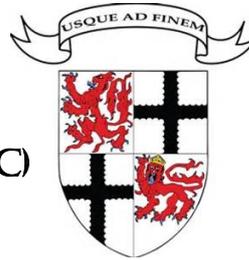


ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



15TH MAY 2022
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Food fell off his spoon onto the table. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." The husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mum to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any

longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Always remember these words:

They raised you when you didn't know how to walk. They gave you food to eat when you didn't know how to eat by yourself. They had patience with you when you were learning new things. They taught you to be the person you are today. They made sacrifices to give you a dignified life, a roof to sleep under, a plate at the table, an education, and it's thanks to them that you are the person you have become today.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb. If they see us patient, providing a happy home atmosphere for family members, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives. The wise parent realises that every day the building blocks are being laid for the child's future. So, let's be wise builders and role models to everyone we meet. Our children are watching.

SMILE (It's free)

A smile is cheer to you and me

*It comforts the weary, gladdens the sad
consoles those in trouble, good or bad.*

*To rich and poor, beggar or thief,
it's free to all of any belief.*

*A natural gesture of young and old
cheers on the faint, disarms the bold.*

*Unlike most blessings for which we pray,
it's one thing we keep when we give it away.*

FIRST COMMUNION

Children from both parishes will be receiving their First Communion this weekend, next weekend and the following weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants.

Parish Liturgy for the coming week

Monday 16th May

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

Tuesday 17th May

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

Wednesday 18th May

No services

Thursday 19th May

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

Friday 20th May

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

Saturday 21st May

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

Sunday 22nd May

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

*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:

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions:

Collection

Envelopes: £89.00 **Loose coins:** £44.44 **Contactless:** £20.00 **Standing orders (per month)** £1658.75

Easter envelopes - £5.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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1st

2nd

3rd

Draw made by

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

Today is all we have

We as a couple are unique - a one off! No other couple is quite like us. We can share the load, lighten the burden, and double the joys! Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Just as I care for myself, I must care for you too in the same way. Let us celebrate our 'coupleness'.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

Now that life is beginning to normalise post Covid and our church complex use is increasing, there is now a greater need to book rooms and hall to prevent double booking. This can be done through Susan McCullagh (See back page). We still need to form a small hall committee to manage hall use. We don't yet have any volunteers which we urgently need. A team of 4 would be great.

SUNDAY TEAS

Sunday teas has resumed in the hall after Mass. We still need volunteers if we want the Sunday teas to continue. Please support it by using the facility and by volunteering to do 1 Sunday per month.

WEEKLY WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, we now turn to the biblical heroine Judith. As a young woman, Judith had saved her people by slaying the Assyrian general Holofernes. The Scriptures tell us that after this victory she returned home and spent the rest of her life with her family. Judith can serve as an example for all those older people who, in retirement, find themselves adjusting to a new chapter of life and new opportunities for personal growth. Like Judith, who, at the end of her days, divided her inheritance and set her maidservant free, the elderly can be teachers of the young in the fundamental social virtues of generosity and attentive concern for the needs of others. In old age too, God asks us to employ our talents wisely for the good of our families and of society as a whole. As was Judith, may we be remembered not

only for the accomplishments of our youth, but also for the creativity and passion with which we continue to bear good fruit in every season of life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's liturgy starts this Sunday at 9.30 Mass. Any children aged 3 to Primary 7 are welcome to attend. Parents should contact one of the following people to register their child or get more information.

Angela Gibson,

Pauline Matsebanane

Angeline Reynolds

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Are you thinking about being a Priest in 2022?

The Diocese of Galloway is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary.

For more information please contact Fr. Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

CARFIN DAY OF THANKSGIVING

This will take place on Sunday 29th May 2022

A bus will be running from Irvine Town Centre. Pick up 1145hrs.

Please contact Gerry Quirk 01294 556680 if you wish to reserve a seat on the bus.

LINE DANCING

Fancy a bash? They say it's a great keep fit event! Line dancing is on each Thursday at 6.30pm in St. John Ogilvie's church hall. Just turn up and you'll be made most welcome.

IRVINE SENIORS FORUM OPEN DAY

This open day will take place on Tuesday 31st May in the Volunteer Rooms, 11am-3.00pm.

30 agencies and groups offering advice and help for the elderly will be there.

Free soup and sandwiches at lunchtime and some light entertainment are being provided.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please uplift a copy of the updated rota from the box in the narthex.

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 again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper. John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

HOSPITAL VISITING

The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals will be pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 07703 751403. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

DIOCESAN SYNODAL MEETING

The Diocesan Synod Team would like to extend a warm welcome to a meeting on Saturday, 28th May, in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock, to help bring the first diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality to an end. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon with a light lunch, and will be opened in prayer at 12:30 pm. There will be an opportunity to feedback on your own experiences of the Synod so far, to read the proposed diocesan report containing the findings of the Synod in our diocese, and to participate in a further "encounter" to shape the final draft of this report. The meeting will end with a liturgical celebration in the church, to finish no later than 4:00 pm. Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes, by emailing synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, or by letting your parish facilitator know you are coming. *Please note that there will be opportunities for a further synod encounter in early May prior to this meeting; details will be circulated soon.*

EVANGELISATION COURSE

The next meeting will take place on Thursday at 7.00pm Join the Zoom meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86268342509?pwd=RXhHb0dmdmFzWG5LbnN5M0Rxcml3QT09>

Meeting ID: 862 6834 2509
Passcode: 25120000

We also plan to live stream on all 3 platforms as we do Sunday and weekday Masses so you can join us there as well.

GIFTS AND TALENTS

*God fashioned all your parts
before you were even born.
He wants you as you are;
for His purpose you were formed.*

*He made you in His likeness,
unlike the beasts and creatures.
He's given you gifts and talents;
you are special in your features.*

*So discover all your talents;
work hard, try lots of things.
Watch for what you're good at;
these are the gifts God brings.*

*It may be violin, guitar,
singing or in art,
writing stories, maths,
history, good at facts;
determined, a leader, kind,
thinker, user of your mind,
organiser, helper,
encourager of others.
Or is it sport, a ball or bat,
God has made you strong and good at?
Whatever kind of hat,
develop fully that.*

*But He gave you gifts to honour Him,
not puff you up or think you're smart.
Nor should you covet someone else's gifts
and hide your own: this hurts your heart.*

*To do your best is how He wants you.
This is the way to be fulfilled.
Do not complain you would be different;
this robs of joy and twists your skills.*

*God made you very special.
Thank Him for how you are.
Ask Him to use you to bless others
and you will shine just like a star.*

FINALLY JUST FOR A LAUGH

When a group of Scottish tourists visited a crocodile farm in Australia, the owner of the place launched a bold proposal; "Whoever dares to jump in, swim to the shore and survive, I'll give you \$1 million".

No one dared to move. Suddenly, Jim jumped into the water and desperately swam to the shore while being chased by all the crocodiles.

With enormous luck and taking everyone's applause and admiration at the scene, Jim pulled himself ashore. The owner announced;

"We have a brave winner."

After collecting his reward, the couple returned to their hotel. Upon arrival, the manager told him; he was very brave to jump.

Jim said; I didn't jump, someone pushed me!

Lesley, his wife smiled...

Moral:

"Behind every successful man, there's a woman who pushes him"...



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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

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? Want to book a room for a meeting?

Contact Susan McCullagh on 07534 626621

Crosshouse Deacan

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