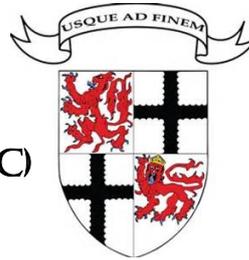


ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



22ND MAY 2022
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I love walking around a lake that lies just a few miles from my home. The lake is surrounded by trees and its paths are beautiful no matter what season of the year it is.

I got into the habit of taking my children with me on these walks as well. They seem to enjoy the fresh air, beautiful scenery, and oneness with nature as much as I do. My kids, however, do have one other reason for enjoying the lake. Like all children they enjoy throwing stones out into the middle of it.

They see how far they can toss a stone across it and watch the endless ripples that appear from the splash. I often wonder myself how far those ripples would go if the shores of the lake were not there to stop them.

A loving act, I think, is often like dropping a stone into the water. Only this time there is no lake shore to stop the ripples. The ripples from your loving act continue to flow onward and outward, touching the hearts and souls of everyone with no end that you can ever see.

If you don't believe me, then try it out for yourself. Say something kind and loving to everyone you meet today, smile at everyone, send out thoughts of joy and delight to everyone you pass, help everyone you can without being asked and watch the effects. You will be amazed at how people will brighten when touched by your love and goodness.

You will be amazed at how they will take it into their hearts and pass it on to others. You will be amazed at how your few acts of love will ripple out to change the world around you.

Remember then to choose and share all the love and joy you can today. It may seem only a drop in an ocean, but God will make sure that the ripples spread out to touch the entire world.

FIRST COMMUNION

Children from both parishes will be receiving their First Communion this weekend and next weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants.

HOLDING A GRUDGE

*Holding a grudge harms no one
Except he who continues the feud,
Though the other party in question
May have been thoughtless or even just rude.
The hours spent hating another
Are a terrible waste of time,
Bitterness destroys your connections
To others, with no reason or rhyme.
All religions teach their followers
To be peaceful and not purvey hate,
So set aside your negative thoughts,
Learn to love before it's too late.
Life is short and passes too quickly
To waste it on hatred and contempt
For another's supposed shortcomings,
At least try to make the attempt
To accept what you view as flaws
And realise God made us all;
However imperfect in your eyes,
Judging others is only God's call.*

ASCENSION THURSDAY

This coming Thursday is Ascension Thursday. Masses are shown in the adjacent panel. St. John Ogilvie's school children will be coming to church at 11.15 to celebrate Mass. This Mass will not be live streamed but the later 7.00pm Mass will be live streamed.

Parish Liturgy for the coming week

Monday 23rd May

St Mary's
10.00am Mass
(Live streamed)

Tuesday 24th May

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

Wednesday 25th May

No services

Thursday 26th May

St Mary's
10.00am Mass
(Live streamed)

St. John Ogilvie's
11.15am Childrens Mass
(NOT Live streamed)

St. John Ogilvie's
7.00pm Mass
(Live streamed)

Friday 27th May

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

Saturday 28th May

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

Sunday 29th 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: £169.00 **Loose coins:** £60.87 **Contactless:** £15.00 **Standing orders (per month)** £1658.75

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

Love is the fundamental requirement

Eastertide is a time for us as couples to celebrate the reality of our love as being a reflection of the presence of God, who IS Love. It is a time for us to recognise more readily the risen Lord is alive in us, with us, and present in the many and various ways we try to share our love.

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.

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 great biblical figure of Job. Job's persevering faith amid profound suffering led him to understand that God, who often appears silent in the face of evil, is nonetheless mysteriously present with his redemptive mercy and love. In his affliction, Job rejects the facile explanations of evil offered by his friends and pours out all his violent pain and protest before God. At the same time, he expresses his trust in God's justice, to be revealed in due time. All of us know situations where good people endure sufferings that appear unjust and unbearable, yet, like Job, continue to put their faith in God's promises. The elderly, with the vision born of faith and long experience, can offer a privileged witness in this regard. By their example of trusting prayer, they can teach us to unite ourselves to the crucified Jesus, who on the cross surrendered himself completely into the hands of his heavenly Father, whose infinite love transforms death into life and the greatest evil into abundant good.

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)

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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.*

THANK YOU

Sophie-Anne would like to thank everyone for their love, support and very kind gifts for her First Holy Communion last weekend.

EVANGELISATION COURSE

The next meeting will take place on Thursday at 7.00pm
Join the Zoom meeting

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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.

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.

FINALLY JUST FOR A LAUGH

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband.. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome .. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking BA," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"BA?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant.

Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of BA's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine was wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a £5 million remodelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They too, were overbooked, so they apologised and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I bet you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me"

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who the heck did your hair?"



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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:

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

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Rev Bill Corbett
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