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Seventh Sunday of the Year [A]

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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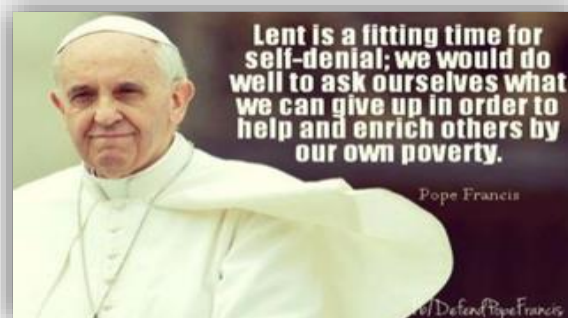


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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Make Our Hearts Like Yours

Lent is a special time in the liturgical year that challenges us to grow in Christian maturity. As members of the universal Church, we receive guidance and words of wisdom from Pope Francis and his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict. Pope Benedict XVI said in 2010 that "Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." Pope Francis, in one of his messages for Lent, also referenced Pope Benedict's term "formation of the heart," as a way to grow in mercy and openness to the needs of others: "As a way of overcoming indifference and our pretensions to self-sufficiency, I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others. During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: "Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum": Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference."



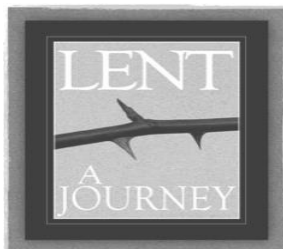
# Seventh Week of Ordinary Time 2023 [A]

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| <b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b><br><b>Masses may be subject to change.</b>  |   | St Bride's   | St. John's  | St. Mary's  |
| Saturday<br>18 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b><br>Mass at 5.30pm<br><i>Offered for Gertrude Gaffney (SI), Margaret Murray (RD)</i>  |  |   | Vigil Mass at<br>4.30pm (L)   |
| Sunday<br>19 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b><br>Mass at 10.30am<br><i>Offered for our Parishes</i>  | Mass at 12.15pm  | Mass at 11.30am<br>(L)  | Mass at 10am (L)  |
| Monday<br>20 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b><br>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am<br>Mass at 10am<br><i>Offered for Parishioners (T), John Collins (A)</i>  |  | 6pm Reception<br><b>Thomas Smyth</b>  |   |
| Tuesday<br>21 <sup>st</sup><br>February  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b><br>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am<br>Mass at 10am<br><i>Offered for Rose Russell (RD), Phil White (RD)</i>  | Mass at 10am<br><i>Offered in</i><br><i>Thanksgiving</i><br><i>for prayers</i>                 | Funeral Mass<br>at 10am<br><b>Thomas Smyth</b>  | Eucharistic Service<br>at 10am  |
| Wednesday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup><br>February  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> (Beginning the Season of Lent)<br>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am<br>Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 10am<br><i>Offered for Marie Case (B), Pat Quinn (RD)</i><br><b>Reception of Peter Monaghan Jnr. at 6pm</b><br>Service with Distribution of Ashes at 7pm | Mass at 10am<br>with Distribution of<br>Ashes  | Masses<br>at 11am & 7pm<br>with Distribution<br>of Ashes  | Mass at 10am (L)<br>with Distribution<br>of Ashes                       |
| Thursday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup><br>February   | <b>Requiem Mass for Peter Monaghan Jnr.</b><br>Mass at 10am   |  | P7<br>Transition Mass<br>at 11.30am.  | Mass at 10am (L)<br>Funeral Service<br>at 1pm<br><b>John McLaughlin</b> |
| Friday<br>24 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | <b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b><br>(Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse)<br>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am,<br>Mass at 10am<br><i>Offered for William (Billy) Sheehan (A)</i><br><b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>   | Mass at 10am   | Eucharistic<br>Service at 10am  | Funeral Service<br>at 10.30am<br><b>Jean Kane</b>                       |
| Saturday<br>25 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b><br>Mass at 5.30pm<br><i>Offered for Mary McNulty (RD),<br/>Jacqueline McFarlane &amp; Family (SI)</i>  |  |   | Vigil Mass at<br>4.30pm (L)   |

## Thoughts for Lent

The great Catholic writer Georges Bernanos once said that "the world will be saved only by free men. We must make a world for free men." He wrote those words nearly 70 years ago in the wake of a terrible world war. As Catholics, we're most truly "free," and we most truly serve the common good, by having the courage to be disciples of Jesus Christ, both in our personal lives and in our public actions. Lent is a time when God invites all of us to enter into a deeper relationship with himself. We pursue that through prayer, fasting, acts of mercy and justice, and a return to the Sacrament of Penance. "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Those are the first words Jesus speaks to

the people of his time in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), and he says them just as urgently now, to each one of us. This is the invitation Lent places before each of us. What we do with it depends on us.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Ennis McHugh,  
Peter Ross, Dennis Atkins, Esther Quigg.*

### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Peter Monaghan Jnr, Margaret Murray (Bahamas),  
Rose Russell, Phil White (Edinburgh), Pat Quinn,  
Mary McNulty, Ruth Hacker.*

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

*Francis Clark 1953, Helen Clark 1973, Hugh McGinn 2013,  
Kelly Smith 2007, Norma Clarke 2018, Jim Wilson 2011,  
John Patrick Collins 2012, Rose Folan 2012, Betty Lowe 2008,  
Patrick Haggarty 2017, George Monaghan 2004,  
Margaret McCarroll 2015, Patsy McDonald 1993,  
Frank Coulter 2018, Guilia Marchetti 1998, James Smith 1986,  
Justine McAllister 2000, Brian O'Reilly 1993,  
Robert Stevenson 2021, Mary McCluskey 1980,  
Bessie Murphy 2008, Margaret Mary Adamson 2005,  
Brendan Dorrian 2001, John Bell 2008, Brian Griffin 1980,  
Jimmy Carson 2019, Father James Coyle 1975,  
Annie Montgomery 2012, Maureen McIlhatton 1993,  
Canon Michael O'Connor 1966*

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

► **ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK** We begin the season for Lent this week on Wednesday with the Distribution of Ashes: Holy Mass as usual at 10am and also an Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm at St Peter's. Distribution of Ashes at Mass at 10am at St Bride's.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR PETER MONAGHAN AT ST PETER'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Peter Monaghan, who died on 29th January 2023, aged 54 years. His Reception into Church will be on Wednesday, 22nd February at 6pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 23rd February 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Kilwinning Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR RUTH HACKER AT ST BRIDE'S** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ruth Hacker, who died on 4th February 2023, aged 86 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 7th March 2023 at 10am, followed by cremation. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** There will be a prayer service at 2pm on Friday, 3rd March in St Peter's Church. All welcome!

► **THANK YOU** The family of Natalina Farro would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts prayers and condolences. Special thanks to Fr Duncan and to Paul Stevenson Funeral Directors for all their help and support.

► **DONATION FOR ST BRIDE'S PARISH** An anonymous donor has handed in a donation of £250 for St Bride's Parish. Sincere thanks for your support and may God bless your generosity.

► **50/50 CLUB** Membership renewal is now due, please collect a brown envelope from the Church porch. New members always welcome! Club Promoter: Myriame Sammons 01294 469006.

### **Congratulations to our Confirmation Children**

When sixteen of our Primary School receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today, it gives us all an opportunity to renew the grace of our own Confirmation. Pope Francis gives us a message for Confirmation: "I would like to offer three short and simple thoughts for your reflection. Firstly, the Holy Spirit changes us: he brings us the new things of God. He comes to us and makes all things new; he changes us. The Spirit changes us! You see, the new things of God are not like the novelties of this world, all of which are temporary; they come and go, and we keep looking for more. The new things which God gives to our lives are lasting, not only in the future, when we will be with him, but today as well. God is even now making all things new; the Holy Spirit is truly transforming us, and through us he also wants to transform the world in which we live. Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by him. Secondly, the journey of the Church, and our own personal journeys as Christians, are not always easy; they meet with difficulties and trials. To follow the Lord, to let his Spirit transform the shadowy parts of our lives, our ungodly ways of acting, and cleanse us of our sins, is to set out on a path with many obstacles, both in the world around us but also within us, in the heart. But difficulties and trials are part of the path that leads to God's glory, just as they were for Jesus, who was glorified on the cross; we will always encounter them in life! Do not be discouraged! We have the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome these trials! And thirdly, remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage! There are no difficulties, trials or misunderstandings to fear, provided we remain united to God as branches to the vine, provided we do not lose our friendship with him, provided we make ever more room for him in our lives. Let us trust in God's work! With him we can do great things; he will give us the joy of being his disciples, his witnesses. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things. We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for little things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals, my dear young people! So may it be.

### **WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE APPEAL**

On Ash Wednesday SCIAF launch the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Your donations will help families to grow their own food by providing the training and tools they need. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. To find out more please visit [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or call 0141 354 5555.

### **GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 for 7 nights

Please see poster in Church Porch.

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – OCTOBER 2023**

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Please see poster in Church.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023: £219.05

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**Just for a laugh...** A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender says, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

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