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Solemnity of Pentecost [B]

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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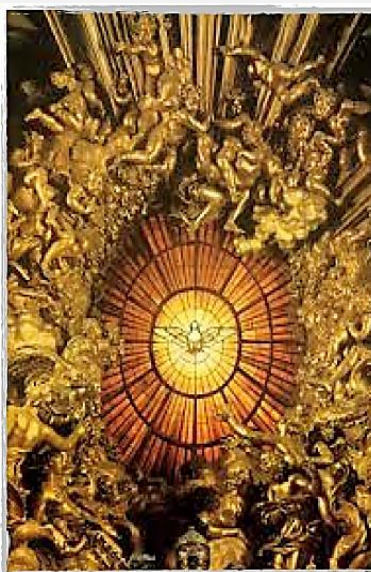
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## Mustard Seeds



### Symphonies and Windows

Think of a symphony orchestra. It's made up of a hundred different musicians and dozens of instruments. The conductor is the visible focus of everyone's attention, both the musicians and the audience. And yet, is the conductor the real source of the music? No, the composer is. In front of every musician is a music stand holding a few pages marked with black dots - the score, the music. No one in the audiences sees the score, but that score is what brings all those minds together, coordinates everyone's efforts, and produces a beautiful, inspiring performance. That's what the Church is like. The Pope is the conductor, guaranteed by God to stay faithful to the musical score. We are all musicians, contributing our own unique talents to the symphony of holiness that resounds throughout the world and history. And the Holy Spirit is the living musical score, the one who tells us what notes to play, when to play them, how fast to play them, how loud and soft. He is the silent force behind the power of every saint, every Christian, and the Church as a whole. This same quiet but powerful style of the Holy Spirit is illustrated by the famous Holy Spirit Window in St Peter's Basilica, in Rome. It is an oval window at the farthest end of the gigantic basilica. In the



centre is a figure of a dove, and around the dove are twelve sections of translucent amber that look like twelve spokes in a wheel. It is the only coloured window in the entire building, and it quietly suffuses the immense space with a warm, golden light. Quiet and subtle, yet full of transforming power - that's how the Holy Spirit likes to work.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.

THANKS!

# Seventh Week of the Year [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>		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
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>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (B)</i>			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES &amp; COMPANIONS</b> <b>Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Gordon O'Neil (RD)</i>	Mass 10am		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST RITA OF CASCIA</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Marie Craig (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>			Eucharistic Service 10am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for peace in the world</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	Mass 10am	Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am <b>William 'John' Reid</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for all our young people sitting exams at this time</i>			Wedding Service 1pm  Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

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

**✦ Those who have died recently:**

*Marie Craig (Nee Clark), Gordon O'Neil,  
Sandra Rollie, Andy Farrell.*

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

*William Calvert 1992, Frances Hackett 1997,  
Sadie Welsh 2009, Dennis Kelly 2019, Harry Andrew 2003,  
Tommy Coulter 2010, Daniel Cullinane 1971, Janet Gee 2010,  
Mary McKay 1980, Robert McKay 1942, Joe Peppard 1993,  
Gwendoline McMullan 2016, Mary Quinn 1978,  
Ian Waterson 2016, George Wilson 2006, Hugh Cairns 2015,  
Deborah McFarlane Armstrong 2015, Patricia Butcher 2009,  
Brian Cairns 2004, James Freer 2018, Nora Ramsay 2007,  
Ronnie Stewart 1971, Annie Watt 2021, Robert Reid 2023,  
Angus Donnelly 2003, Meta McCulloch, Mary Kelly 2002,  
William McCafferty 1920, Susan McKinlay 2012,  
Isabel Pamela Swanson, Margaret McAuley 1953,  
Mary Brown 2013, James Cairnie 1953,  
Ann McDonald 2023, John McKibben 2012,  
Patrick O'Hare 1973, Christine Stevens 1996.*

Date for your diary...

## Organ Recital at St. Peter's

Recitalist: Alessandro Bianchi

Wednesday 19 June at 7 pm

St Peter in Chains Church  
1 South Crescent Road  
Ardrossan, KA22 8DU.

A one-hour organ recital.

Admission Free – Retiring Collection.

No booking required – Just come along.



**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.

► **VISIT FROM YWAM SEAMILL AT ST BRIDE'S** St Bride's received a visit last Sunday from Garry at the YWAM Seamill, who came to tell us that his community had been praying for St Bride's over the past week. The Greeting and the Prayer that Garry read out are on the Church Notice Board. A big "thank-you" for their prayers and friendship.

► **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 £1485 for new Lectionaries for St Peter's. 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!**

### **The Example of Mary**

Consider the example of Mary. The Bible tells us that Mary was there in the Upper Room, waiting with the Apostles for the coming of the Holy Spirit. She was the mother who had given birth to the head of the Church, Jesus, in Bethlehem. And now she is the mother who is helping to give birth to the rest of the body of the Church at Pentecost. What was she doing? Praying with them, certainly. But she was probably also serving them, being a mother to them in the midst of their confusion and nervousness. They probably were asking her about Jesus, and listening - maybe for the first time - to the story of his birth and childhood. Maybe this is when they first heard about the Annunciation. That was the day the archangel Gabriel came to her and explained that "The Holy Spirit will overshadow you and you will conceive." She probably told them about the many conversations she had in her heart with the Holy Spirit after that day, the ones St Luke referred to in his Gospel when he wrote (more than once): "And Mary kept all these things, contemplating them in her heart." This is the key. To contemplate is to go over an idea in the silence of your mind in converse about it with God. And that's what Mary was always doing. Becoming the spouse of the Holy Spirit didn't bring fireworks and fancy balls into her life, it brought meaning, mission, wisdom, courage - virtues that take root and grow in the quiet centre of the soul, just as seeds take root and grow in the unseen darkness of the soil. Quiet, gentle, unseen, yet powerful, transforming, and everlasting - that's the work of the Holy Spirit.



Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta put it beautifully when she said: "God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

### **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.

### **Eucharistic Revival this Easter –**

#### **Will you give your entire self to Him?**

At the Last Supper, Jesus knows He is going to die the very next day. In just a few short hours, Judas will betray Him. He knows that. His friends will scatter and abandon Him. He knows that. He will be brutally tortured and crucified. He knows that. He will die a gruesome death. He knows that. When you know you are dying, it's not the moment to be cryptic, or mystical, or indirect. You wouldn't leave the doctor's office after a terminal diagnosis and draw up your Last Will and Testament with a bunch of metaphors and symbols and then say to your family, "I hope you figure out what I really mean!" No. You would be specific and clear. Jesus was clear. "This is my Body. Eat it." And "This is my Blood. Drink it." "Do this in remembrance of me." It's not a symbol or a metaphor. It's a clear and direct command. Jesus impresses upon His disciples that this is a sacred meal of His Body and Blood and that they should continue this practice after He is gone. The next time you are at Mass, simply allow yourself to be in the presence of God. Quiet your mind. Imagine yourself close to Jesus at the Last Supper. You are there during Jesus' final hours on earth. When the priest raises up the Host and says, "This is my Body, take and eat," let it sink in that Jesus is giving you the gift of His entire self. Will you give your entire self to Him? [Matthew Kelly]

### **Just for a Laugh –**

The Parish Priest is preaching on loving your enemies. He expounds on the value of grace and forgiveness to all and how we are called to love our neighbours and our enemies as much as we love ourselves. The congregation is roused to action and filled with the Holy Spirit. The priest then asks them all "Will you go out into the world and love your enemies?" Every hand in the congregation goes up except for one. The priest sees that it is a little old lady in the front row. He asks the woman "Why can't you love your enemies?" The little old lady says "Father, I can honestly say I have no enemies" The priest says "That's incredible, may I ask how old you are?" "96", she answers. The Parish Priest says "96 years old and no enemies? That's incredible. Would you mind sharing how you have achieved this? The little old lady totters to the front of the church, turns around to the congregation and says "I outlived all those snakes"

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

Offertory Cash Collection 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024: £766.88

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

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