

## **100 Points**

A story borrowed from the Parish magazine for St Patrick's & St Marie's Churches (with permission). This came under the heading of 'Church Chuckles' but I thought the ending ties in very well with Rev. Jan's message on Mothering Sunday!

A man arrived at the pearly gates and was met by St Peter who said to him "Now this is how it works. In order to gain entry you have to earn 100 points. Please tell me all the good things you have done in your life and each one will be awarded points." "Well" the man said, "I have been married to my wife for over 50 years. I have always been faithful to her and have never looked at another woman". "Very good" said St Peter, "that earns you two points". Only two, thought the man. This is harder than I thought. "I have attended church regularly and tithed my giving". Very good, said St Peter. One point for that. What else?" "Well, I have cared for the disadvantaged and supported the work of missions." Very good. Two more points. The man scratched his head. "Good gracious" he said, "at this rate, only the grace of God will get me into Heaven!" "You've got it! 100 points! In you go."

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