



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter : 16 April 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16 April

Divine Mercy Sunday

Easter Novena List

Colm Faherty (SI)

Liam Byrne (BR)

Pat O'Leary (A)

Owen Cullen (A)

Padraig & Una O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 17 April

Easter Novena List

For all who supported the O'Sullivan family at the time of Padraig's death (SI)

Maria & Tatiana (SI)

John Morrissey (A)

Kitty Moynihan (A)

Tuesday, 18 April

St Laszlo, bishop

Vladislav & the People of the Ukraine (SI)

Elizabeth & Patrick Glennon (A)

Redmond Family (D)

Wednesday, 19 April

Special Intention

Marie McNulty (MM)

McCann Family (D)

Thursday, 20 April

May Brennan (A)

Tweedie & Leslie Families (D)

Holy Souls

Friday, 21 April

St Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church

Priests & Parishioners of St Peter's (SI)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Noelie Perry (D)

Saturday, 22 April

Redmond Family (SI)

Agnes Callahan (A)

You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Jn 20 19-31

Today's Gospel is about what happened when the apostles were gathered together on the first Easter Sunday and the following Sunday. On both occasions the doors were closed for fear of the Jews. They feared crucifixion and so they kept the doors locked. But the Risen Jesus came through the locked doors. The Risen Jesus can come through the locked doors of our heart too.

His message for them was a message of peace: *Peace be with you* was his greeting to them on the two Sunday evenings. Peace be with you is his greeting to us too.

Initially Thomas couldn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. It was so out of the ordinary. Who could blame him? He needed some kind of proof. He refused to believe until he put his finger into the holes made by the nails. Thank God for Doubting Thomas. When it comes to the things of God there is no proving it. We rely on faith.

It is also worth noting that the scars of the crucifixion were present on the body of Jesus after the Resurrection. His body was glorified but the scars and marks of the crucifixion were still present.

The scars and hurts of life don't go away. We carry them with us. The real challenge for all of us is to manage the scars and hurts of life in such a way that they don't go on unconsciously influencing the way we live. We have to move on. We have to keep on trying to get the past out of the present. The real challenge is to live in the now. The grace of God is for today, for now; not for yesterday. Not for tomorrow.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially James Kaledzi (Spire View) and Angela Ferguson (Connaught Street).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tue to Sat: 10.30am. **Sun:** vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Sat 11.00am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request.

Mon from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Mon to Thurs from 10.00am to 12.30pm

(in Church) Mon evening, Fri morning, Sat evening, Sun morning

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 16 April 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end,'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious

than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,

'We have seen the Lord', he answered,

'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.

Then he spoke to Thomas,

'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9 April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,661.53
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 374.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 407.47

Thank you for your support to the parish.

RESPONSES AT MASS

Leaflets are available for those wishing to familiarise themselves with Mass responses in English. Please collect one in the Sacristy.

