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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare [B]

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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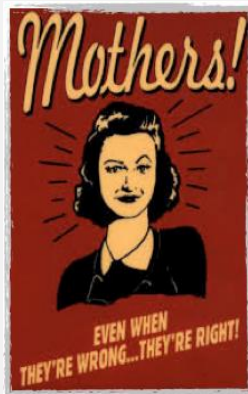


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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ The Meanest Mother in the World



We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other children ate crisps for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Mars Bar for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from other children had, too. Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She

had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less. We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labour Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just sound the car horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could have a boyfriend or a girlfriend when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16. Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other children experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalising other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for going to Mass, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays. Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mother was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mums anymore.

happy  
**MOTHER'S**  
day

# Fourth Week of Lent [B]

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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 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> (Laetare) <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Anmmarie Dickie (A),</i> <i>Debra Crawford (RD), Ann McDonald (SI)</i>			4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> (Laetare) <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes.</i>	12.15pm Mass	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Francesco Cecchini (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Stations of the Cross at 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Wilma McDougall (S)</i>	10am Mass		10am Mass (L)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for James Friel (RD), Charles &amp; Dorothea Campbell (A)</i>		10am Mass (L) 6pm Reception <b>Gerry Fitzpatrick</b>	1pm Funeral Service <b>Helen McConnell</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mrs Helen O'Brien (RD), Howard Wilson (RD)</i>		10am Funeral Mass <b>Gerry Fitzpatrick</b>	10am Eucharistic Service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for William H. McCann (A), Ian Howie (9MM)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	9.30am Stations of the Cross  10am Mass	10am Mass (L)	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Kevin Doherty (A),</i> <i>Mrs Mary Gribben (A), Janie Aitken (A)</i>			4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)

### NOVENA FOR BLESSING OF DIOCESE AND BISHOP

As we prepare for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Frank Dougan as the ninth Bishop of Galloway, we will come together as a diocese to pray a Novena. Each day will have a theme and a video will be made available on the Galloway Diocese Facebook page and Youtube channel. Please join us each day at 9.00 am.

#### Novena Prayer

*Lord God, eternal shepherd,  
you guard and guide your Church in many ways  
but always in love.*

*You have chosen your servant,  
Frank to be shepherd of your flock  
in the Diocese of Galloway.*

*Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.*

*By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care,  
may he build your Church and*

*foster in his people true faith in Christ  
that he and those whom he ministers to may  
be a sign of salvation for the world.*

*We ask this prayer, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Ellen Quirk, Tony Smith,  
Monica (Brady) Dillon, Freddy Kean,  
John McKenna, David McMahan.*

#### + Those who have died recently:

*Samuel Collins, Francesco Cecchini, James Friel,  
Howard Wilson (NZ), Mrs Helen O'Brien.*

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

*Alice Bell 2005, May Bell 2003, John Carroll 2004,  
John Kyle 2009, Pat Logan 2021, Myles McDonald,  
Monsignor Archibald McSparran 1950, Jean Walker 2001,  
Stephanie Hope Turner 2001, Aldegonda Brogi 1971,  
Francis Ferguson 2022, Canon Charles Matthews 1996,  
Peter McGlone 2016, Agnes Scott 1990, Billy Shanks 2015  
Monsignor Edward Traynor 2006, HESSIE Hyslop 1998,  
Lilia Agostini 1969, Mary Andrew 1957,  
Susan Morgan 2012, Frances Smith 2019,  
Louis Ferguson 2020, Grace Jamieson 2005,  
Doris McNamara 2010, Catherine Stewart 2004,  
Victor Donald 1985, Mary Gribben 2012, Helen Brown 2013,  
Susan Heaney 1956, Martha Pentleton 1984.*

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN THE THREE TOWNS

We have three Lenten Penance Services in the Three Towns this Lent: **Monday, 18th March at 2pm** at St Mary's Saltcoats, **Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm** at St John's Stevenston, **Wednesday, 20th March at 7pm** at St Peter in Chains Ardrossan.

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

- ▶ **COACH FOR THE CHRISM MASS FROM ST PETER'S** Lorna, from St Mary's, has booked a coach for this year's Chrism Mass with the new Bishop at St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr. The Chrism Mass during the Holy Week will be on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30pm. The coach will pick up St Bride's and St Peter's parishioners at St Peter's at 6.15pm prompt. The cost is £5 per person. If you wish a seat on the coach please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch.
- ▶ **SCIAF** The annual special collection for SCIAF will take place this weekend on 9th & 10th March at the Vigil and Sunday Masses. As always, many thanks for your generosity.
- ▶ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VOCATIONS** The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in our parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. We can pray the Stations together this Lent every Tuesday at 9.30am in St Peter's and also every Friday at 9.30am in St Bride's.
- ▶ **CHANA (Churches' Homeless Action North Ayrshire)** During March, we hope to collect toiletries for homeless people in North Ayrshire. In particular, soap, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors would be useful. Please leave any donations in the basket in the Porch. *Many thanks.*

### **A Big "Thank You"**

#### **for all the Preparations and Hard Work**

Lots and lots of things have been done at St Peter's in preparation for Bishop Frank's ordination. In the Church: front door bolt replaced, old floodlights replaced at the front door, ceiling of the altar Servers Sacristy repaired and painted, cupboards emptied and reorganised, drawers and cupboards in the Sacristy relabelled, choir loft reorganised and cleaned, radiators sanded down and repainted, storage room reorganised and cleaned, Church thoroughly cleaned. In the Hall: Roof leak at the front door repaired, inside ceiling repainted and repaired, Snug roof leak repaired and ceiling repainted and lights fixed, new radiator mounted on the wall of the Snug, all the roof lights in the main hall and walls replaced with LED bulbs, taps in the toilets repaired and replaced, under the roof lighting repaired and now in working order, outside ground tiles at the front entrance repaired. For all the hard work and preparations and also for the beautiful display of flowers in the sanctuary a huge, huge "thank you" to all our cleaners, workers, electricians, decorators, handymen and helpers. Also a big Thank you to all who contributed in so many ways to the liturgy and celebration: Altar Servers, Cleaners, Marshals, Readers and First Aid.

### **Reception to the Cathedral of Bishop Frank Dougan**

Bishop Dougan will formally be received into St Margaret's Cathedral on Sunday 10th March. The Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube (@RCGalloway) and Facebook (/GallowayDiocese). The stream will begin at 2.30 pm, with the Mass beginning at 3.00 pm.

### **Eucharistic Revival this Lent - The Joy of Communion**

Each time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—we touch Heaven. It is this Eucharistic Glory that gives us the patience and courage we need for the sacred pilgrimage we call life. Paul modelled this joy when he was in prison. From prison he wrote more about joy than any other topic. These writings are referred to as the "Prison Epistles" and include: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. During his first imprisonment, which is mentioned in Acts 28, Paul wrote Ephesians to encourage the believers in Ephesus, and to explain the nature and the purpose of the Body of Christ—the Church. His letter to the Philippians teaches that true joy comes from Jesus Christ, and emphasises the themes of Christian living: humility, personal sacrifice, and unity. Colossians teaches that Jesus is True God and True Man and the head of the Church. Philemon is a powerful teaching on Christian love and forgiveness. And throughout his writings, despite his trials and tribulations, the theme of joy shines through time and again. It is a joy fuelled by his hope for Heaven—and not just for himself. [Matthew Kelly]

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

Offertory Cash Collection 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024: £545.25  
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### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024: £114.07

### **STANDING ORDERS – PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT**

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes (Abbé Perreyve)**

O Holy Virgin,  
in the midst of your days of glory,  
do not forget the sorrows of this earth.  
Cast a merciful glance upon  
those who are suffering,  
struggling against difficulties,  
with their lips constantly pressed  
against life's bitter cup.  
Have pity on those who love each  
other and are separated.



Have pity on our rebellious hearts.  
Have pity on our weak faith.  
Have pity on those we love.  
Have pity on those who weep,  
on those who pray, on those who fear.  
Grant hope and peace to all. Amen.



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