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Fourth Sunday of Advent [A]

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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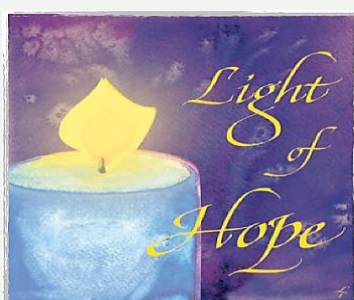
### ✠ Fourth Gift of Advent: Hope That Lasts

*Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

One day while on retreat, I made a trek across a barren stretch and up a difficult slope to stand on top of a high hill. As I walked, the whole area seemed desolate and empty. But once atop the hill I got another view. From there, in the distance I could see the outline of a currently dry riverbed. It was easily visible because all along its dry banks, life abounded. From high above, the riverbed was like a ribbon of green and gold. In the brilliant sunshine, green and gold leaves fluttered on trees and shrubs, whose roots stretched out to be watered by the stream when the rains came. These roots must have gone deep to sustain such abundant life even during a long, dry season. Advent is a time to sink our spiritual roots deep, to let them stretch out to God, the source of all life. Because we are thus connected with God, we too can be sources of life to others in the way we live our daily life. Christmas is not only the season of receiving gifts; it is even more so the season of taking delight in giving to others. We emulate what God has done for us and in that we find our deepest joy. Let us prepare, then, to be generous in offering our family, co-workers, and neighbours spiritual gifts such as patience, prudence, encouragement, counsel, faith, hope, and love. There's a spiritual adage that says, "You can't give what you haven't got." The gift offered during this last week of Advent is the gift of hope. Let us drink deeply of the spiritual gift of hope that God offers us. Then we can cherish within us the spirit of Christmas and bring to others the blessings of the Christ Child every day of the year. We can easily become impatient with God and with one another. Living in hope means being willing to live

courageously day to day. The signs of change in us will most likely be subtle. Living in hope means that while Jesus has already come, we are still in the process of letting him complete the journey into our hearts.



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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kilbane Family (A), Reilly Family (CB), Sadie Howie (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</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 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Advent feria by date</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Howie Family (CB), Edmund Lang (BR), James Wallace (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Advent feria by date</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Gough Family (CB), Bacon Family (CB)</i>	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Advent feria by date</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Bill Armstrong (A), Bert &amp; Gwen Body(A), Janet Chaman &amp; Owen Bogue (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Advent feria by date</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Natalina Farro (RD), Eilidh McCarroll (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Margaret Williams</b>	Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Advent feria by date</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Lawrence &amp; Theresa Tumilty (A), James William Johnstone (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30 Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Gallagher (SI)</i>	Mass at 11am	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carols at 4.45pm</b> <b>Childrens short Nativity play at 5pm</b> <b>Christmas Eve Masses at 5pm &amp; 8pm</b>	Mass of the Holy Night at 7pm	Vigil Mass at 6pm	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)</b> Mass at 10.30am	Mass of the Nativity of the Lord at 9.00am	Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 10am (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh, Tom McGreevy, Peter Brawley, Paul McNulty.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Donnie McMillan, James Wallace, James William Johnstone (Blantyre).*

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

*Margaret Bennie, Annie Boyle, Kitty Boyle 2007, John Campbell 1997, John Carolan 2017, John Dolan 2007, Sheila Douglas 2014, Annie Farmer 1984, Pat Haggarty 2015, Rose Leonard, William Martin 1974, Jean McCluskey 2015, Robert Montgomery 2020, George Poole 1991, Maureen Adamson 2014, Bobby Edwards 2014, Manus Gallagher junior 2016, Alice Grogan 2003, Father Peter Sweeney 2001, May Wilson 2006, Theresa McGuire 1989, William Armstrong 2021, Gwen Body 1966, Janet Chapman 2004, Charles Fisher 2014, Jane Gallagher 2011, Sister Hilda CP 2000, Edward Keogh 2007, John McCourt 2010, Josephine McGeachy 2003, Anne-Marie McMail 2018, Ellen Barrett 1984, Ted Boyle 1975, Tom Braniff 2003, Gerry Coogans 2015, Doris Coulter 2012, Jenny McAree 2003, Andrew McAteer 1983, Anne McGowan 2019, Davie McIlroy 2020, David Mills 2014, Jean Orr 2008, Peggy Hamilton, Patrick McLaughlin 1998, Father George Thompson 2016, Theresa Tumilty 2016, Mereno Berti 2003, Jack Collins, Sister Anne Delahunt 2011, Peggy McLaughlan 2006, Samuel McMail 2016, Mary McSpurren 2020.*

*A Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year  
To you & your family*

*From  
Fr Duncan*



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

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Mia Rose Kurkiewicz, who will be baptised on Wednesday at 4pm. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **CHANA CHRISTMAS APPEAL** Thank you so much for the donations to CHANA's Christmas appeal for the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC). NB4CC will provide gifts for 10 babies, 76 children, 36 teenagers and 60 adults who are in Supported Accommodation in North Ayrshire this Christmas.

► **ST BRIDE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** St Bride's are having a carol service on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm, everyone is 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 today, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. Tickets at the door – adults £5, children £3.

### Christmas Eve 5pm Mass

Christmas Carols at 4.45pm

Short Nativity play by Childrens Liturgy at 5pm

### 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.

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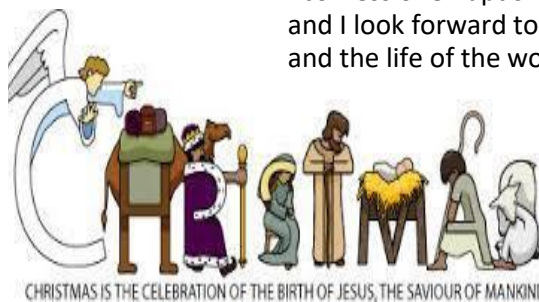
Offertory Cash Collection 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022: £609.47

Second Collection (Building Fund) £237.29

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### 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

Here are some Christmas tree Jokes:

- ☺ What did the Christmas tree do after its bank closed?  
It started his own branch.
- ☺ How do Christmas trees get their email? They log-on.
- ☺ Why did the Christmas tree go to the dentist?  
It needed a root canal!
- ☺ What did Luke Skywalker say after he planted a Christmas tree farm? May the forest be with you!
- ☺ How did the two rival Christmas trees get along?  
They signed a peace tree-ty!
- ☺ How do Christmas trees get ready for a night out? They spruce up!

and  
suddenly  
there was with  
the  
angel  
a multitude of  
the heavenly host  
praising God  
and saying  
Glory to God  
in the highest, and on earth  
peace, goodwill toward  
men  
Luke 2  
13-14



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