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Palm Sunday of the Passion [B]

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ The Tragedy of Marilyn Monroe

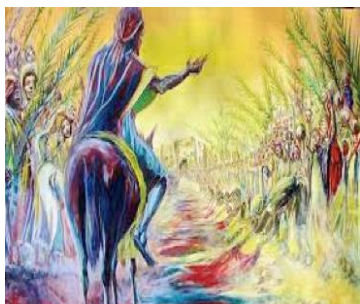
Unless we discover that we are loved not because of what we can do for others, but simply because we exist, we will never find stability and peace in life. We have to be able to trust someone unconditionally in order to escape depression, hopelessness, and anxiety. This



is proven by every human tragedy in history. One of these that has always stuck in my mind is the tragic death of one of the most famous movie stars of all time: Marilyn Monroe. She had everything the world could offer: wealth, fame, glamour, and yet she died alone, frightened, and depressed. At the age of 35, she committed suicide one night by overdosing on sleeping pills. Her maid found her on the living room floor, next to a telephone that was off the hook. It was dangling there beside her. Later investigation revealed that before she died, she had called an acquaintance and told him that she had taken enough pills to kill herself. The acquaintance had laughed her off and hung up on her. That dangling telephone was a symbol of her whole life. She had spent her childhood in foster homes, where she was sometimes abused and often neglected. When she became a beautiful young woman, she went to Hollywood, where the publicity people latched onto her. They knew they could use her to make a fortune. She went through three marriages, trying desperately to find someone who would treat her like a person and not just a symbol. But no one would really listen to her. The phone was always dangling off the hook. This is the world we all live in, a world full of dangling telephones. A fallen world flooded with selfishness whose only law is "use your neighbour before he uses you." And we have all been wounded by that law. And we have wounded others. Christ came to repeal that law. He came to teach us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. And he taught us by loving us first, through his Passion. By proving to each one of us that no matter what we do or what is done to us, he never hangs up the phone.

# Holy Week [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 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion</b> <i>(Palms will be blessed and distributed at Mass)</i> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Christopher McManus (A)</i>			4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion</b> <i>(Palms will be blessed and distributed at Mass)</i> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>(Palms will be blessed and distributed at Mass)</i>	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Weekday in Holy Week</b> <i>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</i> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Tommy Coulter (RD), James Friel (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Senga McCulloch</b>	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Weekday in Holy Week</b> <i>Stations of the Cross at 9.30am</i> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Betty Craig (SI), Nan Donohoe (SI)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Spy Wednesday</b> <i>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</i> <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mary Reilly (A), Michael Reilly(A), Seamus Reilly Snr. (A)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm</b> <i>(With the Washing of Feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30pm)</i>	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm <i>(With Washing of Feet and Exposition until 8.30pm)</i>		Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (L)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Good Friday of the Passion at 3pm</b> <i>(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)</i>	Good Friday of the Passion at 3pm	Passion of the Lord at 3pm (L)		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ</b> <b>Easter Solemn Vigil Mass at 8.30pm</b> <i>(There is <u>no</u> Saturday Vigil Mass)</i>	<i>(There is <u>no</u> Easter Vigil Mass)</i>	Morning Prayers with Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets at 10am  Vigil of the Resurrection at 8.30pm (L)		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass at 12.15pm	11.30am Mass (L)	10am Mass (L)	



## **Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday and the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem: "How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!' How different the cries that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!' What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them. Have A Blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Ellen Quirk, Betty Craig, Tony Smith, Monica (Brady) Dillon, Freddy Kean, David McMahon.*

### **✦ Those who have died recently:**

*Tommy Coulter, James Friel.*

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

*Isabella Connor 1959, James and Ellen McCarroll 1977, Jane Kerber 2015, John McLaughlin 2020, Lilian Pattison, Brenda Simons 2008, Don Foley, Felix Gallagher 2010, Alie Khan 1954, Anna Bates 1997, Terry McCabe 2005, Moira Rafferty, Rebecca Walsh 2008, The Crew of HMS Dasher 1943, Sheila Love 2017, Gerald McGhee 2008, Devlin McIndoe 1992, Allister Nesbit 2000, Cathie Quinn 2015, Seamus Reilly senior 2020, Menotti Carrino 1953, Odina Carrino 1987, Monsignor Stephen Kennedy 2009, Sally Wilson 2012, Mark Kilday 2022, John Mullen 2020.*

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

- ▶ **COLLECTION ENVELOPES** New collection envelopes will be available from next week.
- ▶ **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST BRIDE'S AND ST PETER'S** Please make sure that you get a copy of the Holy Week and Easter Programme with all the times of services and Mass. Please take one along for family members and neighbours.
- ▶ **COACH FOR THE CHRISM MASS FROM ST PETER'S** Lorna, from St Mary's, has booked a coach for this year's Chrism Mass with the new Bishop at St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr. The Chrism Mass during the Holy Week will be on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30pm. The coach will pick up St Bride's and St Peter's parishioners at St Peter's at 6.15pm prompt. The cost is £5 per person. If you wish a seat on the coach please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch.
- ▶ **ST. BRIDE'S EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT** We would love you to support the Easter egg hunt by donating some Easter eggs. Please bring them along this Sunday and put them in the baskets at the back of the church. *Thank you!*
- ▶ **CHANA (Churches' Homeless Action North Ayrshire)** During March, we hope to collect toiletries for homeless people in North Ayrshire. In particular, soap, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors would be useful. Please leave any donations in the basket in the Porch. *Many thanks.*

### **Eucharistic Revival this Lent –**

#### **"I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist"**

Mother Teresa is one of the most beloved women of all time. She emerged as an icon of goodness in the modern world. Capturing the imagination of the whole world with her heroic acts of service for "the poorest of poor," she was a steadfast voice of faith and love in a world gone mad with materialism and hedonism. Contrasted against the unbridled materialism of the modern world, the simplicity of her life caused men and women in all states in life to reflect upon the way they were choosing to live their own lives. At a time when secularism had a firm grip on the soul of our culture, her humility could hold the attention of any crowd as she spoke profound spiritual truths. This Catholic nun intrigued the hearts, confounded the minds, and inspired the spirits of people of every faith and nation. With no product to sell and no public relations representatives, she became one of most famous people in the world. And her mere presence was so magnetic and powerful that world leaders and celebrities of every type were often left baffled. Her appeal was truly Catholic—universal. She was truly a remarkable woman. She spent the first hour of each day before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. As the impact of her work grew, some of those close to her asked her to reduce this to thirty minutes, pointing out that every minute she spent with people bore tremendous fruit. This may have seemed reasonable and rational to those proposing the change, especially in light of all of Mother Teresa's other daily spiritual practices. So, did she capitulate? No. She increased her time of Adoration to two hours each morning and reminded those closest to her that Jesus was the source of all the fruit their work was bearing. Later, as her legend grew, she increased her daily Adoration to three hours. Our lives change when our habits change. What problem are you trying to solve in your life right now? Do you see how the habit of Adoration would help you solve that problem? Do you see how the habit of Adoration would have helped you avoid that problem to begin with? Follow Mother Teresa's advice, "If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist."

*[from Matthew Kelly]*

### **Resurrection Rock Concert**

Our Primary School children will be performing a special "Resurrection Rock Concert" in St Peter's Church on Wednesday, 27th March at 1.45pm. The children will give us a wonderful preparation for the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus. Everyone is welcome and come and support them!

### **Holy Week Meditations with the Ardrossan Churches**

The Ardrossan Churches are offering a daily, short Meditation at the Park Church, Dalry Road, Ardrossan KA22 7LD during the Holy Week at 11am. This is a great opportunity for Christians in our town to come together and celebrate the greatest week of our faith.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024: £505.82  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £288.39

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

Offertory Cash Collection 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024: £195.00

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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### **Just for a laugh...**

😊 It is the fifth Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what? Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

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