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Third Sunday of Easter [A]

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ The Most Important Part of the Body

My mother used to often ask me what the most important part of the body was. Young as I was, I thought sound was very important to us as humans. So I'd say, "My ears, Mummy!" "No!" she would say. "There are so many people who are deaf! But you keep thinking and I will ask you again soon." And so it went on until several years passed before she asked me again. Since making my first attempt, I concentrated on the correct answer. Or so I thought I had! So this time I told her, "Mummy, sight is very important to everybody, so it must be our eyes." She looked at me and told me, "You are learning fast, but the answer is not correct because there are many people who are blind." Stumped again, I continued my quest for knowledge and after a few years, my mother asked me a couple of times more and always her answer was, "No. But you are getting smarter every year, my child!" Then one, year, my grandfather died. Everybody was upset and everybody was crying. Even my father wept I remember that especially because that was only the second time in my life that I had ever seen him cry. My mother looked at me when it was our turn to say our final goodbye to grandpa; she asked me, "Don't you know the most important body part yet, my dear?" I was shocked when she asked me this now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face and told me, "This question is very important. It shows that you have really lived in your life. For every body part you gave as the answer in the past, I have told you, was wrong, even giving you the reason why. But today is the day you need to learn this important lesson." She looked down at me as only a mother can. I saw her eyes welling up with tears. She said, "My dear, the most important part of the body is your shoulder." "Is it because it holds up my head?" I asked. "No," she replied, "it is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on sometime in life. I only hope that you have enough love and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it."



Then and there I knew that the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is being sympathetic to the pain of others. People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will NEVER forget how you made them feel.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide 2023 [A]

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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 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for John Maher (A), David Kelly (RD),</i> <i>Philomena &amp; Patrick Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Third 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 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Ann Taggart (RD), Charlie Macgregor (RD)</i>				
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Feast of St Mark</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Mary Delahunt (A), Bonnie Millar (T)</i>	No Mass Today	Funeral Mass at 10.30am <b>Annamarie Bell</b>	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Helen Love (RD), Steven Fitzpatrick (RD)</i>		Mass at 9.30am		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), John O'Rourke (A)</i> <b>Reception of James McLaughlan at 5.30pm</b>			Mass at 10am (L)	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Requiem Mass for James McLaughlan</b> Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for William Savage (A), Yasmin &amp; Family (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	

### The 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.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon,*  
*Roseann Bannan, Craig Laughlan.*

#### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*James McLaughlan, Rose Bowers, Ann Taggart,*  
*David Kelly (Ireland),*  
*Charlie MacGregor, Steven Fitzpatrick.*

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

*Sarah Coulter 1972, Gerard Dorrain 2008,*  
*Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969,*  
*John Murphy, Thomas Nellany 2001,*  
*Mary Robertson 1988, Charlotte Bell 2009,*  
*David Cook 2018, John Maher 2010,*  
*Agnes McCann 1970, Joseph Stevens 1993,*  
*Rose Twigg 2014, Rosa Carrino 2021,*  
*Patrick Doherty 2005, Hugh Donald 2013,*  
*Mark Hughes 2012, Kathleen McEvoy 2016,*  
*Canon Alex McGarry 2013, Aldo Agostini 1974,*  
*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, John Brownlow 2012,*  
*Tommy Morgan 1992, Kathleen Walsh 1955.*

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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JAMES MCLAUGHLAN AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James McLaughlan, who died on 1st April 2023, aged 77 years. The Reception into Church will be on Thursday, 27th April at 5.30pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 28th April 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Monday, 1st May at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** There will be a Meeting of the parents of the children making their first Holy Communion this year on Thursday, 27th April; at 6.15pm. Please keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

► **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** We are delighted to announce the wedding of Wedding Eileen Thomas and Francis Doran on Saturday, 29th April at 12.30pm. We wish them both a "love for a lifetime".

► **WEST KILBRIDE WELLBEING EVENT** The clinical team at Ayrshire Medical Group, would like to invite you to join us on Thursday 27th April at West Kilbride Village Hall 12-2pm for a Practice Wellbeing Day. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and meet us, the new members of our team, as well as some familiar faces, over a cup of tea. We also hope to take this time to focus on wellbeing. We will have visitors from our local community offering information and support regarding their services, as well as representatives from the practice, who will have information about general wellbeing. Over the coming months we hope to meet many more of you, from the community. Good quality patient care is at the forefront of what we hope to achieve at West Kilbride, and we would like to hear from you all as to how best we can offer this to you. We hope to continue to offer continuity of care to all our patients, guiding you to the right care in the right place, every time.

► **PARISH 50/50 CLUB WINNERS LIST 2023** Winning numbers for January: 171 - A. Agostini, 81- M. Munn, 184 - C. Boyd, 3 - Michael Sammons. February: 118 - C. Stuart, 67 - P. Milani, 221 - F. Robertson, 99 - N. Convery. March: 92 D. Brown, 134 G. McGrattan, 162 T. Small, 26 G. Narducci. **Congratulations** to winners who each receive £25. Cheques are in the post. - please do let the promoter know of **any change of address ASAP**. **April Draw:** 4 X £25 each and Bonus Draw of £100 **takes place end of April** to date 12 members still to renew their membership of £15 - you need to be in it to win it. We welcome NEW members at any time please consider joining and support your PARISH contact parish 50/50 club promoter Myriame Sammons on 01294 469006

► **SCIAF THANK YOU** Please see the noticeboard for a letter from SCIAF thanking you for your generous donations.

► **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Next weekend 29/30 April, we will take up the annual collection for our Students studying for the Priesthood.

### **The Cry for Help**

More than ever, non-Christians and non-practicing Christians are sending you, me, and all of Christianity a message. Though they are not aware of it, they are indirectly giving witness to the Gospel. For within the message, there is a profound challenge for you and me to embrace a life rooted more fully in the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. Their message is clear, unmistakable, and disarmingly simple. Our siblings, parents, and children are sending us this message, as are our friends, neighbours, and colleagues. They are saying, whispering, crying out, "Don't tell me, show me!" Their plea comes from a longing deep within them and represents their great hunger. They don't want to see another television evangelist, they don't want to read another book or hear another tape about Christianity, and they don't want to hear your amazing story of conversion. They want the real thing. They want to witness someone, anyone - just one will do - living an authentic life. Someone whose words are spoken by the authority of his or her actions. Someone striving humbly but heroically to live by what is good, true, and noble in the midst of and in spite of this modern climate. I have heard this cry a thousand times, but the words of one man echo in my mind like a bad dream that keeps returning to haunt a terrified child. They are the words of Mahatma Gandhi. He is a man for whom I have great admiration - a man whom I believe strove with all his might to live an authentic life. I have studied his life and writings extensively, but one passage stands out. It speaks to me with a clarity that pierces my heart. In relation to the well known fact that Gandhi read from the New Testament everyday and often quoted the Christian Scriptures, a reporter once asked him why he had never become a Christian. He answered, "If I had ever met one, I would have become one." In his own way, Gandhi was saying, "Don't tell me, show me!" and simultaneously revealing his yearning for an example of an authentic life. At every moment, the entire modern world kneels before us, begging, pleading, beckoning, for some brave man or woman to come forward and lead them by example of an authentic life. [Matthew Kelly]

### **Vocations Sunday Next Weekend.**

Sunday, 30th April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

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

Offertory Cash Collection 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023: £747.70

Second Collection (Building Fund): £293.01

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

Offertory Cash Collection 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023: £95.00

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### **Notable Date**

25<sup>th</sup> April 1978 Father John Murphy died.

**Just for a laugh...** A 747 was halfway across the Atlantic when the captain got on the loudspeaker: "Attention, passengers. We have lost one of our engines, but we can certainly reach Glasgow with the three we have left. Unfortunately, we will arrive an hour late as a result." An hour later the captain made another announcement: "Sorry, but we lost another engine. Still, we can travel on two. I'm afraid we will now arrive two hours late." Shortly thereafter, the passengers heard the captain's voice again: "Guess what, folks? We just lost our third engine, but please rest assured we can fly with only one. We will now arrive in Glasgow three hours late." At this point, a passenger from Ardrossan became furious. "For Pete's sake," he shouted. "If we lose another engine, we'll be up here all night!"

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