



Parish News

Sunday 11th APRIL

DOUBT NO LONGER BUT BELIEVE.

In this very packed Gospel, different facets of the Easter mystery are presented. Firstly we note that Jesus appears to the community gathered on a Sunday, they rejoice at his presence and receive through him the gift of the Holy Spirit and with this are given a mission, they are sent just as Jesus himself was. In these verses we have as good a summary of what Sunday Eucharist is all about as we will ever find.



In short, it is about joy in the presence of the Risen Lord who give us his peace so that we can continue his task of revealing God to the world. Thankfully Thomas is missing because his refusal to believe means that the following Sunday we need to gather again and once again as a community of faith encounter Christ among us. Now, by a wonderful irony, it is Thomas who leads us in our appropriate response as we acknowledge Jesus as Our Lord and Our God. The words addressed to Thomas by Jesus are for the generations of Christians who have continued to proclaim the Easter message ever since: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Today's readings originated with different communities at different times in the life of the early church but there is a striking similarity in their insistence that believing in the resurrection heralds a change in the way we live. We simply cannot be true believers if we close our hearts to those in need around us. If we accept the risen Christ and the promise of new life that he brings then we must be engaged in bringing about the kingdom of God. It is not characterised by a private piety but by an inclusive love which reaches out to those who are most in need. Today's gospel gives us John's Pentecost and reminds us that all that we would do in the name of Jesus is to be done in the power of the Holy Spirit....

To be a Christian is to be one who is forgiven, and so one who forgives. 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' This forgiveness is declared to us in the Father raising Christ from death: death and destruction are not to have the final say in human life. This forgiveness and victory are shared with us in Christ's gift of the Spirit. We are a people who, far from being cut-off from God, have God dwelling within us



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Derry Diocesan Vocations Week 17th - 25th April 2021

The annual celebration of Derry Diocesan Vocations Week begins Saturday, 17th April through to Good Shepherd Sunday, 25th April. The theme for this year's Vocations Week is based on "*Patris Corde*" ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis' recent publication for the year of Saint Joseph.

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the schedule of daily prayer and Mass, as well as devotional reflections based on the Angelus, Daily Examen and the Mysteries of the Rosary. These resources will be available online at derrydiocese.org and derryvocations.org

On the evenings of Monday, 19th April - Friday, 23rd April, Bishop Donal will host a series of interviews with guests from throughout the diocese discussing how they have answered God's call to vocation. These twenty-minute interviews will be broadcast live online at 7pm, followed by a broadcast of the celebration of the Daily Examen. At 8pm, after evening Mass, Bishop Donal will lead the Rosary before concluding with night prayer. The live broadcasts can be viewed at derrydiocese.org and derryvocations.org

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA. Please join us today (11th) at 3:00pm when we will conclude [the novena](#) in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on this Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena will be streamed live on the parish webcam.

Trócaire Please return your Trocaire box as soon as possible. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Parish Envelopes. The Parish envelopes for those who are in the Gift Aid Scheme have been distributed. If you have not yet received your envelopes please contact the parish office on 02871342303. The pink boxes are available at the Church doors. If you are working and paying taxes and not already on the Gift Aid scheme we would ask you to consider completing a Gift Aid form. We would also like to thank people for their continued generosity and support especially over the last few weeks



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Mass Schedule week beginning 12th April

Monday 12th April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021

Weekday schedule

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:30am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12 noon Immaculate Conception
12:30pm St Columb's

Evening (Sunday)

06:00pm St Columb's

NB! Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings on Wednesday at 11:00am

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website
All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Bernadette O'Doherty, formerly of Dervock Street who died in Dublin

Anniversaries:

Jack Doherty, John Boyle, Phyllis Quinn, Fr Anthony Quinn, Jack Skoltock, Patrick Bradley, Patrick McGuigan, Lena Quinn, Brian Dunlop, George and Cissie Tracy

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

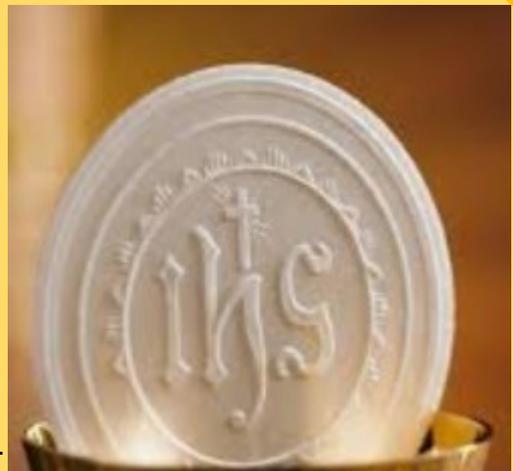
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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