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Seventh Sunday of Easter [C]

29th May 2022

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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Message of the Visitation of Mary

In the Virgin Mary who goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, we recognise the most powerful example and the truest meaning of our journey of believers and the journey of the Church herself. The Church is missionary by nature; she is called to proclaim the Gospel everywhere and always, to transmit the faith to every man and woman, and to every culture. Mary's is an authentic missionary journey. It is a journey that takes her far from home, drives her to the world, to places that are foreign to her daily customs, makes her reach, in a certain sense, the limits of what she could reach. Here lies, also for us, the secret of our lives as individuals and as Christians. We are asked to come out of ourselves, of the places of our security, to go to others, to different places and realms. It is the Lord who asks this of us. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months. Elizabeth is the symbol of everyone in need of help and love. Mary -- who described herself as "the handmaid of the Lord -- makes herself the handmaid of everyone. Mary's charity did not stop with service and the care of others, it reaches its culmination in giving Jesus himself. When the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb jumped upon hearing Mary's voice, we are, thus, at the heart of the evangelising mission. We are in the truest meaning and the most genuine objective of all missionary endeavour: to give everyone the living and personal Gospel, which is the Lord Jesus himself. Jesus is the true and only treasure that we have to give to humanity. The men and women of our time have a profound hunger for Him, even when they seem to ignore or reject him. It is of him that the society in which we live is in great need. To us has been entrusted this extraordinary responsibility. Let us live it with joy and commitment, so that ours will truly be a civilisation in which truth, justice, liberty and love reign. Let us ask our Lady who went in haste to Elizabeth, that we now go in haste to our sisters and brothers who are searching for the truth, goodness and beauty of God. I've always been fascinated by Mary's "haste" in this story of the Visitation. Upon hearing the message of Gabriel concerning her own pregnancy and that of her cousin, Mary "proceeded in haste into the hill country of Judah" to see Elizabeth. Why did she go with such speed and purpose? Because she had found her mission, her role in the theo-drama. We are dominated today by the ego-drama in all of its ramifications and implications. The ego-drama is the play that I'm writing, I'm producing, I'm directing, and I'm starring in. We see this absolutely everywhere in our culture. Freedom of choice reigns supreme: I become the person that I choose to be. The theo-drama is the great story being told by God, the great play being directed by God. What makes life thrilling is to discover your role in it. This is precisely what has happened to Mary. She has found her role—indeed a climactic role—in the theo-drama, and she wants to conspire with Elizabeth, who has also discovered her role in the same drama. Like Mary, we have to find our place in God's story.



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

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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 28 th May	7th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kenny Breen (A), Martin Hall (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	
Sunday 29 th May	7th Sunday of Easter Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 30 th May	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Simon & Matilda Brennan (A)</i>				
Tuesday 31 st May	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Kirsty Maher (RD)</i>	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for</i> <i>Wesley Reed (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 1 st June	Requiem Mass for Kirsty Maher Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 2 nd June	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Joe Flood (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 3 rd June	Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Janet Brown (MM), Anne Saba (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 9.30am Mass 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 4 th June	Solemnity of Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Hugh and Tommy McEvoy (A);</i> <i>Kirsty Maher (MM)</i>			Vigil Mass (L) at 4.30pm	



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Shaun Galloway, Mary Reilly.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Kirsty Maher, Martin Hall (Isle of Man/Stevenston), Janet Brown, Kirsty Maher, Anne Saba, Wesley Reed (USA), John Joe Flood (Westport, Ireland), Artie Armstrong (Ireland).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Kenny Breen 2018, Gerald Kelly 2014, Des Madine 1982, Brian Towie 2013, Cameron Walsh 1987, Joseph Bale 2011, Simon Brannan, Tilly Doherty, James Kyle 1992, Sadie Grant 2001, Anthony Lundie 2010, Maria Manfredini 2018, Isabella McCarroll 1968, Anne-Marie McLaughlin 2017, Kathleen Conway 1989, Bessie Grant (McCourt) 2002, Dora Grogan 2010, Canon Nicholas Murphy 1992, Pat Walker 1999, James Lane 1995, William McMullan 1939, Tony O'Brien 2015, Peg Brown 1991, Michael Collins, Annie Daniels 2014, Fitzpatrick and Fitzsimmons families, Susan Giffney 1972, Mary Kelly 1985, Teresa McEvoy 2014, Greta McGreevy 2009, Janette Smyth 2007, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980, Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Jim Glass, Denis Long 2005, Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, Ted Procter 2012.

Come Back to Mass!

The past two years have been a time of crisis and deep challenge for our country, and they have been a particular trial for the Catholics. During this terrible COVID period, many of us have been compelled to fast from attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist. To be sure, numerous Masses and Eucharistic para-liturgies have been made available online, and thank God for these. But Catholics know in their bones that such virtual presentations are absolutely no substitute for the real thing. Now that the doors of our churches are open wide, I would like to urge every Catholic reading these words: Come back to Mass! Why is the Mass of such central importance? The Second Vatican Council eloquently teaches that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life"—which is to say, that from which authentic Christianity comes and toward which it tends. It is the alpha and the omega of the spiritual life, both the path and the goal of Christian discipleship. Thomas Aquinas said that all of the other sacraments contain the *virtus Christi* (the power of Christ) but that the Eucharist contains *ipse Christus* (Christ himself)—and this would help to explain why St. Thomas could never make it through the Mass without shedding copious tears. It is precisely at the Mass that we are privileged to receive this incomparable gift. It is precisely at the Mass that we take in this indispensable sustenance. Without it, we starve to death spiritually. There is simply, this side of heaven, no more intimate communion possible with the risen Lord. If the Eucharistic liturgy is, in fact, the source and summit of the Christian life, the privileged encounter with Jesus Christ, the moment when the Mystical Body most fully expresses itself, the setting for the reception of the bread of heaven—then we are putting ourselves, spiritually speaking, in mortal danger when we actively stay away from it. Just as a doctor might observe that you are endangering your life by eating fatty foods, smoking, and refraining from exercise, so a doctor of the soul will tell you that abstaining from the Mass is compromising your spiritual health. Come back to Mass! And might I suggest that you bring someone with you, someone who has been away too long or has perhaps been lulled into complacency during COVID? Let your own Eucharistic hunger awaken an evangelical impulse in you. Bring in people from the highways and byways; invite your co-workers and family members; wake up the kids on Sunday morning; turn off your computers. Come back to Mass!

He's On Your Side

Sometimes, something difficult,
brings itself to view.
And we need some extra help,
with what life may bring us to.
So I said a prayer to Jesus,
to help you with this task,
because I find him wisest,
and I only have to ask.
So let your mind be ready,
for his voice to be your guide,
for you are with the safest person,
whilst he is on your side.
Please don't be disheartened,
or pay heed to the rest,
for the Lord is moving in your life,
and surely he knows best.

St. Bride's and St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **FUNERAL SERVICE for JUAN McSKIMMING.** Please pray or the Repose of the Soul of Baby Juan McSkimming. His Funeral Service will be on Monday, 30th May at 3.30pm at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium Chapel. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR KIRSTY MAHER** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kirsty Maher, who died on 4th May, aged 39 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 1st June at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Saturday, 4th June at 5.30pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Eilidh McLaughlin who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST** Everyday of this week, we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon our parishes, homes and hearts. He will lead us into the complete truth and fill us with the courage of the saints and martyrs.
- ▶ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST BRIDE'S** Three of our children will make their First Holy Communion next Sunday, 5th June: Samuel Ferrie, Ivor Gibson and Shannon Gibson. We wish them a day of great graces and joy.



Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

"Dunce" - This word derives from the name of the saint and scholar Duns Scotus (c. 1265-1308), a Franciscan friar and famous mediaeval theologian who was born at Dunse in Scotland. His opponents called his followers and students "Dunces".

Just for a Laugh... There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!" The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly that it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!!" The second man replied, "You don't understand. I make £100,000 a week." The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!" The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make £100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that £100,000 per week to St Bride's. My Parish Priest will find me!"

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