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Fifth Sunday of Easter [C]

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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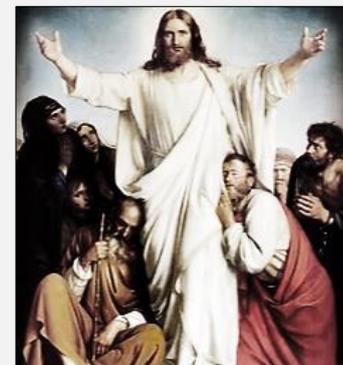
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Time Travel and Sunday Mass

You can probably recite every word of the Mass, but do you feel transformed when you walk out the door? While we as Catholics know that the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, at times that knowledge can stay in our head and fail to reach our heart. As we go to Mass every week and hear the same words, in the same building, with the same people, it can be easy to slip into the trap of it becoming routine. Here's the plan: We're about to hop into a time machine, where you will see how each aspect of the Mass literally transcends the bounds of time. At Mass each Sunday, you are no longer in the present. You are transported through time and space to Calvary as a witness to Christ's death and resurrection. As human beings, we are bound by time. We can't live in any other moment than the present. The past is written in stone, and the future is unreachable. We are confined by the seconds, the minutes, and the hours. But God doesn't have this limitation. God is not bound by time. He is in the past, the present, and the future, providing help and graces in all places on the time continuum. The sacrifice that Jesus offered once and for all was a unique act. He was a real man, so it was an act that took place at a particular time and place in the past. But Jesus is also true God, who is outside time and lives in the eternal present. Past and future are always present to him. This means that the actions of Christ on Calvary and on Easter Sunday morning are not only human acts taking place in history but also eternal, divine acts that can be made present in all times and places by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what happens in the Eucharist. The power of the Cross—the atoning sacrifice that forgives, liberates, heals, and reconciles—becomes present and available to us, allowing us to enter this great mystery. As wonderful as this is, the Cross is incomplete without the Resurrection (see Romans 4:25). The entire paschal mystery, Jesus' exodus from this world into glory, is a single saving event, and the Eucharist is its memorial. This means that the Resurrection too is made present every time the Eucharist is celebrated. When we go to Mass, we are at the foot of the Cross as the Saviour gives his life for us. Yet we are also outside the empty tomb with the risen Jesus and the women who encountered him on that wonderful morning. The privilege of sharing in Jesus' perfect sacrifice is symbolised beautifully just before the consecration, when the priest mixes a drop of water with the wine. The paltry sacrifice of our lives is like the water that is absorbed into the rich sacrifice of Christ's Blood, symbolised by the wine. But nothing is small in God's eyes. From the vantage point of eternity, our seemingly small offerings here in Christ can move mountains. Our entire lives, our struggles and triumphs, become eminently more meaningful in Christ—far more than we could ever imagine! The Mass is like a time machine that enables us to take part in the singular sacrifice of Christ through time and space. God grabs our hand and transports us through time, giving us a window into his infinite nature. Seeing God in the mystery of his vastness, we realise in a beautiful way how small we are. We have a God who daily gives us free front-row seats to our salvation.



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# Fifth 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>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Joseph Timmons &amp; Family (SI), Sam Taylor (RD), Jacky Brown (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</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 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Peace in Russia &amp; Ukraine, Agnes Lennon (RD), Anne McLaren (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Beata (Betty) Borzecka</b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James McCann (RD), Debra Roy (RD), Theresa McCann (RD), S &amp; L McGarvey.</i>	Adoration 9.30am  Mass 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Michael Bradbury (RD), Ben McFadden (RD), William Sheehan (A)</i> <b>Reception of Janet Brown at 6pm</b>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Requiem Mass for Janet Brown</b> Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John McHugh (RD), Kirsty Maher (RD), Frank &amp; Sadie Hamilton (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 11.30am  Mass 12 noon	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Agnes Lennon (RD), Mark Kilday (RD), A &amp; J Hulley &amp; Family.</i>		First Holy Communion Mass at 11am	Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm

### Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"Blessing those who sneeze" - During the time of the early Church a plague broke out in Rome whose first symptom was a sneeze. A pious Christian would thus bless anyone who sneezed, i.e. 'God bless you'. The Great Plague of London had a similar symptom - hence the beginning of the well-known nursery rhyme, "Ring of Roses" goes, "Atishoo, atishoo, we all fall down!"

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Shaun Galloway, Mary Reilly, Perrie Fitzpatrick (aged 5).*

#### ✝ Those who have died recently:

*Mark Kilday, Janet Brown, Debra Roy, Michael Bradbury, Sam Taylor, Jacky Brown (Greenock), Kirsty Maher, Juan McSkimming, Anne McLaren, Debra Roy, James McCann, John McHugh, Ben McFadden, Theresa McCann, Agnes Lennon (Kilmarnock).*

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

*Mary McFarlane 2004, Anthony Bale 2017, Charles Campbell 2008, Patricia Joanna Pengilly 201,7 Ann Cameron 2003, Mary Teresa Dolan 1999, Danny McMurdy 2017, Bill O'Neill 2009, Lexie Wright 2010, Father John Fitzsimmons 2008, Natalie Anne Hultz 2018, Susan Little 2007, William Sheehan senior 1983, Kathleen Watt 2012, William Calvert 1992, Frances Hackett 1997, Dennis Kelly 2019, Harry Andrew 2003, Tommy Coulter 2010, Daniel Cullinane 1971, Mary McKay 1980, Robert McKay 1942, Gwendoline McMullan 2016, Mary Quinn 1978, Ian Waterson 2016, George Wilson 2006, Deborah McFarlane Armstrong 2015, Hugh Cairns 2015, Patricia Butcher 2009, Brian Cairns 2004, James Freer 2018, Nora Ramsay 2007, Ronnie Stewart 1971, Annie Watt 2021*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JANET BROWN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Janet Brown, who died on 3rd May, aged 80 years. Her Reception into Church will be on Wednesday, 18th May at 6.00pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 19th May at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday, 3rd June at 10am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **WEDDING OF SHANNON MUIR AND DAVID GILLAN** We are delighted to announce the Marriage of Shannon Janet Muir and David John Gillan who will be married on Saturday, 21st May at 2pm. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".

► **WEDDING BLESSING** On the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Anniversary Blessing for Frances and James McBride-Gilmour on Saturday, 21st May at 4pm. We wish them a day of joy, peace and blessing.

► **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022** There will be a meeting for parents only of the children who will be taking their First Holy Communion soon. The Meeting will be on Thursday, 19th May at 6.30pm in St Peter's Centre. Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers.

► **SYCAMORE MEETING AT ST PETER'S** Our next Sycamore Meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th May at 7.15pm in St Peter's Centre. The theme for this Meeting will be the "*The Social Teaching of the Church*". Please spread the word and come along and support these inspiring Meetings.

► **SYNOD MEETING AT ST BRIDE'S** Many thanks for those who came along to the latest Synod Meeting at St Bride's last week. WE came up with really good results and considerations. They will all be sent on to the Synod Office. Special thanks to Phyllis, Ellen and Malcom for keeping us focused.

► **3 TOWNS YOUNG VOICES CHOIR** For young people aged 8-12 years (P4-P7), Wednesdays 6.30pm -7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. For further information: [threetownsyouthvoices@outlook.com](mailto:threetownsyouthvoices@outlook.com) or call: 07813 343440

► **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** Christian Aid Week begins on 15th May. There will be no house-to-house collections again this year. You can still donate online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org)

► **GALLOWAY DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO** There will be a coach leaving from the three towns at 1pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be at 4pm with anointing of the sick. Marian procession at 6pm and departure at 6.30pm. The cost is £6 per person. To book your seat call Lorna on 01294 463461 Monday to Friday between 9am and 11am.

### **A Really Good Read for the Month of May**

How would you describe your love for Mary? Whether you already have a close relationship with her as your mother, or you struggle to answer the constant barrage of questions from non-Catholics about her, May is a month to discover - or renew - the way you connect with your Blessed Mother. This week, in this special month of May, I want to recommend to you a beautiful little book that will help you grow closer to Mary. However close you are to Our Lady now, you will undoubtedly find a book here to help you connect more. The Book is called "Our Lady, Untier of Knots" and describes what it means when we ask Mary to untie the "knots" in our lives. St Irenaeus pointed out that "The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosened by the obedience of Mary." So if Mary can loosen such a knot, why not the knots in our lives? Offer your problems to Our Lady Untier of Knots with the assistance of this booklet and marvel at the impact on your life. The Booklet is now available in the Parish Shop at the back of Church, price £4.50. Get your copy today!

### **A Motorist's Prayer**

Grant me, O Lord,  
a steady hand and watchful eye,  
that no one shall be hurt as I pass by.  
You gave life; I pray no act of mine  
may take away or mar that gift of thine.  
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear my company,  
from the evils of fire and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' needs;  
nor miss through love of undue speed  
the beauty of the world;  
that thus I may with joy and courtesy go on my way.  
St. Christopher, holy patron of travellers,  
protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.  
Amen.



### **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

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

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a psychiatrist and told him: 'I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.' 'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the psychiatrist. 'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears.' How much do you charge? 'Eighty pounds per visit,' replied the expert. 'I'll sleep on it,' I said. Six months later, he met me on the street. 'Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked. 'Well, eighty quid a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! My Parish Priest cured me for only £10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a new car!' 'Is that so?' with a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did your Parish Priest cure you?' 'He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't nobody under there now!' Forget those psychiatrists - Talk to your Parish Priest!

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