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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter [B]

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ St Thomas More's Dying Words

None of the saints achieved their holiness and happiness without suffering, because only through suffering for and with Christ could their love for Christ mature. The last words of St Thomas More sum up the lesson beautifully. St Thomas More was the Chancellor of England in the early 1500s, a layman, and a close friend and faithful servant of King Henry VIII. Unfortunately, the King was less faithful. When his first wife didn't give him a son, and one of the ladies in waiting seduced him, King Henry requested an annulment from the Pope. But there were no grounds for an annulment. So King Henry, instead of humbly accepting the Church's decision and trusting in God, took things into his own hands. He declared himself the supreme head of the Church in England, denouncing the Pope's rightful supremacy. Then with his newfound religious authority, he granted himself the annulment, so he could marry his mistress. Almost all of England's bishops and noblemen took the king's side in this affair, and the Anglican Church was born. St Thomas More, the King's highest ranking adviser, refused to sign the Act of Supremacy and go along with the King. He and his family were threatened, cajoled, and tortured, but he would not betray Christ's Church. Finally, he was convicted of treason and executed. There are various accounts of his last words. In the 1966 Academy Award winning movie that tells his life story, his last words are recorded as: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." In this fallen world, to love Christ with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, will get us into trouble, sooner or later. But that kind of trouble is good for our souls, which is why God allows it. Suffering for Christ matures our love, and only mature love gives lasting meaning to our lives.



# Third 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 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Francisco Canero Snr., Alex McPherson (A), Cath Collins Easter list 2</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Maria Canero Jnr., Cath Collins Easter List 3</i>		Mass at 7pm (L)	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Francisco Canero Jnr., Annette Keir</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am  Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Dolores Canero, Michael Callaghan (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Patricia Van Minnen, Anne Litster (RD)</i>	<b>Requiem Mass at 1.30pm Peter Ross</b>		Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Fr Michael Savage, Susana Mendoza</i> <b>Benediction at 10.30am</b> <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Philomena Doherty (A), Duncan Lyon (A)</i>			12 noon, 1pm & 2pm First Eucharist Masses  Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

*Ellen Quirk, Betty Craig, Tony Smith, David McMahon.*

**✦ Those who have died recently:**  
*Father Martin Chambers, Peter Ross,  
David Garrigan, Jessie Horn, Harry Sammons.*

**✦ Those who died at this time of Year:**  
*Janie Clark 2010, James McKibben 2002,  
Margaret Spencer 1954, Ann McEvoy 1980,  
John McLaughlin 2020, Kathleen O'Donnell 2011,  
Francis Joseph Smith 1999, Jean Taylor 2006,  
Cliff Atkey 2000, Arthur Jenkins 2015, Francis McEvoy junior,  
Jean Robertson 2009, Mary Ann Walsh 1955,  
Noelle Collins 2007, Francis Coulter 1976,  
Marie McCarroll 1982, Rosina McPeake, William McPeake,  
William Main 2007, Robert Tracy 2004, Rose Bowers 2023,  
Margaret Lesley Cahill 2018, Marie Louise McCarroll 1982,  
James McCool 2009, Jane Tumilty 1983, Margaret Kelly 2011,  
Agnes McCann 1970, Wendy McGowan 2019,  
Mary McKay 1980, Rosina Millar 1999, Annie Paton 2009,  
Ellen Smith 2009, Charles Spencer 1969.*

**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

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father,  
Lord of all the world  
Through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church.  
Hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

*[St Thomas More Students and Staff]*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR PETER ROSS AT ST BRIDE'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Peter Ross, who died on 30th March 2024, aged 73 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 18th April 2024 at 1.30pm at St Bride's, followed by cremation at the Clyde Coast Crematorium, Largs. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Niall James McAuliffe, who will be baptised this coming Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Our annual special collection for Vocations to the Priesthood (Student Fund) will be taken up next weekend on 21/22 April 2024. Many thanks as always for your continued support.
- ▶ **CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire)** Many thanks for the generous donation of toiletries during March. Around twenty bags were taken to the hostel, where they were received with gratitude.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** The winner of the Draw for the month of April is no. 11 Yvonne Bredin, who wins £26.50.

### Father Martin Chambers

We have received the very sad news from Bishop Frank that Father Martin Chambers has died unexpectedly. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Also, parishioners from both Galloway and Dunkeld Dioceses. Father Martin will be sadly missed by his many friends here, in Ecuador and worldwide.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Next Sunday - Day of Prayer for Vocations.

"The World Day of Prayer for Vocations today invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we know where we come from, why we are here and where we are going."

[Pope Francis]

### Eucharistic Revival this Easter - Love and Sacrifice belong Together.

"Our love of comfort eliminates sacrifice from our lives, and there is no love without sacrifice, so our obsession with comfort is eliminating love. In a world that can be cold and harsh, violent and at times brutal, the saints prove that our humanity has a better side. Our better side is kind and caring, compassionate, and gentle. The saints fostered this better side with spiritual disciplines and acts of loving service. These acts required personal sacrifices that can be directly linked to the Cross via the Eucharist... Our modern times seem addicted to comfort and allergic to sacrifice. Both postures make the Christian life at least difficult and at most impossible. In order to love, and love deeply, we have to be willing to give up some comfort and take on some sacrifice. Love of comfort is a form of self-worship. Let us set aside our fixation with comfort and worship the one true God by adopting the spirit of sacrifice that Jesus embraced on the Cross. Our willingness to make sacrifices for those we love is one of the ways we give weight to the words, "I love you." And where does the courage, strength, and grace to make life-giving sacrifices come from? From Jesus in the Eucharist. Saint Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "Jesus, You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me in the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, penetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!" [Matthew Kelly]

### Old truth, new insight: "Infinite Dignity" - Just Released.

Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, prefect of the doctrinal dicastery, presented the declaration, "Dignitas Infinita" ("Infinite Dignity"), at a Vatican news conference April 8. Pointing to all the footnotes, a journalist asked the cardinal why the document was necessary since it seemed to be just a list of things that had already been said about human dignity and the sacredness of human life and against abortion, surrogacy and sex-change surgery. The declaration, he responded, summarises "the most important teachings about human dignity and organises them around a central point, which is the dignity of every human being 'beyond all circumstances,'" an affirmation from Pope Francis' encyclical "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship." "Dignitas Infinita" reiterates and strengthens the Church's perennial teaching on the universal and infinite dignity of every human person, emphasising its origin in God, the loving creator who formed us in His own image. In light of this, the new Document condemns the grave violations of human dignity that arise in today's world from a number of contemporary evils including: violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia, gender theory, sex change operations, and digital violence.

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Just for a laugh 😊😊😊

A drunken man gets on the bus late one night, staggers up the aisle, and sits next to an elderly woman. She looks the man up and down and says, "I've got news for you - You're going straight to hell!" The man jumps up out of his seat and shouts, "Good heavens, I'm on the wrong bus!"



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