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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity [A]

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Our Lady's Juggler

Many centuries ago, there lived a man by the name of Barnaby. He was a juggler who lived from day to day on the small donations he received. He went from town to town and he would take knives or balls and juggle them. And that is all that he could do. He felt embarrassed over his lack of talent. He almost felt totally useless. People in the town in which he juggled would be involved in their business work. Some would run small little shops. Some were doctors and teachers. And Barnaby would see all these people working every day and be more discouraged with each passing day. One day on his travels he was passing a huge monastery and he started to think and pray. Maybe, if they let me enter this monastery I can do the most menial tasks, do something positive and save my soul and have more meaning and happiness in my life. He knocked on the monastery door and was greeted by the brother who was in charge of all the monastic duties. Barnaby told him he would perform the most menial tasks for just a place to sleep and a little something to eat. He was admitted and was given a small place in which to live and told when meal time was to happen. He did this for months and seemed to find more meaning and happiness to his life. But then his sense of meaning and happiness started to lessen. He knew all around him that the brothers of the monastery were preparing for an important feast day of Our Lady. One brother was writing a new musical score for the Mass. Another brother was making special bread to be given to the poor on the special day. Another brother was making a beautiful candle to be placed in front of Our Lady's statue. Barnaby, in seeing what was done by others so talented, felt more inadequate than ever. His sense of his own inferiority became more painful than ever. Our Lady's feast day was coming closer. And what was he doing but the most menial jobs in the monastery. He went to bed each night heartbroken. But then one night, and no explanation has been found for this, he took his small little blanket and his eight juggling balls and went to the chapel. He stood in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mother and gave her the only talent he had, the art of juggling. At that moment something extraordinary happened. The statue of our Blessed Mother almost came alive with radiance that Barnaby had never seen before. The brothers of the monastery, seeing how the chapel was becoming filled with this new light, rushed in thinking that something tragic had taken place. The Abbot was there and as all of them came into the Chapel they saw Barnaby juggling with joy and happiness. The statue of Mary, whether it took on new life to others, took on new life to him. This man who thought he had so little talent had brought joy to Mary, the Mother of Christ, on her special day. The story of Barnaby, the juggler, the individual who though he was a nothing in anyone's eyes teaches us that God has given to each one gifts and talents that if used can bring greater joy and meaning into each one's life.

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# 9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Rosemary Lee (RD), Kenny Breen (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Memorial of St Boniface</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret Brown (T)</i>				
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Rose Ann Bannon (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for John Ferguson (RD)</i>		Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Roger Boyle</b>		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Marie Murray (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)	
	<b>Requiem Mass for Ann McDonald</b> <b>Mass at 1pm</b>				
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Requiem Mass for Robert Reid</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Alison Dunn (A), Tom Atkins (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)	

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Peter Ross.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Ann McDonald, Robert Reid, Rosemary Lee, Rose Ann Bannon,  
John Ferguson, Ian Howie.*

### ✚ Those who died around this time of Year:

*Deborah McFarlane Armstrong 2015, Hugh Cairns 2015,  
Patricia Butcher 2009, Brian Cairns 2004, James Freer 2018,  
Ronnie Stewart 1971, Annie Watt 2021, Angus Donnelly 2003,  
Janet Gee 2010, William McCafferty 1920, Susan McKinlay 2012,  
Isabel Pamela Swanson, Mary Brown 2013, James Cairnie 1953,  
Mary Kelly 2002, Robert Reid 2023, Sadie Welsh 2009,  
Ted Procter 2012, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Rose McKenzie,  
Meta McCulloch, Ann McDonald 2023, John McKibben 2012  
Patrick O'Hare 1973, Margaret McAuley 1953, Joe Peppard 1993,  
Christine Stevens 1996, Bobby Flood 2018, Joseph Higgins 2006,  
Robert and Margaret Monan 1977, Lily Peppard 2004, Hilda Reid,  
Georgina Akins 1961, Mary Lynn Beattie 1998, Bernard Little 1999,  
Sarah Ramsay 2000, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980,  
Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Jim Glass, Denis Long  
2005, Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, James Boyle 2008,  
Gilbert Marshall 2007, Father Michael Masterson 1997,  
Rose McKenzie 1996, Neil O'Connell 1992, James Conaghan 1999,  
Mary Walsh 1954, May Boyle 2013, Father Ninian Currie OFM  
2009, Alison Dunn 1994, Martha Johnston 2013,  
Margaret O'Neill 2009, Patrick Clark 2002, Michael Collins 2009,  
Charles Coulter 2007, Stephen McIntosh 2015, Julia Paterson 2017,  
George West 1997, Millie Ferguson 2021, Sheena Walker 2017  
Martin Francis Brown 1998, Elizabeth Dailly, John Spencer 2002.*

## Some Food for Thought

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.



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

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT REID AT ST PETER'S**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Reid, who died on 23rd May 2023, aged 79 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 9th June 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Friday, 23rd June at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANN McDONALD AT ST PETER'S**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ann McDonald, who died on 24th May 2023, aged 83 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 8th June 2023 at 1pm, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. Her Month's Mind Mass will be on Saturday, 24th June at 5.30pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST BRIDE'S**

We offer prayers and congratulations to Thomas Ferris today who will receive Holy Communion for the first time. We wish Thomas a day of joy, grace and blessings.

► **RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH FOR JAMES PATRICK AT ST PETER'S**

Congratulations and prayers to James today who will be confirmed and received into Church. Congratulations also to his Sponsor Matthew. We wish James a day of grace, joy and thanksgiving.

► **ST BRIDE'S JUST GIVING PAGE**

St Bride's have set up a just giving page to help finance the new music system. If you can help please visit their webpage or the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stbrideswvstakilbride>

**Notable Date - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

First time Mass was livestreamed from St Peter's.

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Second Collection (Buildings Fund): £302.88

**ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023: £86.00

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*



**Just for a Laugh...** A pupil in P4 in Primary School celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the special cakes that his mum had made into school without help. The teacher asked a P6 pupil to help his little brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, the teacher then said to the older brother, "What would Jesus do?" He answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cakes."

### **Trinity Sunday – Is it Relevant?**

Trinity Sunday celebrates the Church's faith in the triune God, one God in three persons. This doctrine has baffled people for 2,000 years. Given that it is so hard to accept, why bother with it? What difference does the trinitarian dogma really make to how we live our Christian lives? Many are ready to give a polite nod of some sort to Jesus of Nazareth. Most honour him as a great moral teacher. Many even confess him as Saviour. But the Incarnation of the Eternal God? Second person of the Holy Trinity? God can't be one and three at the same time. Such a notion is at worst illogical, at best meaningless. If Christianity were simply a religion of keeping the law, the inner life of the lawgiver would not matter. But if Christianity is about personal relationship with God, then who God really is matters totally. Common sense tells us that some supreme being made the universe and that we owe Him homage. But that the creator is a trinity of persons who invites us to intimate friendship with Himself — this we never could have guessed! We only know it because God has revealed it. God is Love – a community of Three Persons. God is love, says 1 John 4:8 (see too John 3:16). If God were solitary, how could he have been love before he created the world? Who would there have been to love? Jesus reveals a God who is eternally a community of three persons pouring themselves out in love for one another. The Father does not create the Son and then, with the Son, create the Spirit. No, the Father eternally generates the Son. And with and through the Son, this Father eternally "breathes" the Spirit as a sort of personalised sigh of love. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." That's what the conclusion of the Glory Be really means, that the self-giving of the three divine persons did not begin at a moment in time, but was, is, and is to come. If we are truly to "know" our God, we must know this. But if we are ever to understand ourselves, we must also know this. For we were made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a community of self-donating love. That means that we can never be happy isolated from others, protecting ourselves from others, holding ourselves back selfishly from others. Unless we give ourselves in love, we can never be fully human. And unless we participate in the life of God's people, we can never be truly Christian either. Because Christianity is about building up the community of divine love which is called the Church. If God is Trinity, then there really is no place for free-lance, lone-ranger Christians. The family, the domestic Church, is a reflection of trinitarian love – the love of husband and wife, distinct and very different persons, generates the child who is from them but is nonetheless distinct from them, indeed absolutely unique. And that is the final point. One of the greatest treasures of Western culture is the concept of the uniqueness and dignity of the individual person. You really don't find this idea in the ancient societies of Greece and Rome or in other great world religions, such as Islam. The concept of the irreplaceable uniqueness of each person came into Western culture straight from the doctrine of the Trinity, three who possess the exact same divine nature but who are yet irreplaceably unique in their personhood. The irony? As it progressively abandons the triune God, the Western world is undermining the very foundation of personal dignity, individuality, and freedom that it values so much. So yes, the Trinity does matter.



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