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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) [C]

8th May 2022

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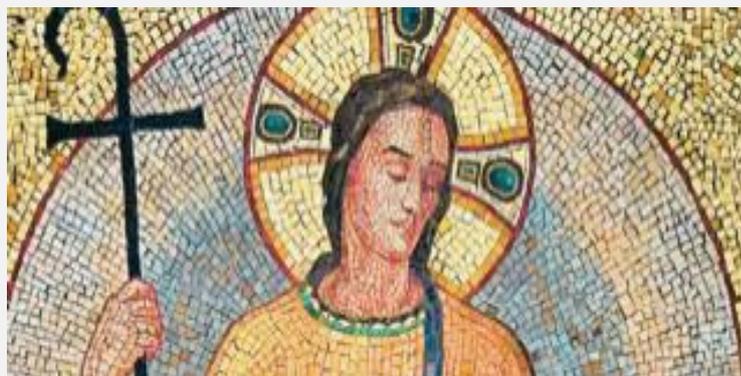
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Mustard Seeds

✠ Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin in the Tomb?

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it... The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.' But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!' He is Coming Back!



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IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

Fourth Week of Easter [C] 2022

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar <i>assisted by Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>		<i>Fr. Duncan McVicar</i> <i>assisted by</i> <i>Fr. Gerry Hamill</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland <i>assisted by</i> <i>Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula</i> <i>and Canon Matt McManus (Retired)</i>	
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 7 th May	4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Ian McCormick (A),</i> <i>Helen McGee (A), M McGarvey</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 8 th May	4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 9 th May	4th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (A),</i> <i>Joann McLaughlin (RD), L Docherty</i>			
Tuesday 10 th May	Requiem Mass for Mark Albert Kilday Mass at 10am	Adoration 9.30am Mass at 10am		10am Mass (L)
Wednesday 11 th May	4th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Sarah Ann McCluskie (RD),</i> <i>Patricia Woodcock nee Leonard (A),</i> <i>Reverend Fathers serving the 3 Towns (SI)</i>		10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass (L) Susan Mansfield
Thursday 12 th May	4th Week in Eastertide Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am EUCHARISTIC SERVICE at 10am <i>Offered for James & Veronica Taylor (A),</i> <i>Bridget McLellan (A), Docherty Family (A)</i>			10am Funeral Mass John Nolan
Friday 13 th May	Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne Saba (SI), Mary Docherty (RD),</i> <i>Curtis & Croy Families.</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Adoration 11.30am Mass 12 noon	10am Eucharistic Service	10am Funeral Mass Lianne Anderson
Saturday 14 th May	5th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Joseph Timmons & Family (SI),</i> <i>Sam Taylor (RD), Jacky Brown (RD)</i>			10am and 12 Noon First Holy Communion Masses 4.30pm Vigil Mass (L)

Catholic Trivia - Did you know?

“St Christopher’s Image” - In many mediaeval churches there was a large wall painting of St Christopher opposite the main door. It was a common belief that all who looked upon his image would suffer no harm that day [he is the patron saint of travellers]. According to legend he was a giant who carried the Christ-Child over a river. His name comes from the Greek Chrisopheron and means “Christ-Bearer”.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Harry Sammons, Shaun Galloway, Mary Reilly.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Mark Kilday, Janet Brown, Joann McLaughlin, Sarah Ann McCluskie,
Mary Docherty (Paisley), Sam Taylor, Jacky Brown (Greenock), Kirsty Maher.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

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 née Leonard 2021, Elizabeth Hendry 1987, Frank Nils Matthews 2003, Ian McCormick 2019, Josephine
Mulligan 2008, Angela Murray 1991, Thomas Algeo 2013, Robert Ferguson 2005, Nicholas McIntee 2004, Francis Moran
1999, Theresa Smith 1997, Matthew Black 2015,
Stan Wilson 2017, William James Connelly 2012, Les Dorrian 2009.

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

- ▶ **REQUIEM MASS FOR MARK ALBERT KILDAY** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mark Kilday, who died on 20th March, aged 49 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 10th May at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ▶ **SYCAMORE MEETING** Our next Sycamore Meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th May at 7.15pm in St Peter's Centre. The theme for this Meeting will be the "Eucharist". Please spread the word and come along and support these inspiring Meetings.
- ▶ **ST BRIDE'S SYNOD MEETING** further to our previous Synod meetings we have a meeting at 7.15pm tomorrow, Monday, 9th May in St. Bride's. Our discussion will be based on 3 questions, which will be distributed after Mass today.
- ▶ **3 TOWNS YOUNG VOICES CHOIR** For young people aged 8-12 years (P4-P7), Wednesdays 6.30pm -7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. For further information: threetownsyouthvoices@outlook.com or call: 07813 343440
- ▶ **ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS' FUND** The annual collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund will be taken up this weekend the 7th & 8th May 2022. Many thanks for your support and generosity
- ▶ **GALLOWAY DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTT** There will be a coach leaving from the three towns at 1pm on 12th June. Mass will be at 4pm with anointing of the sick. Marian procession at 6pm and departure at 6.30pm. The cost is £5 per person. To book your seat call Lorna on 01294 463461 Monday to Friday between 9am and 11am.
- ▶ **ARDROSSAN CHURCHES TOGETHER** The next Meeting of the Ardrossan Churches will be on Tuesday, 10th May at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.
- ▶ **CLERGY MEETING** The priests of the Diocese will have their annual Meeting in Kilmarnock on 11th/12th May.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND ST PETER'S CHURCH** The tiles in the Church Car Park have now been repaired at long last. New flowers and bushes have been planted around the Church grounds. St Peter's Centre and the Presbytery are in the process of being repainted on the outside. Sincere thanks for all the hard work.

Pray for Good Vocations this Week

As we pray today for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, I'd like to share a poem I read in a book of talks given by Archbishop Tim Dolan, written about the fatherhood of the priest: "Who are you, man of Mystery, our Father? By what arrogance do you approach the Holy – offering your manliness to mate with Sacred Spouse, and vowing with such singular abandonment to wed yourself to Holy Mother Church and so with her, in promiscuity divine, the seeds of Life? Or can it be that, led by ceaseless calling, summoned by the Matchmaker who serves the cause of Love, pursued by the Relentless One, you have succumbed and so it is submission which, to unholy eyes, appears presumption? How is it that, child-free, you are our Father? Is it that you daily bear God's children? Is it that, with human voice, you speak a Father's Word? Is it that you, fasting and breaking fasts, call us to supper and gather us at table for meal of Bread and Wine? Or that you celebrate our rites of passage, advising, chastising, baptising us with water and with fire? Is it that you lift us in prayer, holding, embracing and blessing as only a Father might? Or that you hear our calling in the dark and come to take our hand and light a light – Or, in your priestly parenting, you come anointing, pointing the way past death to life? Who are you, man of Mystery, our Father? You've wed yourself to Holy Mother Church and, everywhere, you sow with her, in promiscuity divine, the seeds of Life. You bear and speak and feed, you shape and renew and heal and bless as only a Father can do. And so we, on this Good Shepherd's Day, your untold children, grateful, pray, "May life and Holy Spouse and God bless you." *You are invited to pray for good and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life everyday this week.*

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow me!
Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labour.
Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.
Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of priests, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.
Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

Just for a Laugh... Young Hamish bought a donkey from a farmer for £100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.' Hamish replied, 'Well then just give me my money back.' The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it.' Hamish said, 'OK, then, just bring me the dead donkey.' The farmer asked, 'What are you going to do with him?' Hamish said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, 'You can't raffle a dead donkey!' Hamish said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.' A month later, the farmer met up with Hamish and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?' Hamish said, 'I raffled him off... I sold 500 tickets at £2 each and made a profit of £898' The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?' Hamish said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his £2 back.' Hamish now works for the Royal Bank of Scotland...

Nicene Creed (for Eastertide)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen

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