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6th Sunday of Easter [B]

5th May 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Easter Faith: The Pearl of York

Four hundred and seventy years ago on March 25, 1586, St. Margaret Clitherow was pressed to death in York, England. The day of her execution — which was Good Friday that year — and the method of her martyrdom were extraordinary. She was laid supine on the ground, a small stone placed beneath her back. She was naked, except for the shift placed on top of her. Her arms were outstretched like Jesus' on the cross and tied to stakes, and the executioners placed a door on top of her. Then the executioners placed nearly 700 pounds of rocks on top of the door. She was crushed to death in about 15 minutes, speaking the name of Jesus as her ribs broke: "Jesu! Jesu! Jesu! Have mercy on me!" What brought her to such a horrible martyrdom? Clitherow was a Catholic convert in Elizabethan England who refused to attend Anglican services, raised her children as Catholics and hosted Catholic priests — who were considered traitors by their mere presence in England — to say Mass in her home. Catholic laymen and women who assisted priests were felons, usually punished by being hanged to death. But Margaret Clitherow, who might even have been pregnant at the time of her execution, was crushed to death because, when accused of harbouring priests, she refused to enter a plea, guilty or not guilty. On March 10, 1586, the authorities raided the Clitherow household and found the tutor, Anne, William and neighbourhood children doing their lessons. One little boy, from Flanders, after being threatened with torture, told the authorities about the priests who visited the household and showed them where the vestments were hidden. They arrested Margaret and accused her of breaking the laws against attending Mass and harbouring Catholic priests. When she came to trial, Margaret refused to enter a plea because she did not want her husband and children to be questioned. She told the judges, "I know of no offence whereof I should confess myself guilty. Having made no offence, I need no trial." After sentencing, she sent her shoes to her daughter Anne as a reminder to follow in her faithful footsteps. Margaret's sons Henry and William became priests, and her daughter Anne became a nun at St. Ursula's in Louvain.



Sixth Week of Eastertide [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.sfbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> assisted by <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
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 4 th May	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Annie & Andrew Murphy (A), Kirsty Maher & John Maher Jnr. (A), Greta Sudlow (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 5 th May	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 6 th May	6th WEEK IN EASTERTIDE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Harry Sammons (RD), Frank & Sadie Hamilton (A)</i>			
Tuesday 7 th May	6th WEEK IN EASTERTIDE Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Father Martin Chambers (RD)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am		Funeral Mass 10am (L) Donald MacCormick
Wednesday 8 th May	6th WEEK IN EASTERTIDE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Robert Reid (RD), Gerard McGill (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L) Vigil Mass 7pm	
Thursday 9 th May	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation) Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am & 7pm <i>Offered for Noelle Collins (A), Donald John MacCormick (RD)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass with St John's PS 11am	Mass in St Anthony's 9.30am Mass 7pm
Friday 10 th May	6th WEEK IN EASTERTIDE Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Mary McCann (A), John Norman (A), Patrick Pryce (MM)</i> Benediction 10.30am <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 11 th May	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (World Communications Day) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Harry Sammons (MM), Ian McCormick (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahon, Jim Donnelly,
Thomas Harper, Rosemary Smith.*

✦ Those who have died recently:

*Susan Craig [Irvine], Donald MacCormick, Matilda Harvey, Robert Reid,
Father Martin Chambers, Harry Sammons, Gerard McGill.*

✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Mary Barclay 2009, Kathleen Findlay 1996, William Hilferty 1943,
Harry Hissey 1976, Robert Hunter 1956, Phil Coby 2022,
John, Irene and Patrick McKelvey, James McEvoy 1964,
Helen McGee, Patrick McGuire, Robbie McKechnan 2014,
Patricia McPadden 2004, Robert Stewart 2002, Jean Agostini 1978,
Josephine Brady 1953, Josephine Cunningham 2000, Margaret Long 1999,
Margaret O'Neill 2009, Margaret Stevens 2007, Josephine Mulligan 2008,
Williamina (Wilshie) Boyle 2014, Annie Hilferty 1959,
Simon Smyth 2001, Esther Tumilty 2020, Mary Kelly 2013,
John McCracken 1949, Thomas McDermott 2017, Joe Moran 2008,
Patricia Woodcock n e Leonard 2021, Elizabeth Hendry 1987,
Frank Nils Matthews 2003, Ian McCormick 2019, Angela Murray 1991.*

Solemnity of the Ascension this Week

Ascension Thursday will be on 9th May. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10am and also at 7pm. Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 665) says, "Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11).

Rosary in the Month of May



We are invited to pray the Rosary every day in the month of May in honour of our Blessed Lady and for our personal intentions.

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

- ▶ **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MATILDA HARVEY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Matilda Harvey, who died on 13th April 2024, aged 96 years. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 7th May 2024 at 1.30pm, in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We offer our sincere congratulations and prayers to Emma Carter who will be confirmed and received into the Church on Tuesday 7th May at 4pm. We wish Emma and her family a day of joy, peace and grace.
- ▶ **PARENTS' MEETING - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The Meeting for Parents to prepare the First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday 8th May at 6pm in St Peter's Parish Centre. Please keep all our First Communion children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
- ▶ **DONATION IN MEMORY OF HARRY SAMMONS** the Parish Lourdes Group have received a donation of £1000 in memory of Harry. The collection at the funeral raised a tremendous total of £866 to which the family added £134 to send £1000 to 'Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite'. The family match this amount to donate to the Parish Lourdes Fund. This covers the cost of pilgrims fare to Lourdes.
- ▶ **HCPT Lourdes Group** 376 Lourdes water is now available at the stall.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER** Quiz and music night in Saltcoats Bowling Club on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes supper) available from the stall in the church porch or by phoning 07469 889378. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.
- ▶ **TABLE-TOP AUCTION & RAFFLE** There is a Table-Top Auction arranged to raise funds for St Peter's Church. The auction will take place in the Parish Centre at 2pm prompt, on Thursday 23rd May and is cash only. The Parish Centre will be open for viewing from 1.30pm. Any items for donation are gratefully received at the centre on any Wednesday between 1 - 3pm. Unique items, vinyl records, jewellery, hand knitted dolls, canvases and much more – **come along and get a bargain!**
- ▶ **NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK** North Ayrshire Foodbank are arranging a collection in Asda Supermarket, Ardrossan from 10am until 3pm on Friday 17th May till Sunday 19th May. **Volunteers are needed.** Can you offer your help by volunteering to cover a 2 hour slot for this greatly needed service? Please contact Danny on 07979 542319.

Eucharistic Revival this Easter - The Eucharist is the Great Medicine

"Ávila is a small city in the rolling hill country one hour northwest of Madrid in Spain. This is the birthplace of Saint Teresa of Ávila, one of the greatest Catholic mystics and writers of all time. She wrote extensively on many topics and often reflected on her love and appreciation for the Eucharist: "Jesus realizes that we are weak and knows that the labourers must be nourished with such food." "Do you think this heavenly food fails to provide sustenance, even for these bodies, that it is not a great medicine even for bodily ills? I know that it is. The wonders this most sacred bread affects in those who worthily receive it are well known." There is a church in Ávila, built on the site of Teresa's childhood home. In the sacristy where the priests prepare for Mass there is a large wooden crucifix on the wall. The crucifix is surrounded by these words, which have been painted on the wall. "Priest of Jesus Christ, celebrate this Holy Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass." [Matthew Kelly]

A Roman Soldier Prays to God

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, something brand new has happened in the history of humanity. No longer is God merely present in all things as Creator and Sustainer, in a generic way. Now, in every soul that is united to Christ by faith and grace, God is present as friend, guide, and personal companion. Every Christian soul is a Temple where God truly dwells. There is a story about a Roman soldier from the first centuries of Christianity. He went off on a long military campaign, leaving his wife with child. While he was gone, she gave birth. Soon thereafter, she converted to Christianity, was baptized, and had her child baptized as well. Meanwhile, the soldier also met some Christians and heard their explanations of what it meant to be baptized into this new faith. But he was not able to receive baptism before the campaign ended. When he returned home,



his wife was overjoyed to see him, but nervous about what his reaction would be to her baptism. She decided to break the news gradually. First she showed him their child, mentioning in an offhand way that he had been baptized as a Christian. The husband looked shocked and became quiet. He looked again at the child, thoughtfully. Then knelt down beside the crib. He bowed his head, closed his eyes, and, silently, began to pray. His wife was puzzled. She knelt next to him and asked what he was doing. He looked at her and said, "I am praying to the one, true God, for if our son has been baptized, he has himself become a holy place. Christ the Lord, his Father the Creator of all, and the living Holy Spirit have made their home in his heart, so we can pray to God there."

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