

# Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 23rd April 2017



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

# BELIEVE

Then he said to Thomas,  
"Put your finger here and see  
my hands, and bring your  
hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving,  
but believe." —Jn 20:27

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SUNDAY



St. Mark



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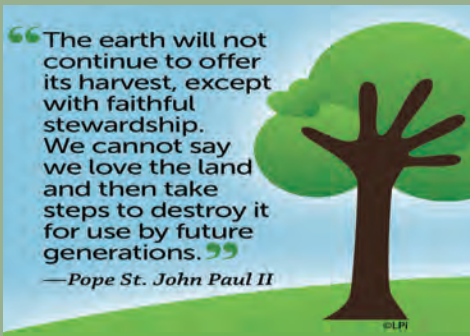
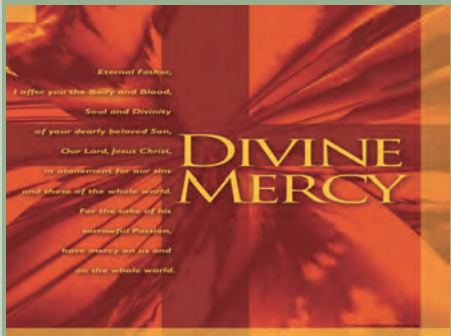
**Garda Band Concert in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm** in aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust - **Bringing Children and Young People with Special needs to Lourdes. Admission €10 Children €5.**

**40 Hours Adoration:** Join St. Bernadette's Parish, Clogher Road on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April after 12.00 Noon Mass from 6.00 -7.00pm to celebrate 40 Hours of Adoration. Holy hour will conclude on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm Mass. For more info: Tel. 01 4733109.

**Evening of Music & Reflection:** Come along to St. Agnes Church, Crumlin on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm for a delightful evening full of music and reflection. Performances on the night given by Soloists Susan Dowling, Mary Flynn, Patricia Bourke D'Souza and Paul Cahill. Orchestra led by Mary O'Donnell, MD. Tickets cost €15 (€10 concession for OAP's, Students & Unemployed) - Contact Tom (9.00am - 4.00pm) M: 087 7405018 **OR** Susan (4.00 - 9.00pm) M: 087 2244048. All welcome.

**The Encounter Dublin City.** Are you looking for more in life? Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker & performer Kate Curran on life, faith & purpose. Followed by social, pizza & refreshments. Free event. **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm.** St Paul's Church, Arran Quay (Smithfield). [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

**Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club.** Join other young adults (20's & 30's) each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. **Every Thursday 7pm-8:30pm,** St Paul's Church Arran Quay (Smithfield). [michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie) [www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub)



## WHAT'S ON

**Monday 24th April:**

**Choir Practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery**

**Choir Confirmation meeting in the Pastoral Space at 7pm.**

**Do this in Memory meeting at 7pm**

**Tuesday 25th April:**

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Space**

**Friday 28th April:**

**Eucharist Prayer Group meet in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm**

**Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm in the Oratory.**



**We remember  
Joyce Lawlor,  
Marie Dunne,  
Joyce Ward,  
Kathleen Balfe,  
Edward (Eddie) O'Connor,  
Joseph McDonnell,  
Angela Prizeman,  
Christopher (Christy)  
McCarton,  
Bernard Welstead  
& Bernie McCarthy  
who died recently.  
MAY THEY REST IN  
PEACE**

### PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot. The winning numbers were 17, 21, 29, 31. Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes. Next week's Jackpot will be €3000.00.

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass.

Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

### Church Collections

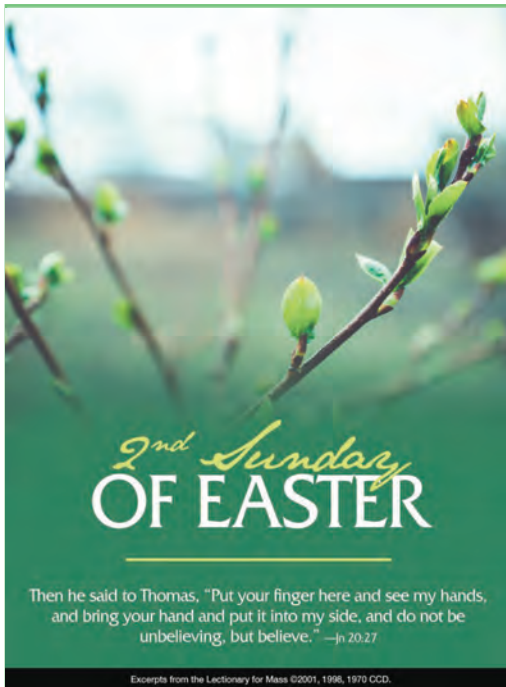
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1st Priests: €1112.00

2nd : 935.00

Envelope Collection: €1481.00





2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making. But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and

brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be. And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.



**Q** Each Evangelist has a unique perspective; can you give us some clues about the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

**A** Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on the Jesus event. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.



**Entrance:**

**Jesus Christ is risen today,  
 Alleluia!  
 Our triumphant holy day,  
 Alleluia!  
 Who did once upon the cross,  
 Alleluia!  
 Suffer to redeem our loss.  
 Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us  
 sing, Alleluia!  
 Unto Christ, our heavenly  
 King, Alleluia!  
 Who endured the cross and  
 grave, Alleluia!  
 Sinners to redeem and save.  
 Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he  
 endured, Alleluia!  
 Our salvation have procured,  
 Alleluia!  
 Now above He reigns as King,  
 Alleluia!  
 Where the angels ever sing.  
 Alleluia!**

**Recessional:**

**Our God Reigns, x 4  
 It was our guilt and sin that  
 bruised and wounded Him  
 It was our sin that brought  
 Him down  
 Out from the tomb He came  
 with grace and majesty  
 He is alive, He is alive  
 He's alive, x 3**



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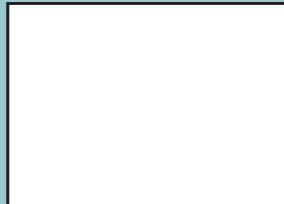
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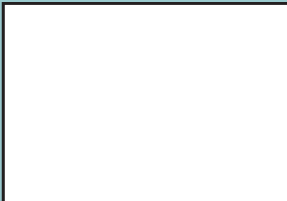
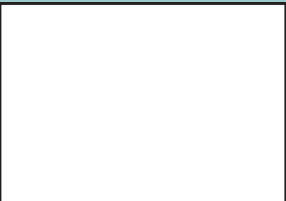
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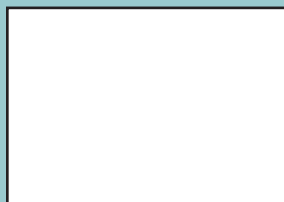
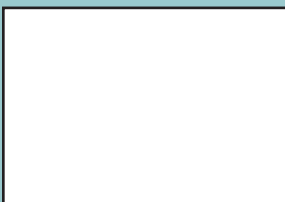
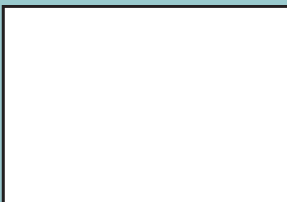
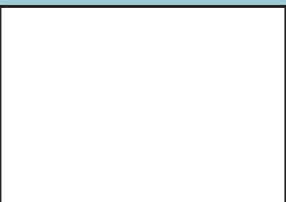
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