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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [C]

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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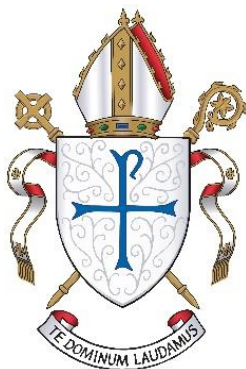
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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Peter in Chains:** Saturday  
between 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**St. Bride's:** Friday  
between 11am-12noon  
And by request.

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and St. Bride's,  
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### Mustard Seeds

#### ✠ The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile; "What am I bidden, good folks," he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A pound, a pound"; then two!" "Only two? Two pounds, and who'll make it three? Three pounds, once; three pounds twice; going for three.." But no, from the room, far back, a grey-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody pure and sweet as carolling angel sings. The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, said; "What am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow. A thousand pounds, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going and gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not quite understand what changed its worth." Swift came the reply: "The touch of a master's hand." And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin, A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on. "He is going" once, and "going twice, He's going and almost gone." But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.



#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire  
to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.



**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE  
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS  
IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [C] 2022

January 2022	<b>St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan</b> <a href="http://www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk">www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.stbrideschurch.co.uk">www.stbrideschurch.co.uk</a> <i>Father Duncan McVicar</i>	<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	<a href="http://www.stevenstonstjohns.com">www.stevenstonstjohns.com</a> <a href="http://www.rcsaltcoats.com">www.rcsaltcoats.com</a> <i>Canon Martin Poland</i> <i>assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		
			St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Paul, Clare, Erin &amp; Daniel McHugh (SI), Delia McFadyen (SI)</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)		Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ron &amp; Betty Bissett (SI), Roslyn Quirk (SI)</i>				Funeral Mass 10am <b>Frances Lennox</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Pauline McMillan (SI), Mareta Main (SI)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass 10am <b>Michael McCabe</b>		Mass at 10am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Butcher (A), Gordon Burns (RD), James Mullen (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feast of St. Kentigern</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Kennedy &amp; Neilly families (SI), Larry McGuire (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass 10am (L) <b>Isa Kearney</b>		Mass at 10am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne Bale (RD)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for those facing religious discrimination and persecution.</i>				Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## SYNOD TOPIC NINE - DISCERNING AND DECIDING:

A synodal Church makes decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. How well do we promote participation in decision making and how well do we make decisions together? How can we improve our methods so that everyone's voices can be included? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment? Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage [gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news](http://gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news), and at <https://youtu.be/ESxb1jhKV6k> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at [synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk), which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

Next week: Synod topic ten - Forming Ourselves in Synodality



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Gordon Burns, James Mullen, Anne Bale.*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Joseph Gibbons 1973, Hugh Henry 2008, Jean Lamont 2016, Jimmy McAloon 2020, Jennifer McGregor 2014, Joan McCallum 2001, William McLaughlin 2018, Rosina McPeake, Terry Murphy 1989, Annie Taylor 2021, Mario Marchetti 2013, Kathleen McSkimming 2019, Hugh Adams 2019, John Aitken 2001, Anne Bowles 2017, John Butcher 2017, Kathleen Brown 2012, Christine Cassidy 1998, Mary Donnelly 2006, Eamon Lennon 2009, Kathleen Tritschler 2006, Roy White 1993, Cecilia McCurdie 2005, James McNamara 1982, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia 2021, Mary Guilfoyle 2005, Ishbel McCarroll 1983, Monica McDonald 1997, David Stirling 2004, Mary Coulter 1978, Tony Khan 1982, David Magee 2014, Peter McCarroll 1940, Isabella McHugh 2019, Elizabeth Walsh 2005.*

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

- ▶ **LEPRA** We have received a letter from Lepra letting us know that through your generosity, they will be able to reach out and cure 21 people of the disease of Leprosy. They have expressed their thanks to all in support of Lepra.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** Mary Reilly would like to thank Father Duncan, Sister Ursula, Sister Marie Monique and everyone at St. Peter's and St. Mary's for flowers, cards and gifts on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- ▶ **SINGING AND MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S** The Choir has been meeting regularly in Church with David. If you are interested in joining the choir, Cantor or play music at Mass please contact the parish office.
- ▶ **END OF CHRISTMASTIDE** The end of the Christmas Season is this Sunday, 9th January 2022, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Then we enter into Ordinary Time.
- ▶ **ST. BRIDE'S READERS** a new rota will soon be drawn up for this ministry. Anyone who would like to be included please contact Betty on 07876406735.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SUNDAY TEAS** due to the current Covid situation we regret to announce there will be no teas or coffees served after Sunday Mass until further notice.



### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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Special Collection: £182.34  
December 2021 Bankers Orders: £4251.00

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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Catholic Trivia - Did you know..?**

The Bible Is A Catholic Book – Did you ever wonder how the Bible came into being? A little known, but easily documented fact is that the books of the Bible were compiled by the Catholic Church. For many years after Christ ascended into Heaven, there was debate about which scriptural writings were inspired by God. The canon of Scripture (the books of the Bible) was first formally decided at the Synod of Rome in 382. This decision was upheld at the Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397). At these Catholic Church councils, the same 46 Old Testament and 27 New Testament books that appear in today's Catholic Bibles were declared to be inspired by God. As a side note, approximately 1200 years after this decision was made, Martin Luther and the Protestant reformers removed 7 books from the Old Testament. As a result, most Protestant Bibles are still missing these 7 books.

### **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

### **Just for a Laugh...**

For all of us who are senior citizens- for all of you who know senior citizens - and for all of you who will be senior citizens soon. It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are! And, speaking of senior moments:... 'WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?' The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am,' said the newspaper employee, 'today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.' There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter, so that's why no one was at church today.'

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