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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday [B]

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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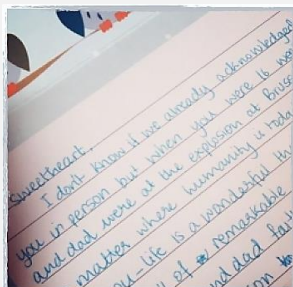
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## Mustard Seeds

### ✚ Easter Faith: Letter to an Unborn Child

"I just want to tell you that life is a wonderful thing, and the world is really full of remarkable people." So starts a letter written by one of the survivors of the bomb attacks at the Brussels Zaventem international airport. The author of the letter, Sneha Mehta, penned those words to her child, who was only 16 weeks old in utero. When Sneha and her husband, Sameep Mehta, arrived in Brussels from Abu Dhabi last Tuesday, they were abruptly greeted with screams and chaos, as the ceiling of the airport started to collapse. The couple was faced with the split-second decision to either remain in the shambles of the arrival section, or try to leave for the hospital to check on their baby. "I absolutely didn't know which direction to run in." Amidst all the uncertainty, Sneha said that she knew one thing "for sure": She would survive for the sake of their unborn baby. The Mehtas fled the airport and ran straight to the highway, where a cab driver stopped to take them to Sint Augustinus hospital. Despite the traumatic chaos of the day, the ultrasound exam showed the Mehtas' baby peacefully sucking its thumb, unaware of the terror happening outside the womb. Unlike many memories from that day, Sneha recalled not the hatred and violence that broke loose upon the city, but the kindness she encountered from complete strangers. She remembered the police and rescue crews who were quick to aid the wounded. She recalled the cab driver who not only brought them to the hospital, but talked to them the whole way there. Now that she is a survivor, and safely back home in Antwerp, Sneha decided to write a letter to her unborn baby as a reminder of all that had happened — to be opened with the child older. The letter reads: Hi Sweetheart, I don't know if we already acknowledged this with you in person, but when you were 16 weeks old, mum and dad were in an explosion at Brussels Airport. And no matter where humanity is today, I just want to tell you that life is a wonderful thing, and the world is really full of remarkable people. You didn't just give mum and dad faith and reason to live, you gave the awareness and presence of mind like never before. I felt more alive than I ever have, and I knew I had to protect you, so I was calm, composed and fully aware that we will survive. When we reached Sint-Augustinus emergency, and we saw you oblivious and sucking at your thumb at the ultrasound, and doing your general acrobatics, all the mistrust, hate and angst for the terrorist attack vaporised. I do hope with all my heart that you are born into a better world, and if not, then you do absolute best to make it that. You are absolutely precious to us and have already been a hero today. I guess [because] the world has sent so much love and hope your way, you owe your life to reciprocating that goodness. May you always be brave and healthy. We love you beyond words, Mum and Dad. Sneha might give the sealed letter to their child at age 16, or they may wait until a later time. Either way, Sneha wants her child to know that love is victorious over hatred.



# Fourth Week of Eastertide [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 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Good Shepherd Sunday) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Philomena Doherty (A), Duncan Lyon (A), Pamela McEvoy in Thanksgiving to Our Lady and St Joseph</i>			12 noon, 1 & 2pm First Eucharist Masses Vigil Mass 4.30pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Good Shepherd Sunday) <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i> <b>Prayers of Reception for Harry Sammons at 6pm</b>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Please note <b>No 10am Mass today</b> <b>REQUIEM MASS for HARRY SAMMONS 12 Noon</b>			
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>REQUIEM MASS for JESSIE HORN 10am</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Funeral Mass 10am <b>Margaret McNamara</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Rose &amp; William Twigg (A), Mary Kennedy (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L) 6pm Prayers of Reception <b>Robert Reid</b>	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>FEAST OF ST MARK, EVANGELIST</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mary Delahunt (A), Joe Howie (SI)</i>		Funeral Mass 12 Noon <b>Robert Reid</b>	Eucharistic Service 10am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Wilma Mc Dougal (SI), John O'Rourke (A)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), Father Martin Chambers (RD)</i>			Wedding Service 1.30pm Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Betty Craig, Tony Smith.*

### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Father Martin Chambers, David Garrigan, Jessie Horn,  
Harry Sammons, Mary Kennedy (Stevenston).*

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

*Mary Delahunt, Francis Docherty 2015, Philomena Doherty 2001,  
Iris Gribben 2019, Richard Hunter 2010, Duncan Lyon 2013,  
Charles John McMillan 2015, Ida Narducci 2008, Rose Twigg 2014,  
Adam Whiston 1968, Father Peter Dolan 2013, David Cook 2018,  
Margaret Grear 1994, Bridget McLellan 1995, Mark Hughes 2012,  
John O'Rourke 1993, James Welsh 1997, Sarah Coulter 1972,  
Gerard Dorrian 2008, Andrew Dougan 2008, Agnes McKay 1969,  
Thomas Nellany 2001, Mary Robertson 1988, Joseph McIver 2020,  
Charlotte Bell 2009, John Maher 2010, Agnes McCann 1970,  
Joseph Stevens 1993, Rosa Carrino 2021, Patrick Doherty 2005,  
John Murphy, Hugh Donald 2013, Kathleen McEvoy 2016,  
Canon Alex McGarry 2013, Father John Murphy 1978,  
Lilian Pattinson 2005, John Murphy, Jack Ferguson,  
Frank Robertson 1989, Joseph Clarke 2016,  
Patricia McVeigh 2013, Philomena O'Hare 2009*

## Eucharistic Revival this Easter – The Courage to say "Yes"

"With every little "yes" we give God, our spiritual senses will be awakened, restored, sharpened, strengthened. Say "yes" to God today in as many little ways possible. This way you will be ready when a big "yes" is required of you. How will you do it? By realizing where the strength comes from. Can you do it by yourself? No. But you can do it. Remind yourself: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) Saint Irenaeus observed, "The glory of God is man fully alive." What would your life look like if you were "fully alive?" What would have to be true for you to become fully alive? God is calling you to wholeness and holiness. Consider the four aspects of the human person: physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. In which of these areas are you thriving? In which are you just surviving? And what prevents you from thriving? I suspect it is the sheer busyness of your life, the noise and complexity of modern life, the stress induced by never-ending urgency." [Matthew Kelly]

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR HARRY SAMMONS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Harry Sammons, who died on 5th April 2024, aged 85 years. His Reception into Church will be on Sunday, 21st April at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 22nd April 2024 at 12 Noon, followed by interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR JESSIE HORN** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jessie Horn, who died on 24th March 2024, aged 93 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 23rd April 2024 at 10am, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **USED STAMPS** Please save your used stamps and hand them in to St Peter's or to Alfie Agostini who is collecting them to raise funding for medical science.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Our annual special collection for Vocations to the Priesthood (Student Fund) will be taken up this weekend on 21/22 April 2024. Many thanks as always for your continued support.
- ▶ **MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER** Quiz and music night in Saltcoats Bowling Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes supper) available from stall in church porch or by phoning 07469 889378. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

### Today is Vocations Sunday - Pope Francis writes:

"Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!"... No one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive. Let us rise up, then, and set

out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace!"

*[Pope Francis 2024]*



### Prayer for Vocations Sunday

Lord Jesus draw us to yourself.

We find the answer to our questions in the Good News of your message.

Challenge us by your presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis.

More than anyone else,

Lord, you respect our freedom.

You do not impose, but proposes.

Help us to make room for you so that we will find the way to happiness by following you.

And, Lord, should you ask it of us, we will give ourselves completely to you. Amen.

*[based on the Papal Message for Vocations Sunday 2024]*

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024: £927.85

Second Collection (Building Fund): £309.18

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Offertory Cash Collection 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024: £109.00

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### Stay in the Shepherd's Hand

Jesus said that no one can snatch us out of his hand. But we are free to jump out of his hand. Little by little we can drift away from Him. The cares and concerns of everyday life can get to us. We can get tired, and forget why we do what we do. Socrates famously said that the unexamined life is not worth living. The Church has taken this universal wisdom and frequently proposed a daily examination of conscience to help us remain in the hands of Christ. In fact St Ignatius Loyola told the early Jesuits that even if they omitted all other daily prayer, they must not drop the daily examination of conscience. So here's the take-away from this Mass. Each day this week, let's commit to 10 minute conscience exam. Here's how. First of all, I remind myself that I'm in the presence of God. I am His temple. Second, I give thanks to God. I pick a few things from my day that I'm especially grateful for: my family, the weather, the food I've eaten, the football game... Third, I prayerfully review my thoughts and actions from the day. Where was God trying to lead me? How did I respond? Fourth I ask forgiveness for any sins I've committed. Fifth, I ask for God's help

to grow in his friendship. The examination of conscience is one of the best ways to stay in Christ's hand, and experience the joy that he promises us. How to be prepare to receive communion? In the Mass we receive Jesus Christ. We receive his presence and his promise and his joy that no one can ever take away from us. And we know that even as we receive him now, in the Eucharist, someday we're going to see him face to face forever in heaven.



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