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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year [A]

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

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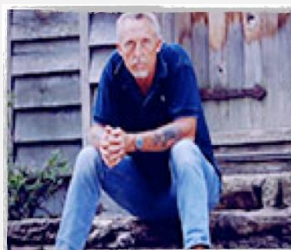


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### Mustard Seeds

#### ✠ A Better Way of Life

"There was something in me that wanted to sin. I couldn't wait to smoke pot. I couldn't wait to drink. I couldn't wait to have sex. All those things, they were at the forefront of my mind," said John Barrow. John was raised by his teenage mother and his grandmother. He says he didn't have a father to look up to and there was no structure at home. "I was lacking a lot in the area of having a balanced home and a balanced mother and father. There was probably a lot of insecurity there," he explained. Curiosity led him to experiment with sex, alcohol, and drugs. By 14, he was addicted to all three. "I just loved it. Drinking a beer... and next thing you know I drank a few and then a few more and I'm drunk and I'm feeling good too. I loved all that." Then he started getting into trouble with the police. He was in and out of young offenders' institutions for running away, selling drugs, and stealing. One night, a former drug dealer spoke with the youth at the detention centre. He had overcome his addictions through coming back to Church. "The thing I remember the most, I couldn't wait for him to quit speaking because I wanted to go in my cell and just cry. Because this guy, what he was talking about, his exposure to Christ, his metamorphosis...I knew that I wanted that," said John. "That was the hook. That exposed me to the real Christ. From that time forward, I knew who God was and so I was just running from Him." Then at 24, John robbed a corner shop. He was charged with robbery and intimidation and given a two-and-a-half-year sentence. One day he was caught selling marijuana to an inmate. That landed him in solitary confinement for 28 days. John read the only book allowed in solitary confinement, the Bible. Thinking about his life, he was ashamed of the harm he caused himself and others. "So I'm like, Well, if God can forgive King David who is a man after his own heart, premeditated murder and adultery, who knew God, surely He can forgive me." With nowhere to run this time, John talked to God. "Strengthen me. Help me. Forgive me. I can't do this without you. In that prison cell I literally cried tears and I said, 'Lord I don't want to do this anymore'. And there was this refreshing feeling that came over me. There was this feeling of redemption. Up until that time I had kind of lived the modern TV advert. If it feels good, just do it. That had taken me to a place I didn't like. When I broke free of that and cried out to the Lord, that freedom, it changed me," said John. "I thank God for the time in prison. It saved me. And isolation, it helped me. Because it stopped me long enough to hear the voice of God speak to me." For several years he worked to beat his addictions and now he has been alcohol and drug free for nearly 15 years. "Redemption for me was a better way." Today he is an author, minister, and family man. He's running a successful business using masonry skills he learned in prison - and he's building for the Kingdom of God. "Today my perspective on life



has changed. Everything has brightened up. I believe that all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Everything. Even the bad things we've been through. Our failures. Our mistakes. All I can do is praise God everyday for what He's done."

# 13<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Fr Michael Lynch (A), Gertrude Cunningham (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</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 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Feast of St Thomas, apostle</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Michael Fitzpatrick (A)</i>			Funeral Mass at 1pm <b>Mary McGoogan</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Karen Fitzpatrick (A)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Ian Donaldson (RD), Fred Miller</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Memorial of St Maria Goretti</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mary Cullinane (RD), Anonymous (T)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Harry &amp; Myriame Sammons (SI), Ian Howie (RD)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Marie Lang (SI), Jim Agnew (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Pope Francis shares 'Stone Age' humanity tips to today's youth

Pope Francis met young people in a youth center a few years ago. He said all types of media — be they books, magazines, or everything online — should encourage and edify the users, not enslave them. "Back in my day, the Stone Age, when a book was good, you read it; when the book was bad for you, you chucked it," he shared with hundreds of youths in Sarajevo. Those who produce or distribute content, like television stations, have the responsibility of choosing programs that strengthen values, that help people grow and prepare for life, "that build up society, that move us forward, not drag us down," he said. Viewers have the responsibility of choosing what's good for them, the Pope said, adding that they should change the channel right away if it shows "filth" or "things that make [a person] vulgar." While the quality of content is important, it is also important to limit the amount of time one spends in front of the screen, he said. "If you live glued to the computer and become a slave to the computer,



you lose your freedom. And if you look for obscene programs on the computer, you lose your dignity," the Pope said. "But when this leads you away from everyday life, family life, social life, and also sports, the arts and we stay glued to the computer, this is a psychological illness," he said.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Father Eamon Flynn, Ian Monan,  
Irene Coby, Harry Sammons.*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Jane Adams, Ian Donaldson, Mary Cullinane,  
Sarah Sloss, Ian Howie, Jim Agnew.*

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

*Oliviero Agostini 1940, James Brennan 1963,  
Father Michael Lynch 2004, Peter Reilly 2018,  
Stuart McDonald 2006, Giocondo Michelini 1960,  
Kathleen Robertson 2005, Josephine Slaven 2008,  
Mary Tonner 1936, Margaret Fisher 2005,  
Thomas Magee 1995, John Boyle 2021,  
Rosetta McKay 1994, Ian Moran 1975,  
Lavinia (Bunty) Orr 2011, Patrick Tourish 1986,  
Andrew Toner 2010, Sadie Carrino 2019,  
Richard Graham 2012, George Cameron 1980,  
Ryan Fleming 2002, Raymond McLaren 2014,  
Teresa Usher 2006, Joseph Armstrong 1998,  
Clare Cameron 1985, Mary Chapman 2009,  
Anthony Da Prato 2016, William Swanson 2022,  
Eugene McMahon 2021.*

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

- **WELCOME SISTER ANNA** We warmly welcome Sister Anna who, along with Sister Ursula will be ministering in the Three Towns Churches.
- **GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR JANE ADAMS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jane Adams, who died on 15th June 2023, aged 77 years. Her Graveside Service and Interment will be on Tuesday, 4th July 2023 at 2pm at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** We offer our congratulations to Elizabeth Anne McGillivray and Dominic Joseph Pless who will be married at St Peter's on Thursday 6th July at 1pm. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".
- **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** We offer our congratulations to Catriona Barbara Alexandra Fergus and Martin Thomas William Hanna who will be married at St Peter's on Saturday 8th July at 1pm. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".
- **SPECIAL COLLECTION** We will take up our annual collection for Peter's Pence this weekend (1/2 July.)
- **ST BRIDES FAMILY FUN DAY** We would love to welcome families and friends back to our family fun day! This will be held on Saturday 19th August, 12-4 in the church garden. Please come along and catch up with friends, old and new. A planning meeting, for those who would like to help out with the event, will be held on **Monday 24th July at 7pm** in the church hall. All help gratefully received. For more info, contact Jo Gibson at [quinnjo@hotmail.com](mailto:quinnjo@hotmail.com)

### **Re-introduction of Holy Communion from the Chalice**

It is possible again to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice and we would like to re-introduce this at St Peter's and St Bride's on the first Sunday of September, 2nd/3rd September 2023. I strongly encourage all of you to return to receiving Holy Communion under both forms and to remind ourselves about the precious gift of Jesus that we have been given in the Holy Eucharist. We can ask ourselves: "Is my relationship with Jesus, is what I do connected to the Eucharist? Is it the source and summit of who I am as a Catholic?" Jesus Christ is truly and wholly present under both species of bread and wine. The church teaches that Jesus is fully present in the smallest crumb of bread or the smallest drop of wine. Receiving Holy Communion under both species, however, is a 'fuller' sign. The church also teaches it is an important sign of the death and resurrection of Jesus because he gave his body and his blood. It is an important sign to have both. The "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" puts it this way: Holy Communion "has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this matter of reception, the Eucharistic banquet shines forth."



### **NOTABLE DATES:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1981, Father Peter Magee was ordained.  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2004, Father Michael Lynch died.  
6<sup>th</sup> July 2003, Father Stephen McGrattan was ordained.

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

Offertory Cash Collection 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023: £570.28  
Second Collection (Building Fund): £305.97

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

Offertory Cash Collection 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023: £111.00

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### **Just for a Laugh...**

The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees was absent but had not phoned in sick one day. Needing to have an urgent problem with one of the main computers resolved, he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. 'Hello' 'Is your daddy home?' he asked. 'Yes,' whispered the small voice. May I talk with him?' The child whispered, 'No.' Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, 'Is your mummy there?' 'Yes' 'May I talk with her?' Again the small voice whispered, 'No' Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, 'Is anybody else there?' 'Yes,' whispered the child, 'a policeman.' Wondering what a policeman would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, 'May I speak with the policeman?' 'No, he's busy,' whispered the child. 'Busy doing what?' 'Talking to daddy and mummy and the fireman and the priest,' came the whispered answer. Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, 'What is that noise?' 'A helicopter' answered the whispering voice. 'What is going on there?' demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive. Again, whispering, the child answered, 'The search team just landed a helicopter'. Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, 'What are they searching for?' Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle... 'ME!'

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