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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord [A]

9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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**St. Bride's:** By request.

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Eight Steps to God at Easter

"Where's Angela?" I asked. The rest of our family was slumped on the living room couch. Everyone shrugged. Curious, I went in search of my sister. I checked each room of the house. When I finally found her, she was intensely focused on something. She looked up, revealing the object of her attention—her prayer book. I started to notice that Angela "disappeared" about the same time each day. I wondered how she found time to pray: Between college, friends, and a part-time job. Angela's one of the busiest people I know. So I asked her. "Well, every day I have to make the choice to spend time with God," she said. "It's not easy, but it's worth it — prayer helps me to get to know God on my own, to have a real, personal friendship with him." Angela had some great tips on how she formed her good habit. Here are eight of them. **1. Plan a prayer "appointment."** Write a specific time and location on your calendar, or in your planner. You might want to choose a time that corresponds with another daily activity: after you get up in the morning, right after school, or immediately after dinner. Try to avoid putting prayer off until the end of the day. "If I wait until bedtime, I usually end up skipping it because I fall asleep," Angela says. **2. Choose your "tools".** Some basics include: i. A copy of the Bible or the New Testament; ii. A good prayer book; and iii. the Catechism - you can get a pocket-sized copy in any Catholic Book Shop. **3. Start with prayer.** Ask God to keep you focused and to help you understand what you're about to read. "Sometimes, my mind just starts to drift. I tell God I've set aside this time especially for him, and that I choose to focus on him," Angela says. **4. Use your Bible and your Catechism.** Even if you use a prayer book with verses printed in it, read the passages in your Bible or Catechism anyway. "Prove it to yourself that it's really there," Angela suggests. "It helps you to think of that verse as part of God's Word, and not as just an excerpt from some random book." Plus, you might spot another meaningful message from the Catechism that wasn't included in the prayer book. **5. Read it until you get it.** First, read verse by verse—read each verse several times until you understand what it is saying, then move on to the next one. Then, go back and read the entire passage, putting its meaning all together in your mind. Even if you're familiar with a passage, try to read it like you've never seen it before—don't skim over things. God might give you an understanding of something you've never noticed before. **6. Don't just read about our faith—do what it says** (James 1:22). Make a list of personal traits (patience, kindness) or spiritual goals (witnessing, prayer) you'd like to work on. Try to find ways to put your faith into action. **7. Make a commitment.** On a piece of paper, write these words: "I commit to spend time with the Lord every day for the next month." Sign your name and tape the paper somewhere in your bedroom where you can see it. **8. And finally number eight: Don't give up.** Let's face it: There will be days when you skip prayers. Just try to keep it a high priority and do it whenever you can. "God is not going to abandon you if you don't do a prayer one day—he knows what our days and commitments are like, and he knows our hearts," Angela says. "Any time that you spend with God, he can use it to teach you and to grow your faith."

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BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT  
ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. *THANKS!*

# Octave of Easter 2023 [A]

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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 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Solemn Easter Vigil (A)</b> Mass at 8.30pm	Solemn Easter Vigil at <b>8.30pm</b>	Morning Prayers at <b>10am</b> with Blessing of the Easter Baskets	Vigil of the Resurrection at <b>8.30pm</b> (L)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Canon Poland (SI), Tommy &amp; Theresa Arkison (A)</i>			
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Stations of the Cross 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Fr. Thomas McCann (A), Margaret Paterson (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Requiem Mass for Patrick Roe</b> Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Phyllis Poole (A), Margaret Collins (SI)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Octave of Easter</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Edmund Carragher (RD), Ann Taggart (RD)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Frank MacDuff (A), Louise MacDuff (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

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Offertory Cash Collection 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023: £578.43

Second Collection (Building Fund): £331.44

Standing Orders for March 2023: £3972.00

Up till now the Emergency Gas repair Donations: £10240.00

Also, we will soon be able to claim Gift Aid on some of this.

## ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023: £107.79

Standing Orders for March 2023: £1037.00

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***Many Thanks for your support and generosity!***

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Peter Ross, Edna McKinnon,  
Rose Bowers, Roseann Bannan, Craig Laughlan.*

### + Those who have died recently:

*Patrick Roe, Edmund Carragher (Ireland),  
Charlie MacGregor, Ann Taggart, James McLaughlin.*

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

*Colin James Robertson, Father Jim Boyd SCJ 2002,  
Patricia Brady 2019, Andrew Coldwell 1994,  
Father John Collins 2002, Donald Cullinane 2009,  
Frank Kelly 1994, Michael Mulligan 1982,  
Billy Smith 2009, David McLaren 2006,  
Winnie McMillan 2021, Jim Roxburgh 2014,  
Father Gabriel Kigozi 2011, Helen Theresa Magee 2000,  
George Monaghan 2004, Phyllis Poole 2015,  
Father David Barr 2012, Thomas Clarke 2019,  
Martha Lynas 2009, Jessie Stevens 2000,  
David Walsh 1962, Janie Clark 2010, Jean Taylor 2006,  
James McKibben 2002, Margaret Spencer 1954,  
Ann McEvoy 1980, John McLaughlin 2020,  
Kathleen O'Donnell 2011, Francis Joseph Smith 1999.*

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR PATRICK ROE AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Patrick Roe, who died on 20th March 2023, aged 89 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 12th April 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Thursday, 20th April. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **CONGRATULATION TO CALLUM** Congratulations and many blessings for Callum Higgins who will be confirmed and received into the Church today, Easter Sunday. We wish Callum, his Sponsor and his family a day of grace and thanksgiving.
- ▶ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Evie Thompson who will be baptised the coming Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S DONATIONS** Please bring your Lent donations from the little St Bridget's bag to church this Easter Sunday and we shall take to a local charity within the next week. We have a number of possibilities to give the money to and we shall let you know the outcome very soon.
- ▶ **BOOKMARKS THIS EASTER** Please collect your Easter Bookmark gift, handmade by Beverley Macrae.
- ▶ **EASTER SUNDAY ON CANNON HILL** This year a great Easter Tradition in Ardrossan will be restarted - the Easter Morning Praise. The different Churches in Ardrossan will meet on the Cannon Hill at the Dr Alexander MacFadzean Monument at 8am on Easter Sunday Morning. Breakfast afterwards at the EU Church in Glasgow Street. Everyone is invited to join in and make Easter Sunday really special.
- ▶ **KNIT AND KNATTER** The knit and knatter group will not be meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of April. Meetings will start again on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED PIPE ORGAN AT ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK:**

The newly restored Harrison & Harrison Pipe Organ (1903) in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock will be solemnly blessed and dedicated, and an inaugural recital will be performed by Andrew Reid, FRCO, on Sunday 16th April at 6 pm in St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock. All are welcome: no need to book – just come along.

### **Thoughts for Easter 2023**

On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and sombre thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared! Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let none fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It is frustrated, for it is destroyed. It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive. For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible. O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

### **NOTABLE DATE**

12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Father Gabriel Kigozi died.



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

#### **Some Tommy Cooper Jokes...**

🤪 'Hey, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.'

🤪 A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. 'My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?' 'Well,' said the vet, 'let's have a look at him' So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth. Finally, he says, 'I'm going to have to put him down.' 'What? Because he's cross-eyed?' 'No, because he's really heavy'

🤪 Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

🤪 A man walked into the doctors, he said, 'I've hurt my arm in several places' The doctor said, 'Well don't go there anymore'

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