5000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it there.

Two weeks later, Hamish returned, repaid the £5,000 and the interest, which came to £15.41.

The manager said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzled us is, why would you bother to borrow £5,000?"

Hamish replied: "Where else in London can I park my car for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"



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**SAFEGUARDING**

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](http://www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-gdpr)

**Baptism:**

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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