

11th April 2021: Second Sunday of Easter (B)



OUR FAITH IS THE VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is this faith that Jesus is the Son of God which helps us to overcome the world's temptations and doubts. We have not seen, yet we believe. Like Thomas, we acclaim Christ as our Lord and our God.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

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| Sat 10 | <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> |
| 18:30 | Joseph & Joe Hughes RIP |
| Sun 11 | ✠ Second Sunday of Easter |
| 09.30 | Intention of Joan McConnell |
| 11.00 | Betty & Paddy Conaty RIP |
| Mon 12 | |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing Intention of the Murray family |
| Tue 13 | |
| 09.30 | Maureen Commins RIP |
| Wed 14 | |
| 09.30 | Intention of the McAleavey-Dunne family |
| Thu 15 | |
| 09:30 | Christine & Carl Burrows RIP |
| Fri 16 | |
| 09.30 | Elizabeth Anthony RIP |
| Sat 17 | |
| 09.30 | Rudy & Tini Cooper's 55th Wedding Anniversary |
| 18:30 | <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> |
| | Patrick Hunt RIP |
| Sun 18 | ✠ Third Sunday of Easter |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing for Sylvia & George Lakey |
| 11.00 | Divine Mercy - Thanksgiving |

THANK YOU

I would like to say, thank you to all of you, for being present in the church as we celebrated the paschal mysteries. It felt good to have a full church at all the services of the Easter Triduum. Many members of our parish were not able to come to church because they cannot come at this time. But we are aware that they were following everything on line. I am very grateful for the Easter cards and the Easter offering you gave me. We always feel proud that we have a dedicated team of people who prepare the church for the Easter celebrations.

We always pray that God may bless each one of them.

Spiritual thought

Thomas places his hands in the wounds of Jesus, and the experience draws from him the first, ringing affirmation of Christ's divinity; 'My Lord and my God!' Fully human, and fully divine. Eternally human, eternally divine. His human nature is glorified, just as his divinity is humanised. Our human nature will be forever in him; his divinity dwells within us, and will remain with us even to the consummation of the world.

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GIFT AID

For those on the paper envelope Gift Aid scheme, this year's envelopes will be available for collection after each of the Masses this weekend.

This does not apply to those who have signed up to Gift Aid online, or via the payment machine in the Church lobby.

Parish Secretary

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Maintenance of St. Georges Cathedral

MASS COUNT LAST WEEKEND

Saturday: 18:30 (77) Sunday: 09.30 (93), 11.00 (92)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

Tap to Donate Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: www.olspn.church

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NHS - COVID Vaccinations

In collaboration with the Sydenham Green Group Practice and the NHS, our hall will be used as a COVID vaccination centre from April through to the end of June.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help in the hall, even if it is for only a morning or afternoon a week the NHS would love to hear from you. Those wishing to volunteer please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Regis, and we will pass your contact details on. Thank you.

CONTACT POINTS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 4: 32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 117

R. **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

SECOND READING – 1 John 5: 1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL - John 20: 19-31

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.