

# ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



19TH JUNE 2022  
SOLEMNITY OF  
CORPUS CHRISTI (C)



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

It seemed that, as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second, eggs, and in the last, ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the young woman replied. The mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened! The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" the mother asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong but, with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, or a financial hardship, does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Can you spare a little time each week to take Holy Communion to those parishioners who are unable to come to Mass? If you can or would like more information about what's required, contact Anne Cunningham (07980 618956). This is open to both men and women.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's liturgy continues this Sunday at 9.30 Mass. Any children aged 3 to Primary 7 are welcome to attend. For more information or to register your child, please contact Angela Gibson, Pauline Matsebanane or Angeline Reynolds.

*Parish Liturgy for the coming week:*

No midweek Masses this week

**Saturday 25th June**

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

**Sunday 26th June**

*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:** Bridget Byrne

**Anniversaries:**

**Other Intentions:**

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### MARRIAGE MATTERS

#### Memories of You

Memories enable us to make the past present. At family gatherings we remember things we have shared together. At funerals we remember all that the person meant to us. At the family Eucharist the past is made present as we remember what Abraham, Melchizedek, Moses, and Jesus did. Let us seek to create God/good memories for ourselves and our children.

### PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

Now that life is beginning to normalise post Covid and our church complex use is increasing, there is 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 four 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 consider the healing of Saint Peter's mother-in-law. The Gospel of Mark tells us that as she lay in bed with a fever, Jesus took her by the hand and the fever left her; and she began to serve them (cf. 1:29-31). The fact that Jesus wished to heal her in the company of the disciples reminds us that the entire Christian community is called to be present to our brothers and sisters in need. We proclaim Christ's salvation and the hope offered by the Gospel precisely by reaching out to those who, like so many elderly people in our communities, feel isolated and even abandoned. Peter's mother-in-law then responds with gratitude for the gift of God's mercy by getting up and immediately serving her guests. Within the Christian community, the elderly offer a precious service by their own example of gratitude for the gift of faith and the experience of the Lord's healing touch in their lives. They teach us that Christian discipleship is expressed in acts of charity, inspired by gratitude for the merciful love that touches and transforms our lives.

### 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](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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 one Sunday per month.

### GREEN GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Green Group this Wednesday 22nd June at 7pm in St. Mary's Church hall. Please support this initiative.

### GALLOWAY NEWS

Copies of the latest Galloway News are available in the porch. Please take one before you go home.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Fr. Boyd will not be available this week. In case of emergency, please contact Canon Poland, St. John's Church, Stevenston. Telephone number: 463225



### WELCOME

Welcome Rev. Kevin Rennie who joins us this weekend for the Sunday Masses. Please continue to keep Kevin in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

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

## **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

*(Taken from Sunday Connection)*

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: "You are the Messiah of God." In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

## **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](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on [ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.

## **ORDINATION**

Kevin Rennie will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Teresa's Church, Dumfries on Friday 1st July. Kevin's first Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd July at St. Andrew's, Dumfries at 12.00pm.



## **A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY**

God our Father, please guide those of us who are fathers to care for our families with your wisdom. Strengthen us in the daily challenges of parenting. Give us the fruits of your spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

And Lord we pray for those who are fatherless, or long to be fathers, or face challenging family situations. For all those who find Father's Day difficult. We praise you that you are the source of peace and comfort. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Wishing all the fathers in our community a very happy and relaxing day!

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

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom.

The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark." The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you." The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said. The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

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Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're Hushers."



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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](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? Want to book a room for a meeting?

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