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Seventh Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day) [A]

21st May 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Mary's "Secret Weapon"

Possibly, interior reflection has never been more difficult in the entire history of the world than it is today, when our attention is pulled so effectively in so many directions: we are surrounded by advertisements, both visual and audio; we are inundated with images because we spend so much time on the Internet, on mobile media devices, and in front of the TV and film screens; we are flooded with words from news, email, text messages, twittering, blogs...; we are submerged in sounds that come at us from cell phones, computers, radios, podcasts, and hidden speakers in restaurants, stores, and airports; some retailers have even begun piping in artificial smells in order to stimulate our desire to buy more products. All of this input makes it hard for us to keep the inner chamber of our hearts free from clutter. But unless we do that, we will simply never grow up, spiritually speaking; we will always be up-to-date, but we will never become wise. In Christian art, one symbol for this virtue of interior wisdom and recollection is an oil lamp with its flame burning brightly. The oil symbolises the truth that God speaks to our hearts when we give him the chance. The lamp symbolises the discipline of our senses, which keeps the oil, or truth, pure and uncontaminated by trivial or sinful thoughts. And the flame is the wisdom that comes from our prayerful reflection and intimate conversation with God. This wisdom both enlightens the mind and warms the heart, filling us with understanding and with joy. This rich symbol is all the more powerful because we all know that a sudden wind or a disturbance of the lamp will snuff out the flame, just as a life of superficiality and distractions will snuff out Christian wisdom. Mary knows that it is hard to keep the clutter out of our hearts. She has given us a weapon for developing our interior life that has a 100% success rate. Everyone who has used this weapon has come closer to God and grown in wisdom, courage, and joy. All of us know about it, but not enough of us use it. It's called the Rosary. The Rosary is a key letting us into Mary's heart, where we can sit with her, as if we were having a cup of tea together in her parlour, just the two of us. We sit and talk things over, letting Christ's light shine on the dark, cold corners of our mind and heart, and letting his grace heal and strengthen all that is wounded and weak in our lives and in the world. Why not make in this month of May the decision to spend this year learning from our spiritual mother how to let God put order, peace, and wisdom into our lives, by "keeping all these things and reflecting on them in our hearts" through the Rosary. If we take even that small step closer to Christ, he will surely take a giant leap closer to us.



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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT
ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!

7th Week in Eastertide 2023 [A]

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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 20 th May	7th Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day) Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Cathie Slimmans (SI)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 21 st May	7th Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 22 nd May	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Rose Ann Bannon (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 23 rd May	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Elizabeth Dornan (B)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 24 th May	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Theresa McGarvey (A)</i>		Mass at 10am	
Thursday 25 th May	7th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for the Church, that it will always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 26 th May	Memorial of St Philip Neri Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for peace in the world.</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am	
Saturday 27 th May	Solemnity of Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for the Special Intentions of Pope Francis.</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, Craig Laughlan.*

✦ Those who have died recently:
Joseph McSorley, Rose Ann Bannon,

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:
*Margaret Jane Brennan 1964, Betty Kelly 2011,
Hugh Taylor 2016, John Curran 2013,
Annie Monan 1998, James Cunningham 1986,
Michael Lynn 2005, James McCormack 1999,
Catherine Welsh 2005, Bernard Burns 1963,
Annie Carson 1995, Avril Cullis 2009,
Brookelyn Angel Donnachy 2006,
James Jennings 2013, Andrew McCormick 2009,
Alfie Willis 2015, Barbara Scott 2010,
Joe Marshall 2013, Sally McKane 2021,
John McKay 1957, Willie Forsyth 2012,
John McKay senior 1957, Patricia Murphy 1988,
Joseph Retzbach 1940.*



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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Reeve Reid, who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** This weekend (20/21 May 2023) we will take up the annual special collection for Communications. Once again, many thanks for your generosity.
- ▶ **THANK YOU** Margaret MacGregor would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, flowers and Mass intentions following the death of her husband Charlie. A donation was made to MacMillan Cancer Support.
- ▶ **PASTORAL COUNCIL AT ST PETER'S** The next Meeting of St Peter's Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 25th May at 7pm in the Presbytery. Everyone is invited to join in, so please come along.
- ▶ **A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ST PETER'S 50-50 CLUB** Sincere thanks to all the members of St Peter's 50-50 Club and to Myriame Sammons for all the hard work during the year. The Club was able to donate to St Peter's £2000, which comes at a very opportune time. Thanks again for all the support and generosity! If you are not a member of the Club, please consider it - "you have to be in it to win it" and it is a tremendous support to the Parish. Thank you!
- ▶ **ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY** Please join in the daily rosary in Church before the Celebration of Mass during the month of May in St Peter's.
- ▶ **CARFIN** St Winin's have organised a coach for Sunday 4th June. It will leave Dalry Road, Kilwinning at 12 noon. For more information or to book a place please contact Gerry Quirk on 01294 556680.

How to receive the Holy Spirit today

What can we do and what should we do for the Spirit of God to come to us and fill us with His gifts? We should, to a greater extent, awaken in our hearts the desire for the Holy Spirit and His gifts. It is the same desire which the apostles and the Most Blessed Virgin had when they were gathered at the cenacle awaiting the promised Holy Spirit. It is the petition: Come, Holy Spirit! We anxiously wait for You because we are so weak, because we need your transforming power. We should awaken a deep longing for Him to take our education into His hands.....our transformation into genuine children of God. Therefore, we must become men and women with a desire for the Spirit of God.

We should make a greater effort to be silent, to be interiorly alone and tranquil. It has to do with recollection and solitude, filled with God. The powers of the soul should not be concentrated on us but on God. Only in this way will we be able to listen to what the Holy Spirit murmurs to us. If in our surroundings, especially in our inner self, there is so much noise, so many strange voices, so much worldly spirit, then we will not be able to listen to the Holy Spirit. If we do not listen to Him, then we will not know what He wishes of us or what He suggests to us.

Another disposition is humble prayer. "I believe the time has come for us to fold our hands and pray. We need prayer much more than we need exercise. Knowing we only possess the sails of our boat and that the Holy Spirit is the one who must inflate them, we feel totally dependent before God.

A last disposition which attracts the Holy Spirit is a Marian spirit. We know that on the day of Pentecost, Mary was amid the apostles. We do not doubt that, especially by her powerful maternal petition, the Divine Spirit came upon each of them. In like manner, we must unite with Her as we wait for the Holy Spirit. As in the Incarnation, the Holy Spirit and the Virgin collaborated for Jesus to be born. In this manner, the Spirit of God today also wants to cooperate with Mary so that Christ, the Son of God, may be born and live in each soul.

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Second Collection (Building Fund): £68.00

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Just for a Laugh

😊 A teacher was testing the children in her class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big car boot sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered, "NO!" She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU'VE GOT TO BE DEAD FIRST."

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