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Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

11 April 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Way Forward

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Happy are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt can be a good thing. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still

looking for answers that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening?

In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap. The good news is that just as Jesus showed Thomas patience so he will be patient with us too. The good news is that just as Jesus gave Thomas a way to forward his faith so too will we be shown a way forward if we want it enough.



Online Service Times (Week of 11 Apr - 17Apr)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm
Do This In Memory Mass

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon
Do This In Memory Mass
St. John of God

Wednesday No Evening Prayer

All Masses will take place in Ss. Joseph and Benildus and can be viewed via livestream:
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford

Church Access for Private Prayer
St. Mary's: 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus :
1.00pm - 4.00pm.



If you wish to donate, all payments to the Parish can be made via the donate button on our website **Thank you.**

Combined Masses	10/11 April	17/18 April
7:00 pm Vigil		
12 noon Sunday	Daniel Douglas (A) Eileen Whitty Anne Tierney (MM)	Monica & Dick Kervick Bridie Flynn



Pray for those who died recently:

Mary O'Neil, Thomas Browne

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week

Anne Tierney

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur

Brendan Murray, Kathleen Barrett,
Dove Cotter, Noel Cooke

This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- * **Trocaire** boxes/donations can be returned to the Parish Office. Thank you.
- * Sundays **7-8 pm** (11 April - 2 May) **Quo Vadis?**
Please register to join this uplifting series of talks on the life of Sr. Clare.
- * Monday - **The Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan** will celebrate the anniversary of his episcopal ordination, 12 April 2015.



"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

- * Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
11:00 am Wednesday
- * Wednesday 4:45pm Evening Prayer
- * **Thursday - Prayer and Praise**
9:00 am Thursday
[Prayer & Praise Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783
Passcode: 079339



We are truly blessed to have a wonderful, dedicated team of volunteers in our Parish whose behind-the-scenes efforts made our Holy Week and Easter observances all the more meaningful and special. In particular, we wish to thank the Liturgy Group, all the musicians, Peter for erecting the cross, Veronica and Ena for preparing the altar linen, Deirdre and Maria for adorning the church with flowers. Through the work of their hands, and the use of their talents we were able to worship Christ our King in the beauty of holiness.

Thank You



MASS READINGS Mon 12 April — Sun 18 April Second Week of Easter

Mon 12 April	Acts 4:23-31. Ps 2:1-9, R/ v13. Jn 3:1-8.
Tues 13 Apr	St. Martin I, pope and martyr Acts 4:32-37. Ps 91:1-2, 5, R/ v1. Jn 3:7-15.
Wed 14 Apr	Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33:2-9, R/ v 7. Jn 3: 16-21.
Thurs 15 Apr	Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33:2, 9, 17-20, R/ v 7. Jn 3:31-36.
Fri 16 Apr	Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, R/ v 4. Jn 6:1-15.
Sat 17 Apr	Acts 6: 1-7. Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R/ v 22. Jn 6:16-21
Sun 18 Apr	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9 R/ v 7. 1Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.
O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Water is available in the church.
Church is open for private prayer for
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Please bring your own bottle.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April: Universal Intention — Fundamental Rights —
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore presents

QUO VADIS?
CATHOLIC ZOOM SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35

Sr Clare: Alone with Christ Alone!

Four week series on the inspirational life of Sr Clare Crockett, presented by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother

Sundays: 7 - 8pm
11th April - 2nd May

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"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you."

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