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2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy [B]

7th April 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Easter Faith: Stumbling upon God's Mercy

If we read the stories of conversions to the Catholic faith, the one theme that comes back over and over again is this experience of God's mercy through the sacrament of confession. One example is particularly powerful. It took place a long time ago, in France, during the years following the French Revolution. It's about an old man who walked with a limp. He had been a respected soldier in Napoleon's army, but battle wounds had ended his promising career. He traveled from village to village, begging, which he hated to do. He arrived in a village in Western France one evening and made his way to the steps of the Church. He was willing to take coins from church-goers, but he despised them all the same for believing in a God who could have permitted the terrible crimes he had witnessed. The next morning the priest found the beggar huddled on the steps in a worn blanket and, after Mass, invited him to come to his house for breakfast. The old soldier felt repulsed, as he always did when taking charity, but hunger and the kindness on the priest's face made him accept. The stranger stayed there for several days. The priest's kindness never waned. The old soldier had never been loved so much, so selflessly. And he had never felt so miserable. Finally, the stranger asked for confession. One of his sins stood out from all the rest. The beggar had been the most trusted servant of an aristocratic family. The head of that family had unsuccessfully rebelled against the revolution. His wife and six children entrusted their lives and fortunes to the servant. But for a pouch of gold coins he betrayed his master's wife and children and watched them go one-by-one to the guillotine. Only the youngest child somehow escaped, and no one had seen him since. With tears of shame, the stranger finished his confession. The priest gave him absolution, raised him up and embraced him. As the old soldier's eyes lifted, he saw a portrait on the wall behind - the portrait of the family he had betrayed to their deaths. Shocked, he pulled back from the priest. "Who are you", he asked. "Where did you get that painting?" The priest smiled. "I am the youngest son, my friend. And I forgive you." Our greatest treasure as Catholics is the revelation of Christ, a revelation of God's boundless mercy, the only force strong enough to penetrate the walls of pain, anger, fear, and resentment that we have built around our hearts.



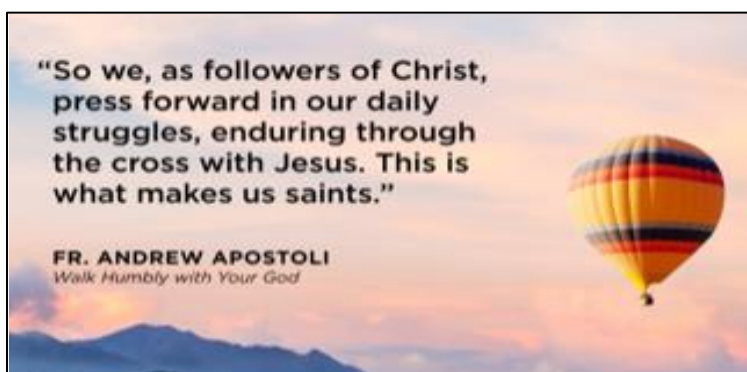
Second Week of Eastertide [B]

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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 6 th April	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Simon & Matilda Brannan (A), Jacky Brown (A), Joe Howie (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm
Sunday 7 th April	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy) 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 th April	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Elizabeth Filippi (RD), Marion Borland (A), Cath Collins Easter List 1</i>	Mass at 10am		
Tuesday 9 th April	2nd WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Swiercz (SI), Fr Gerard Mulligan (RD)</i> Funeral service for James McBreen at 1pm	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 10 th April	2nd WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Patricia Monaghan (SI), Ken Littlemore (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 11 th April	MEMORIAL OF ST STANISLAUS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Edward Barratt (A), Mary Hartley</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 12 th April	2nd WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Philomena Poole (A), Thomas Hartley</i> Benediction at 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	No Mass Today	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 13 th April	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Francisco Snr. Canero, Cath Collins Easter list 2</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm

BEFORE MASS

God our Father, you have called us today
to join in the offering of Jesus Christ,
your Divine Son, in this Mass.
Grant that every action we do,
every word we say every note we sing,
may unite us more closely in our love
for you and for one another.

Help us to offer this Mass with love and attention.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Ellen Quirk, Betty Craig, Tony Smith,
David McMahan.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Peter Ross, James McBreen, Fr. Gerard Mulligan,
Ken Littlemore, Thomas Garrigan,
Jessie Horn, Elizabeth Filippi.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Father Tom McCann 2009, Mary Tinney 2004,
Father Jim Boyd SCJ 2002, Patricia Brady 2019,
Andrew Coldwell 1994, Father John Collins 2002,
Donald Cullinane 2009, Frank Kelly 1994,
Michael Mulligan 1982, Billy Smith 2009,
David McLaren 2006, Winnie McMillan 2021,
Jim Roxburgh 2014, Father Gabriel Kigozi 2011,
Helen Theresa Magee 2000, George Monaghan 2004,
Phyllis Poole 2015, Father David Barr 2012,
Thomas Clarke 2019, Martha Lynas 2009,
Jessie Stevens 2000, David Walsh 1962.*

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

► **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JAMES MCBREEN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James McBreen, who died on 24th March 2024, aged 92 years. His Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 9th April at 1pm, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **PASTORAL COUNCIL - ST PETER'S** The next Meeting of the Pastoral Council at St Peter's will be on Thursday, 11th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

The Church as a Football Team.

This is an important lesson, because the idea we have in our minds of what the Church is affects how we act. We are being reminded this Sunday that the Church is something alive, active, and mission-driven - just like Christ himself. That means that we who are members of the Church are called to be living, active, and mission-driven. Think of the analogy of a football team. Imagine the team sprinting out of the dressing room and lining up. Then one of the players says, "Hey, I have an idea! The manager knows football better than any of us. He has more experience than any of us. He knows the game plan better than any of us. Why don't we just send him out onto the pitch and let him play!" So the manager goes out on the pitch, and the rest of the team waits patiently on the touch line, watching. You can imagine the results. Ridiculous, right? Of course! The players and the manager need each other. They are a team. The Church is similar. Jesus is like the owner, the Pope is like our manager, the priests are like assistant coaches, but every single Catholic is a player on the team. When we were baptized we joined the team, we received our football strip - the little white garment. The other sacraments keep us in shape: confirmation and the Eucharist strengthen us; confession heals our injuries; marriage and ordination give graces for our particular positions on the team. Every single one of us is called to be an active player on this team. That may mean helping out here in the Parish, but primarily and most importantly it means bringing Christ into the world where we live and work and study and play. Each of us will do it uniquely, according to our God-given talents and vocation. If we each do our part, then the Church will continue being what it was created to be: the extension of Christ's presence throughout all times and places.

Catholics called to fight 'aggressive' euthanasia campaign.

The UK is gripped by the "aggressive promotion" of doctor-assisted killing which threatened the most vulnerable members of society since TV celebrity Dame Esther Rantzen announced she wanted to commit suicide at the Dignitas clinic in Switzerland. Sir Keir Starmer announced his support for assisted suicide. In Scotland, meanwhile, Liam McArthur MSP has secured the right to introduce a Bill to legalise assisted suicide for terminally ill adults later this year. Dr Alex Allinson has introduced a Private Members' Bill to the Isle of Man Parliament (Tynwald) in July 2023 to allow residents to access assisted suicide or euthanasia and in Jersey the States Assembly decided in principle in November 2021 that assisted suicide should be permitted. As Christians, the family teaches us to treat every human life as a gift from God, not a commodity we manipulate and dominate. Every human life is to be welcome. Every human life is to be cherished. The Catholic Church believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one's physical or mental state or ability. We are called to care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death. Archbishop Wilson explained that the term "assisted dying" meant either assisted suicide – the act of deliberately assisting another person to end their life, usually by providing them with lethal drugs – or euthanasia, "an action or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering. Both involve a fundamental conviction that life is not worth living and a suffering person is better off dead. Elevating individual choice above any concern for its wider consequences can deform a culture of life into a culture of death. The answer does not lie in assisted suicide, but improving palliative care provision. This includes better funding, training, and accessibility to ensure that everyone who needs palliative care can receive it. Once assisted dying is legal, there is a risk that vulnerable, disabled, and elderly people will feel obliged to consider it so as not to burden their loved ones.

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£1107.43

Second Collection (Building Fund): £555.39
Special Collection (Holy Places): £294.31
Standing Orders for March 2024: £3797.00

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 31st March 2024:
£184.94

Special Collection (Holy Places): £160.05
Standing Orders for March 2024: £1042.00

**STANDING ORDERS –
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Notable Dates

7th April 1997 – Parish Centre construction started.
12th April 2011 – Father Gabriel Kigozi died.

Just for a laugh 😊😊😊



Pontius Pilate: "Joseph, I really don't understand. You're one of the richest men in the region, and you've spent a small fortune on a new tomb for you and your family and you want to give it to this man Jesus?"
Joseph: "It's just for the weekend"

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