

# ST JOHN OGILVIE PARISH COMMUNITY



24TH JULY 2022  
17TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME (C)



Lord  
Teach  
us to  
Pray  
Luke 11:1

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son, Matthew, spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat. "Mum, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain!;" he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain. We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

## THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have a wee chat with Fr. Boyd or Anne Cunningham, Anne McDonald or Nan O'Hara. The course of instructions will begin in September if candidates come forward.

## HOSPITAL VISITING

The 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 contact:

At Crosshouse, Fr Stephen McGrattan at [crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)

or on 01563 521832.

At Ayr, Deacon Robert Mackie at [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.

## THE FARM BASKET IN TOWERLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

is a food larder for people in the KA11 postcode who are on benefits or low income and struggling to make ends meet. For a small membership fee you can access a variety of produce including fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and tinned goods. For more information on opening times and arranging an appointment call **07759 313444**. The Farm Basket team is also appealing for volunteers to support this project, for more details contact them by phone or by email [towerlandsass@yahoo.com](mailto:towerlandsass@yahoo.com)

*Parish Liturgy for the coming week:*

**Monday 25th July**  
*St. Mary's*  
10:00am Mass

**Tuesday 19th July**  
*St. John Ogilvie's*  
10:00am Mass

**Wednesday 20th July**  
*No Services*

**Thursday 21st July**  
*St. Mary's*  
10:00am Mass

**Friday 22nd July**  
*St. Mary's*  
10:00am Funeral Mass  
for Marion Martin

**Saturday 23rd July**  
*St. Mary's*  
6.00pm Vigil Mass  
(Live streamed)

**Sunday 24th July**  
*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:** Pat McCullagh (Tony's dad)

**Anniversaries:** Joe Reagan

**Other Intentions:**

## Collection

**Envelopes:** £176.00 **Loose coins:** £46.00 **Contactless:** £20.00 **Standing orders (per month)** £1658.75

Saints Pater & Paul - £18.00

*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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## **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

*(Taken from Sunday Connection)*

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an

important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognising God's holiness and his rule over all things.

## **MARRIAGE MATTERS**

[We are called to trust each other with ourselves](#)

Trust is the theme for today and as married couples we are called to trust each other enough to become 'two in one flesh'. We need to listen sensitively to one another and to share our innermost thoughts, feelings, hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows, worries and anxieties in such a way that we might both be fully human and fully alive.

## **WEEKLY WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Aileen Shiells is approaching the end of her holiday as is the pope (hence no weekly words). We trust both have had a relaxing and enjoyable time. Aileen will be back at the laptop next week for the newsletter.

## **200 CLUB**

Would those who pay into the 200 Club on a 6 months' basis please note that the next instalment is now due. Thank you.

## **CHANA**

During the pandemic when we were not able to collect toiletries, we were able to give vouchers to the support workers for those who were homeless. We spent £1,150 on vouchers.

We are now able to collect toiletries and are appealing for the following. **Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Soap, Roll on Deodorants for both Males and Females.**

There will be a box at the back of the church from next weekend where people can deposit their donations. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

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

## **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)

## **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to support continued development of a safeguarding culture of care in the Diocese of Galloway as we seek to recruit a Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA). Reporting to the Vicar General and the safeguarding strategic leadership team, the post-holder will work for 21 hours each week, and will be responsible for implementing the safeguarding standards outlined within In Gods Image v2. For further details please contact [administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:administration@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or click here: <https://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/website>

## **HUNGER THREATENS DARISTER AND MARY'S LIVES EVERYDAY – THEY URGENTLY NEED OUR HELP.**

Darister, Mary and their family live a life of extreme poverty. They are severely malnourished and on the brink of starvation.

They are trapped in an unrelenting cycle of poverty – their small plot of land does not provide enough food so they collect sand from the nearby river to sell. Parasites from the river have caused Darister to go blind and the work is hard and unrelenting. Still, Darister works to provide for his family even though the income is not enough.

Please donate now <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/765-2022-hunger-appeal/donate>



## **SCIAF**

Ann Adamson-Eadie will speak about SCIAF at Mass this weekend.

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

A jet was on its way to New York when a blonde seated in Economy Class got up and moved to the First Class section, found an empty seat and sat down.

The flight attendant watched the blonde make herself comfortable in First Class, then went over and asked to see her boarding pass.

Noting that the pass was for an Economy seat, the flight attendant said, I'm sorry, but you didn't pay for the First Class seat, so you'll have to go back to the Economy section.

The blonde replied, Listen you, I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to New York, and I'm staying right here in First Class.

The flight attendant went to the cockpit and told the pilot and co-pilot that there was a blonde from Economy Class who was sitting in First Class and wouldn't move back to her assigned seat.

The co-pilot went to the passenger area and approached the blonde. He explained that it was against the rules for her to sit in First Class when she had only bought an Economy Class ticket. I'm sorry he concluded, but you'll have to return to your Economy section seat.

The woman snorted and tossed her blonde locks. Listen you she snapped, I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to New York and I'm staying right here in First Class.

The co-pilot returned to the cockpit and told the pilot that he might want to have the police waiting to arrest the blonde when the plane landed. She refuses to return to her Economy Class seat the co-pilot explained because, she says, she's blonde and beautiful and going to New York.

I'd better handle this, said the pilot. I'm married to a blonde so I have experience speaking their language. With that, the pilot entered the passenger area, went over to the blonde, and whispered in her ear.

The blonde immediately stood up, stormed out of First Class and sat back in her assigned Economy Class seat.

The flight attendant and the co pilot were amazed at how easily the pilot had persuaded the blonde to move.

How did you do it? they asked him.

Simple, he replied. I told her that the First Class section wasn't going to New York.

*No offence intended to the blondes in our parishes and particularly to Yvonne who's going to kill me for this!*





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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?

Contact Susan McCullagh  
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