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Fifth Sunday of Easter [A]

7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Mary, Queen of the Family

Imagine the scene. In the year 1865, a priest, Father Petitjean, celebrated Mass in an impoverished chapel at the foot of a mountain in Nagasaki. He was the first missionary for 300 years to set foot in Japan. After Mass the people, who had gathered, approached him suspiciously. They asked him lots of questions to find out if he was genuine or not, if he was a "real" Catholic. They asked him about the Pope, about the celibacy of priests and about Mary. Calmed down by these answers, they slowly convinced themselves that they were speaking to a priest. "For three hundred years we've been waiting for you, so that you can baptize us", they said, "we believe in Jesus". For such a long time there had been no priest or contact with the Church, there had been no official teaching of the faith or sacraments. Yet a group of people maintained their faith intact, how? Through the family! From generation to generation the values and truth of our faith were passed on. The Christian Family has always been the place for evangelisation and it has always had the mission to evangelize others at the same time. Believing in the Family, in spite of all the knocks it receives today - that is the greatest force of renewal of our times. In the renewal of Family Life, we look at a very special person for help and for guidance. The Church calls Mary, the Queen of the Family, because she is an expert in Family life. Mary knew the "ins and outs" of family life. She represents every woman and mother and she says "yes" to her child. Mary never doubted even for an instant that it is worthwhile to bring that new life, this child, into the world, even in a world that is full of pain, uncertainty and death. Some women today find it hard "just to be a mother". Mary is a lasting example that motherhood in itself is the greatest task that a human being can take upon themselves. She accepted her motherhood with all the limitations and restrictions that it included. She did this out of love. Indeed, Mary loved a great deal. She loved Joseph and she built with him a community of life and love in that home of Nazareth. They both chose the one and the same aim for their married life together: To serve their Son and his work and mission in the world. Without doubt, we may call Mary, the Queen of the Family, a Mother who educates. She wants to build Nazareth and the experience of Nazareth everywhere. That will always be Mary's mission even today: To support and help all families, that they in their turn, can become a Holy Family of Nazareth. The present and tomorrow of evangelization depends a great deal on the family. As long as the family is the foundation

and crown of Church and society, Mary's role will never diminish, but be put at the heart of modern Church and spiritual life. This is "Mary's Hour" in her task to renew family life and to renew Church life through the family. Together with Mary, the Queen of the Family, we have enough reason to be confident and full of hope as we build together a new world for God.



# 5<sup>th</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>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Kirsty Maher (A),</i> <i>Patrick Roe (RD), Helen McGee (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 7 <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 8 <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 Margaret Kostigovs (RD), Fr. Gabriel Kigozi (A)</i>			
Tuesday 9 <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 Anne Kennedy (A),</i> <i>Marie Anderson (B), John &amp; Mary McCann (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 10 <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 Ina McIver (B), Jim Donnelly (B)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Eastertide</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Eucharistic Service at 10am</b>			Eucharist Service at 10am
Friday 12 <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 Noelle Collins (A), James McLaughlan (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ian McCormick (A),</i> <i>Joan Phillips (A), Josephine Atkins (SI)</i>		First Eucharist Mass at 11am (L)	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:

*Patrick Roe, Margaret Kostigovs, Charlie Macgregor,*  
*Bernadine McInally, James McLaughlan.*

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

*Jean Agostini 1978, Josephine Brady 1953,*  
*Josephine Cunningham 2000, Margaret Long 1999,*  
*Margaret O'Neill 2009, Margaret Stevens 2007,*  
*Williamina (Wilshie) Boyle 2014, Stan Wilson 2017,*  
*Annie Hilferty 1959, Simon Smyth 2001,*  
*Esther Tumlilty 2020, Mary Kelly 2013,*  
*John McCracken 1949, Thomas McDermott 2017,*  
*Joe Moran 2008, Matthew Black 2015,*  
*Patricia Woodcock née Leonard 2021,*  
*Elizabeth Hendry 1987, Frank Nils Matthews 2003,*  
*Ian McCormick 2019, Josephine Mulligan 2008,*  
*Angela Murray 1991, Thomas Algeo 2013,*  
*Robert Ferguson 2005, Nicholas McIntee 2004,*  
*Francis Moran 1999. Theresa Smith 1997.*

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

- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST PETER'S** We congratulate all our young people today who make their First Holy Communion. We pray that they have a day of grace, blessing and great joy.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Liam Alexander McAvoy who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **INTERMENT OF ASHES OF KATHLEEN HILL** Kathleen's Ashes will be interred at Ardrossan Cemetery on Friday, 12th May at 1pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **CROWNING OF OUR LADY IN MAY** We begin the Marian Month of May with a crowning of Our Lady today, Sunday, 7th May at the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Mass. We ask our Blessed Lady to intercede for all our families and our Parish in this special month of grace.
- ▶ **ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AT ST PETER'S** Please join in the daily rosary in the Church before the Celebration of Mass on weekdays during the month of May.
- ▶ **HMS DASHER MEMORIAL** Ardrossan Churches Group invites you to a Coronation Songs of Praise at 2pm today, Sunday 7th May at Ardrossan South Beach (If wet, in St Peter's Church.)
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SSVF** We are collecting for The Village Larder during the month of May. Any items of food will be welcome (Please check the sell by dates.) The Final day for donating will be Sunday 28th May 2023. The SSVF greatly appreciate all the support the Parish gives us. *Thank you!*



### May is Mary's Month of Grace

The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality. With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Biblical books of Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach. In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals, from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the rose of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary. During this month of May we can consider ways we can imitate Mary's "yes" to the presence of God and thereby create springtime in this world, which will anticipate that eternal spring in the next.

This month:

- \* Honour Mary with a Rosary each day.
- \* Read some inspiring literature about Mary.
- \* Set up a little Shrine to her outside or inside your house.
- \* Love her!

### Who's Who of Catholic Church Members

Check the kind of Catholic you expect to be:

- Annuals: can be seen in church in their "Sunday best" on Easter and Christmas only
  - Leaners: use church for baptisms, weddings, and funerals
  - Pillars: regular Mass attenders; give support, time, and selves
  - Specials: help and give on only those occasions that appeal to them
  - Sponges: take all the church has to give, but never return the favour
  - Whingers: stay on the outside and criticise and complain about Everything
  - Hypocrites: think they are better than everybody, even the Pillars.
- It's your choice!



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Standing Orders for April 2023: £3866.00

### ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023: £99.00  
Special Collection (Student Fund): £68.00  
Standing Orders for April 2023: £1047.00

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

And finally, some humour...



A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

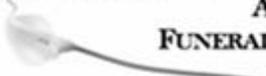


The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.



A teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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