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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter [B]

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ The Month of Mary?



Why is May Mary's month? Here's a brief explanation. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In

early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May was considered the start of new growth. The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between. Just do it. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

# Seventh 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 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (World Communications Day) <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Harry Sammons (MM), Ian McCormick (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (World Communications Day) <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Anne Kennedy (SI), Marie Anderson (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Patrick McGuire (A)</i>	No Mass Today		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Alex McMullan (RD), Jack McNulty (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Susan Craig (RD), Emma Upton (SI)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for William Sheehan Snr. (A)</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	No Mass Today	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Helen McGhee (A), Donald MacCormick (RD)</i>		First Eucharist Mass 11am	Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan,  
Jim Donnelly, Rosemary Smith.*

### + Those who have died recently:

*Jack McNulty (Glasgow), Thomas Harper,  
Susan Craig, Sandra Rollie,  
Donald MacCormick, Alex McMullan.*

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

*Thomas Algeo 2013, Robert Ferguson 2005,  
Nicholas McIntee 2004, Francis Moran 1999,  
Theresa Smith 1997, Matthew Black 2015,  
Stan Wilson 2017, Rose Ann Bannon 2023,  
William James Connelly 2012, Les Dorrian 2009,  
Mary McFarlane 2004, Anthony Bale 2017,  
Charles Campbell 2008, Lexie Wright 2010,  
Patricia Joanna Pengilly 2017,  
Ann Cameron 2003, Mary Teresa Dolan 1999,  
Danny McMurdy 2017, Bill O'Neill 2009,  
Father John Fitzsimmons 2008, Susan Little 2007  
Natalie Anne Hultz 2018, Kathleen Watt 2012,  
William Sheehan senior 1983.*

## Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children today

Many blessings and joy today for our First Holy Communion children. We wish them and their families a special day of grace. We pray: "May this special day bring you endless joy and wonderful memories. May your First Holy Communion be a day of pure joy and celebration. Congratulations and enjoy every moment! Wishing you a lifetime of happiness and joy as you receive the sacrament of First Communion".



## 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*

- ▶ **THANKSGIVING DAY AT CARFIN** Our Lady of Compassion Legion of Mary Praesidium have organised a bus for the Thanksgiving Day at Carfin on Sunday 26th May, leaving at 12 noon from Dalry Road, Kilwinning – Opposite Bennetts Taxis. Cost £10 per person. If you are interested in going on the bus please contact Gerry Quirk on 01294 556680 as soon as possible.
- ▶ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AT ST BRIDE'S** Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 12th May. Envelopes for cash donations are available at the church. You can also donate online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** Congratulations to the winner of St. Brides Monthly Draw for May. Betty McGlynn (No: 46), who wins £26.50.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

### **St Paschal Baylon Visits the King**

We don't think much about this, but it is the truth behind everything we believe. If Christ had not ascended into heaven, we would not be able to pray to him at any time and in any place, we would not be able to have him close by in the Eucharist, because he would still be limited by time and space. One of the saints thought about this truth a lot, and learned to take advantage of it. St Paschal Baylon was a Spanish peasant, a shepherd for the first 24 years of his life. He could barely read, but he loved Christ, and he had a special understanding of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. He had to stay with his sheep from dawn to dark, which made it impossible for him to go to Mass every day. So he did the next best thing. At the hour Mass was being celebrated, he would kneel on the hillsides, gazing at the church in the valley, and pray, uniting himself to Christ who was renewing his sacrifice and presence through the priest's ministry. Eventually, St Paschal found his vocation to become a religious brother. He joined the local Franciscan community and encouraged everyone by his virtue, joy, and good humour. During free moments between duties, he could almost always be found in the chapel, speaking with Christ in the Eucharist. To casual onlookers he was kneeling on a hard stone floor here on earth, but in truth he was enjoying the presence of our King who sits forever on his throne in heaven. He died when he was only fifty-two, at the very moment that the bell rang to signify the consecration at Mass.

### **Pentecost next Sunday**

In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31 and therefore, in the Christian liturgical year, it became a feast commemorating this occasion. The Descent of the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room, or Cenacle, while celebrating the day of Pentecost (Shavuot). The Upper Room was first mentioned in Luke 22:12–13. This Upper Room was to be the location of the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion. According to the current Jewish Calendar, the date of Pentecost is fifty days from Passover. Red is the colour of Pentecost. It symbolises joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Why don't you choose a Gift of the Holy Spirit and focus on it — one that is particularly needed at this time.



The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Fear of the Lord, Fortitude, Council, Piety, Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom. After the last Mass on Pentecost, the Season of Easter comes to a close and the Paschal Candle is moved from the Sanctuary to the Baptismal Font.

### **Pentecost Singing at the Dasher Memorial**

The Ardrossan Churches are coming together on Pentecost Sunday for a local "songs of praise". Everyone is invited to come along and join in. Pentecost Sunday, 19th May at 2pm at the Dasher Memorial opposite St Peter's.

### **Just for a Laugh - The story of \*SOS\***

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears. The young pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus & greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here! He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?" The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look!" The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?" Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked back of the aircraft to use the bathroom, then got a cup of coffee, said hello with the pretty hostesses who handed me a chocolate fudge pastry." The moral of the story is: When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser you learn that comfort and peace are more important. \*S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter\*.

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

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