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Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*) [A]

11th December 2022

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Third Gift of Advent: God's Love Placed in Your Heart

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will put my law within them, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [Jeremiah 31:31-33] As a child, every year before Christmas I drew up a list of the toys and presents that I had my heart set on receiving. Usually there was that one special item that I just knew would gladden my heart and make me feel complete. This week in Advent we focus on hearts: glad hearts, sad hearts, hard hearts, broken hearts, longing hearts. In the Scriptures much is written about hearts because the heart represents the person's deepest identity. Our hearts reveal who we most truly are because they hold what we most deeply desire. What's in your heart? We can give many answers to that question, and it's a good question to ponder during this week of Advent. But God has an answer for that question, too. "I will put my law within them, and write it on their hearts," says the Lord. So in addition to whatever else might be in your heart, you can also be sure that the law of the Lord is written—in permanent ink—on your heart. That law is love. It's time to live out what's in your heart. I know that when I've gotten confused and lost in my faith there is one sure way to find my way back, and that is to love somebody. In my confusion, I look around to see who in my life could use a loving response. It might be my daughter, who's confused about a decision she faces and needs someone to listen—truly listen. Or it might be my wife, who is overwhelmed with responsibilities and could use a helpmate to shoulder some of those duties. Or it might be that my parish offers me the chance to help make Christmas happier for a family in need. The Advent gift this week is the love God places in our hearts. The bottom line is that we have to take responsibility for ourselves. The seed of change in our families, in the community, and in the world begins with answering God's



call to meet us and to change our heart. In the midst of a world going insane, it seems a small thing to do. But one heart in tune with God can resonate in our families and through our families and communities into the world.

Third Week of Advent [A] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar <i>assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>& Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 10 th December	3rd Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Paul Foran (RD), Rebecca Rourke (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 11 th December	3rd Sunday of Advent (A) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 12 th December	Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Cotter (RD), Templeton Family (CB), McCawley Family (CB)</i>			
Tuesday 13 th December	Memorial of St Lucy, Martyr Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Effie McIsaac (RD), Aleck Goldie (RD), McWhinnie Family (CB)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne Gow (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 14 th December	Memorial of St John of the Cross Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anthony McGarvey (A), O'Brien Family (CB), Jim McIntyre (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 15 th December	Requiem Mass for Peggie Duffy Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 16 th December	Requiem Mass for Natalina Farro Mass at 10am	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 17 th December	4th Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kilbane Family (A), Reilly Family (CB), Sadie Howie (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm



The Meaning of the Nativity Scene by Pope Francis

“Why does the Christmas crèche arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God’s tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realise that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins. Setting up the Christmas crèche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on that event. At the same time, its portrayal in the crèche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts...”

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh,
Tom McGreevy, Dawn Clark, Peter Brawley.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*John O’Leary (Irvine), Billie Kelly, Jon Cotter, Effie McIsaac,
Aleck Goldie, Peggie Duffy, Natalina Farro.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Maria Cunningham 1997, James Devine 2021, Alex Fitzpatrick 1991,
James McGlynn 2004, Catherine McGrattan 1969, Susan Jones 1996,
Sheila McLaughlin 2010, Danny McMail 2016, Harry Quigg 1998,
Bruna Conn 2009, Mary Hall 1999, John Ireland 2017,
Maria Monaghan 1998, Margaret Newall 1994, Mary Magee 1997,
Margaret Spencer 1992, Alexander Stewart 1982, James Taylor 2002,
Desmond Walsh 2007, John Welsh 2017, Mary Branchfield 2003,
Kenny Brown 2015, Mary Dunn 2002, Sam Ferguson 2008,
Catherine Graham 2015, George Kelly 2011, Norman Lamont 2009,
James McIntosh 1998, Catherine McMahan 2005, Ina McKay 1998,
John Taylor 2002, Annie Thompson 2016, Dr Matt Carty 2008,
Monsignor Peter Murphy 1999, Robert McKay 1993,
Denis McLaughlin 2008, Harry McNamara 2000, Chris Casey 2006,
Sally Quigg née Gilmour 1984, Anne Warden née McNamara 2012,
James Kernahan 1998, Frances Kilbane 1978, Roseanne Kirkwood
1991, Esther Madden 1981, Jimmy Robertson 2017,
Mark Shanks 2008, Mary Catherine Wishart 2002.*

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR PEGGIE DUFFY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Peggie Duffy who died on 28th November, aged 87 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 15th December at 10am, followed by cremation at Clyde Coast Crematorium. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Wednesday, 28th December at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR NATALINA FARRO** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Natalina Farro who died on 30th November, aged 91 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 16th December at 10am, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday, 30th December at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME** Please ensure you collect your copy of the Christmas Programme, available from today.

► **DONATION FOR ST BRIDE'S** We are very grateful for an anonymous donation of £100 towards St Bride's heating costs. May God bless your generosity.

► **ST BRIDE'S** Monthly Draw winner for December is Kathleen Toal.

► **ST BRIDE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** St Bride's are having a carol service on Wednesday 21st December 7pm, everyone welcome. Donations of Mince Pies and Shortbread are gratefully appreciated.

► **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** Please put this date in your diary and come along: Christmas Carol Concert on Monday, 19th December at 2pm at St Peter's Primary School. Everyone welcome!

► **A MERRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** with the Three Towns Young Voices & North Ayrshire Chamber Strings will take place in St Peter's Church on Sunday 18th December at 3pm. Tickets at the door – adults £5, children £3.

► **HOGMANAY CEILIDH IN AID OF UKRAINE APPEAL** St Johns church hall Stevenston, Sat 31st Dec 7.30pm - 1am. Bar available but please bring your own snacks. Tickets are £15 (inc supper, raffle and Irish bingo ticket) they must be paid for when ordering as tickets are limited. To order please contact Michael Lafferty 07813650411 or Lisa Lafferty 07988609078

► **ST BRIDE'S SSVF CHRISTMAS LARDER COLLECTION** This will run from Sunday 6th November to Sunday 18th December, this means non-perishable goods can arrive anytime but perishable ones can still be handed in nearer Christmas Day as the theme this time is all for Christmas. Please check the sell by dates are after Christmas. Items suggested: Mince Pies, Yule Logs, boxes of biscuits, sweets both types, for Children and for Puddings. Anything that would be difficult to buy for Christmas if you are on a very restricted income. Thank you again for all your support.

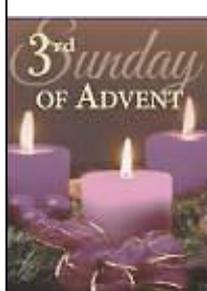
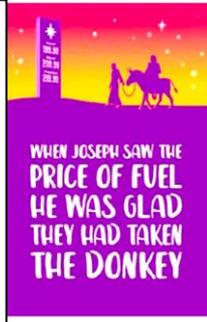
A Teenager's Prayer

Each day brings new beginnings
Decisions I must make
I am the only one to choose
The road that I will take

I can choose to take the road of life
That leads to great success
Or travel down the darkened road
That leads to great distress

Please open up my eyes, dear Lord
That I might clearly see
Help me stand for what is right
Bring out the best in me

When my teenage years are over
I know that I will see
That life is lived its very best
With you walking next to me.



Advent Reconciliation Services

Please join us for one of the Advent Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas: Monday, 19th December at 7pm at St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan; Tuesday, 20th December at 7pm at St John's, Stevenston; and Wednesday, 21st December at 2pm at St Mary's, Saltcoats. The communal service is an opportunity to join our sisters and brothers in asking for forgiveness and healing during this important time of the year. As we prepare for Christmas Day, we invite all to begin anew with souls nourished from the gift of the divine mercy and forgiveness God has for everyone.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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