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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) [C]

24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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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

### ✠ "If only I had given him everything!"

Once upon a time, there was a beggar, who used to sit at the gates of the great city. Along with all the other beggars, he would hold out his hands and beg for help and support. Sometimes people gave him a few coins, others would give him food or a little rice. He would collect the rice in the huge pocket of his shabby coat until he had enough for one warm meal. One day, the people of the city were told that a great king was passing by and he would stop at the gates to greet the people. All the citizens put on their best clothes and decorated their house with flags and banners. There was excitement everywhere as people waited impatiently for the arrival of the king. The beggar saw this as his biggest chance to get something. He positioned himself right at the city gates, making sure that he was in the first row. No-one and nothing would stop him meeting the king and asking for money or an expensive gift. This was a unique opportunity! At last, the king's entourage could be seen approaching the city. The bells rang out, the music played and the people cheered enthusiastically. The king arrived on a beautiful white stallion and when he arrived at the gates of the city, he did something that no-one had expected or ever seen before: Instead of greeting the nobles and dignitaries of the city, the king called out to the beggar: "What will you give me?" The beggar was astounded and utterly speechless. He thought to himself: "Did the king say 'what will you give me?' But this cannot be, he is a king, he has everything, he is rich beyond imagination. I am no more than a poor beggar, I have nothing. It should be the other way around!" The king spoke again, looking at the beggar straight in the eye. "What will you give me?" he firmly asked again. The beggar put his hands in his huge pocket and took a single grain of rice from the quantity he had collected. "I will give him this", he thought to himself, "then he will see how poor I am!" The king accepted the single grain of rice and then rode away. The beggar was angry and frustrated. "He gave me nothing", he called out to the passers by. "He gave me nothing, and asked ME for something! The beggar could not contain his anger. When he sat down, he put his hand in his huge pocket and felt a cold, hard grain. He pulled it out and it was a small and shiny piece of gold. The king had turned his grain of rice into pure gold. His face fell with remorse and regret: And through his anguished tears, he said: "If only I had given him everything!"



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## Second Week of Easter [C] 2022

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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>		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> (Divine Mercy) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Marie Louise Paterson (SI),                      Philomena Doherty (A), John Maher (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> (Divine Mercy) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne McLaren (RD), Frank MacDuff (RD),                      Jessie Fisher (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McCurry (RD), Patrick McAuley (RD)</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), Alex McPherson (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McCann (RD), Richard Don (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor</b> Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Andrew Carruth (RD), John O'Rourke (A)</i>	Adoration 11.30am Mass 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	Funeral Mass at 1pm <b>Bryan McGuire</b>	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> (Divine Mercy) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for William Savage (A), Eddie Body (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	



### Sketch of the "shock" of Easter

This very unusual sketch of Mary Magdalene captures the moment she first saw the empty tomb. Those eyes just tell the whole story, don't they? During this great Easter season, the cornerstone of our faith, may the Lord help us all enter the shock of this moment together—when death is conquered forever, and He who is Love wins. The sketch was drawn by Katy Olson.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Janet Brown, Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Shaun Galloway.*

#### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Anne McLaren, Frank MacDuff, Jessie Fisher (Greenock), James McCurry,  
 Patrick McAuley, James McCann, Andrew Carruth, Richard Don, Sarah Anne McCluskie, Mark Kilday.*

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

*Noelle Collins 2007, Francis Coulter 1976, Marie McCarroll 1982, Rosina McPeake, William McPeake, William Main 2007,  
 Robert Tracy 2004, Margaret Lesley Cahill 2018, Marie Louise McCarroll 1982, James McCool 2009, Jane Tumilty 1983,  
 Margaret Kelly 2011, Agnes McCann 1970, Wendy McGowan 2019, Mary McKay 1980, Rosina Millar 1999, Annie Paton 2009,  
 Ellen Smith 2009, Charles Spencer 1969, Francis Docherty 2015, Philomena Doherty 2001, Iris Gribben 2019, Richard Hunter 2010,  
 Duncan Lyon 2103, Charles John McMillan 2015, Ida Narducci 2008, Adam Whiston 1968, Father Peter Dolan 2013,  
 Margaret Grear 1994, Bridget McLellan 1995, John O'Rourke 1993, James Welsh 1997, Sarah Coulter 1972, Gerard Dorrain 2008,  
 Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969, John Murphy, Thomas Nellany 2001, Mary Robertson 1988, Rose Twigg 2014,  
 Charlotte Bell 2009, David Cook 2018, John Maher 2010, Agnes McCann 1970, Joseph Stevens 1993, Rosa Carrino 2021,  
 Patrick Doherty 2005, Hugh Donald 2013, Mark Hughes 2012, Kathleen McEvoy 2016, Canon Alex McGarry 2013,  
 Father John Murphy 1978, Lilian Pattinson 2005, Jack Ferguson, Frank Robertson 1989, Joseph Clarke 2016, Joseph McIver 2020,  
 Patricia McVeigh 2013, Philomena O'Hare 2009, Angel Doyle 2006, Edward McNamara 1977, Cecilia McNulty 2008,  
 Aldo Agostini 1974, John Brownlow 2012, Tommy Morgan 1992, Kathleen Walsh 1955, Benet Brodie 2021,  
 Annie Mathieson Dorian 1974, Elizabeth Scott 2018, Roseann Ward 2017.*

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

► **ST. BRIDE'S TEAS AND COFFEES** As summer has come to West Kilbride, it has been decided to suspend teas and coffees after Mass until September. Fear not, as requested by everyone at Lorraine's reception on Easter Sunday and weather permitting we shall be holding similar all Parish get togethers in the near future.

► **ST. BRIDE'S SSVF.** The Volunteers at the Village Larder were delighted with our Collection of goods. They said our donations make a huge difference to them. They are very grateful. Thank you everyone.

### **Big Thank You for all the Easter Activities**

The Easter Monday Fun Day at St Peter's was a great success. Big "thank you" to Maure and Beverley, Mary and all the helpers who worked so hard to prepare a wonderful day for the children and their families. A great combination of fun and the Easter message. So many Parishioners were involved in getting our Parish Churches of St Bride's and St Peter's ready for the Holy Week and Easter and also for the special liturgies - especial word of thanks to David, our musicians and choir. A big "thank you" to all who helped out and took a part in the liturgies and to Phyllis, Anne, Evelyn, Robert and Alfie for decorating the Churches so beautifully. Another big "thank you" to Betty and her team of helpers for the fantastic reception after the Confirmation of Lorraine on Easter Sunday - for all the prepared food and Prosecco. The great atmosphere was enhanced by the beautiful weather, the joy of Easter Day, and the warm welcome to Lorraine and Paul and her family.

### **Easter Greetings**

Fr John Mandaele now working in a parish in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, sends his Easter Greetings, prayers and best wishes to all the parishioners of St Peter's, remembering all the kindness and happy times in Ardrossan.

### **Preparation Packs - now available!**

We now have as a Parish a Baptism Preparation Pack and a Marriage Preparation Pack on our website. It contains all the basic information needed for Baptism and Weddings. If you know of any family planning a Baptism soon or a Wedding, please refer them to the website so that they can download the relevant information.

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

"Walking Under Ladders" - Like the number thirteen, this was considered a good omen until the Puritans associated it with bad luck. The ladders was a symbol of Our Lord's Passion, and therefore to walk under it was a sign of redemption in that it inclined to the Cross from where Christ's blood flowed for mankind. It is also related that a ladder against a wall, since it forms a triangle, represents the Holy Trinity, and that to go under it is therefore a good omen.

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

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£200.00

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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Nicene Creed (for Eastertide)**

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

### **A Grandmother's Prayer**

Let me give my grandchild gifts, not just toys, but other things

- Like treasured dreams and memories  
that give a child both roots and wings.

Let me help with little things, to teach someone to tie a shoe,  
to answer funny questions now and always know just what to do.

Let me show that what is old

a child may find completely new,  
and know what once delighted me  
makes my grandchild happy, too.

Let me use this special time,  
Feeling blessed by circumstance;  
For sometimes being a grandma is  
a mother's happy second chance.

*Jill Wolf*



**Just for a Laugh...** A couple from St Peter's in Ardrossan go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the 'Chicken Surprise', The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. 'Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband. He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down. Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation. 'Please sir,' says the waiter, 'what you order?' The husband replies, 'Chicken Surprise' (*You're going to love this, and you're going to hate yourself for loving it!...*) 'Ah! So sorry,' says the waiter, 'I brought you Peeking Duck.'

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