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First Sunday of Advent [A]

27th November 2022

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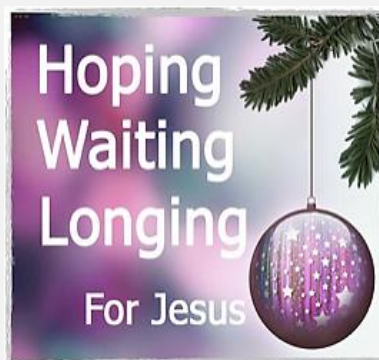
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Mustard Seeds

✠ First Gift of Advent:

Time to know your Deepest Longings

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Psalm 42:2-4. One day on a winter's walk in the woods I came face to face with a deer. Our town had been in the midst of a stretch of very cold weather, and the stream I was walking along was mostly frozen over. I had stopped at a place where the swift current of the stream broke through to the surface and swirled around before it disappeared back under the ice. As I sat for a while watching and listening to the gurgling water, a deer quietly appeared. We stared at one another for a few moments and, sensing I was no threat, the deer moved to the edge of the water and drank deeply. I recalled the words, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." I had been experiencing a kind of winter in my soul. There were few signs of life, and the Spirit of God seemed to have become frozen over within me. Somehow, I was drawn to this external image of my internal longing — flowing water finding a way to bubble up from beneath solid ice. It was Advent and I was longing, even though I was barely aware of my discontent. Like everyone else I had been caught up in the busyness of Christmas preparations. Though we had lit the Advent candles at home and I had tried to pray, I needed more. I needed time to really allow my sense of longing to swirl up and become clear to me as it did on that winter's walk in the woods. I knew then that I needed a closer relationship to God and that I had to stop just going through the motions of my prayer life. My longing, once acknowledged, turned out to be an invitation to live with a deeper awareness of God's presence and care all around me. What are you longing for? What is your heart trying to tell you? The gift God offers this first week of Advent is the invitation to explore your inner longings. The Church, through our Advent customs, and even the weather of the season itself support such inner work.



During the first week of Advent, give yourself time and space to contemplate what you are truly longing for in life. Know that this is the season when your longings will lead you to the Christ Child, in whom the hopes and fears of all the years are known and responded to with generous love.

First Week of Advent [A] 2022

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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 26 th November	1st Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John Aitken Clarke (A), Kenneth Donnelly (A)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 27 th November	1st 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 28 th November	1st Week of Advent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael Ferguson (RD), John Maxwell (A)</i>			
Tuesday 29 th November	1st Week of Advent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mike Hull (RD), Sr Doreen Grant</i> Funeral Service for Paul Foran at 1pm	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 30 th November	Solemnity of St Andrew, Patron of Scotland Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Janie McGonigle (A), Anne McEvoy (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 1 st December	1st Week of Advent Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Hugh Conway (RD), Brenda Alexander (RD), Bishop John Cunningham (A)</i> Reception of Eilidh McCarroll at 7pm			Mass at 10am
Friday 2 nd December	Requiem Mass for Eilidh McCarroll Mass at 10am	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 3 rd December	2nd Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Matt Donnelly (A), Ralph Piacentini (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

The Synod in Galloway – Quotes from our Report

“Almost unanimously, people appeared conscious of the missionary nature of the Church; however it was undisputed that large numbers of people have been left behind, and that we need to reach out to them. The dimension of mission poses unique challenges to our rural parishes, where the logistics and economic impact of supporting and connecting with the most isolated people in a disperse community are considerable. Outreach coordinators were suggested as a possibility for beginning to manage this difficulty. There was a strong sense that the synodal journey will be embraced by our most rural parishes, and there is already evidence of the fruits of this as individual synodal pathways emerge. Almost every synodal response highlighted our need to better reach out to and support families, children and young people. Many people felt that we have the solution to this already at our disposal: “if the meaning of the Eucharist was understood by all, we would as the church, lack nothing”.”

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Paul Foran, Eilidh McCarroll, Mike Hull (RD),
Anne McEvoy (Irvine), Brenda Alexander.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Jim Brodie 2011, Kenneth Donnelly 2008, Hannah Kirk 1989,
John Maxwell 2002, Sarah McNamara 1980, Liz Berti 2018,
Shannon Elizabeth Byrne 2000, Sarah Heaney 1955,
Jemima McAuliffe 2001, Eddie McNamara 2014,
Lilian Paterson 2011, Maria Reid 2013, Peggy Dorian Smith 1991,
Martin Vernon 2011, James Allen 2003, Molly Ball née Cahill 2011,
Gordon Burns 2021, Ann Hackett 1998, Sarah McLaughlin 2021,
Andy Stevens 1995, Gribben family, Janie McGonigle 2012,
Mary Bridget Timmons, Jack Collins 1970,
Margaret Hamilton 1992, Collette McKibben 2003,
Matt Donnelly 2020, Alison Harkness 2020,
John McNamara 1997, Elizabeth Theresa Walsh 1970,
Jim Wallace 2014, Brian O'Hare 2009, Tom Reid 2006,
Monica Tipping 2010, John Welsh 2009.*

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

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PAUL FORAN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paul Foran, who died on 5th November, aged 50 years. His Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 29th November at 1pm, followed by Interment at Hawkhill Cemetery, Stevenson. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR EILIDH MCCARROLL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Eilidh McCarroll, who died on 4th November, aged 52 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 1st December at 7pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 2nd December at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Monday, 5th December at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

► **CHANA Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire - Donations of Christmas Gifts** As we did last year we are teaming up with the charity Night before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide those who are homeless and being supported by North Ayrshire Council a Christmas present. Last year NB4CC gave presents to 150 people in North Ayrshire. The Officer in charge of Homelessness in North Ayrshire Council wrote "Once again, your generosity and kindness has gone a long way to help us make life that little bit easier and more enjoyable for our homeless clients throughout North Ayrshire" We would be delighted if people would contribute to this charity. This can be done by visiting NB4CC's "Justgiving" page <https://www.justgiving.com/nb4cc> or putting your donation in an envelope marked "NB4CC" in the church collection".

► **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.

Special Collection - SCIAF Appeal Next weekend (3/4 December), there will be a special collection in aid of the SCIAF Water for a Village appeal. Can I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued generosity.

Ardrossan Cemetery Mass

Our annual Mass at Ardrossan Cemetery will be today, Sunday 27th November at 2pm. We will offer the Mass for all our deceased loved ones, friends, and neighbours. Everyone Welcome.



Don't Worry!

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart. My past, O Lord, to Your mercy; my present, to Your love; my future to Your providence.



St Padre Pio

Nicene Creed

(for Advent and Christmastide)

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

Message of the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation - not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him. The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolise not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life.

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20th November 2022: £475.88
Second Collection (Building Fund): £250.84

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 20th November 2022: £131.00

Many Thanks for your support and generosity!

Just for a Laugh... A mother was teaching her three year old daughter the Our Father Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to do it on her own. The mother listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end. "Lead us not into temptation" she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail, Amen".

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