

# Church of the Ascension of the Lord

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 Divine Mercy Sunday



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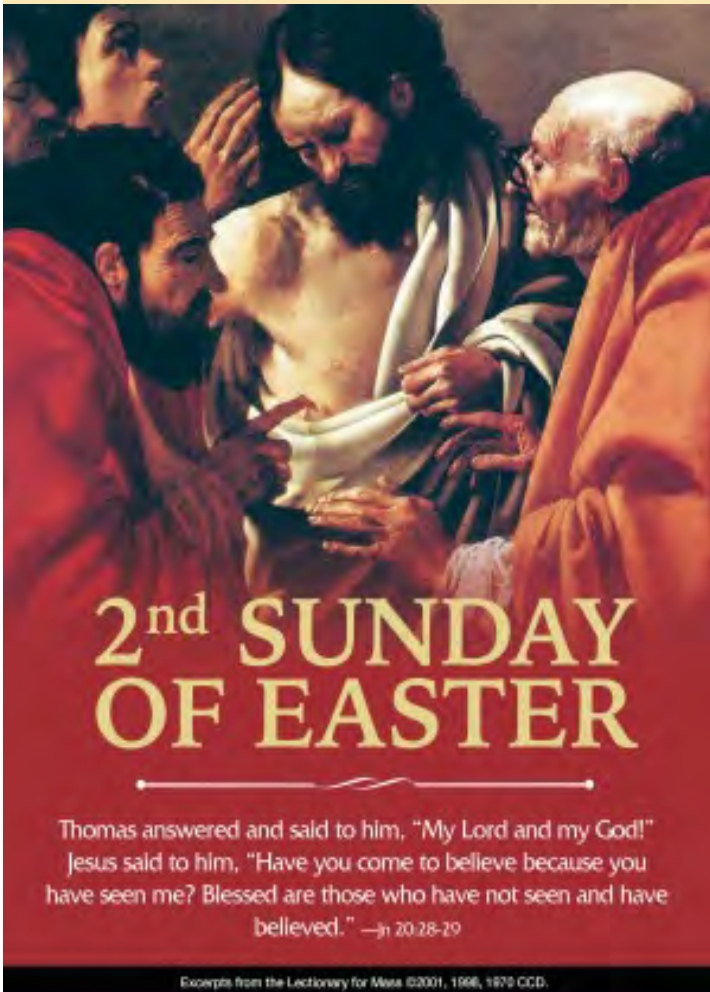
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Mgr. Dermot A Lane:

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Right: Easter Vigil flame & the Paschal Candel.

Bottom: Walk the way of the Cross - Lady of the Wayside



## THE DEEP END:

### Shalom

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

*'Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.'*

Margaret Silf

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## Church Services

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>:

10:00am: Mick Murphy/ Patrick O'Shea (Months Mind)

11:30am: Anne Delany & Catherine Delany & Thomas Delany /Maurice Mulcahy

12:45pm: John Perry (1st A)

### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April

10:00am: Michael and Mary McMahon

Tuesday: Dara Fitzpatrick

Wednesday: Dara Fitzpatrick

Thursday: Special Intention (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

Friday: Maurice Reynolds

### Saturday:

### Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am: Terry Bermingham

11:30am: O'Connor Family /Walter Shilling

12:45pm: Rachel Barry



From Father's Desk



This Lent has been a wonderful time in our Parish and a lot of things have happened. The restored Stations of the Cross were unveiled on Ash Wednesday. On the first Sunday of Lent the "Alleluias" were buried in the secret space under the altar. We also had the anointing of the sick and during the last two weeks of lent a special prayer space was created around Rembrandt's painting of the Prodigal Son. This same painting was the inspiration for the liturgy of reconciliation, shared with Sandyford with the presence of seven priests.

On Holy Thursday parish representatives went to the Pro Cathedral and received the Holy Oils which will be used for the baptisms, confirmations and anointing of the sick during the next year. Thursday evening's Celebration of the Last Supper with the washing of the feet the breaking and distribution of the one bread was crowned with a beautiful "Watch and Pray" until midnight.

Good Friday began with the Stations of the Cross from Our Lady of the Wayside, Kiltarnan to St. Patricks Glencullen. It was a very meaningful experience for the many who participated. In the afternoon our Church was packed for the solemn celebration of the Passion of the Lord. As is tradition in Balally Holy Saturday begins with the "Descent of Christ to the Dead" - *the Harrowing of Hell* a most striking liturgy with explanations of the meaning of the day and it's icons. At 8.30 p.m. the great liturgy of the Easter Vigil began; it was a most powerful finish to our shared Lenten journey.

*Of course all this happened in tandem with the ordinary life of the Parish and on-going projects like Earth Day and Garda Vetting Sunday among others.*

Over the next months the parish will continue to be very busy. In May we will have the First communions for four schools as well as Confirmations.

**In June the Mother and Father of all Parish parties will be held in our parish to celebrate Fr. Lane's golden jubilee of ordination, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his stewardship of the parish and the imminent forwarding of his letter of resignation (which we hope will be rejected!). Keep the 9th June free for this special event.**

In July we will await the coming of the 15 American students to help us ignite the youth ministry in the Parish; a huge moment of hope.

All these events and liturgies take place because of the commitment of so many people in our parish. It is impossible to list the individuals and groups who contribute their talents and time to keep this parish community alive and active. Everything that happens in our Church is made possible through their generosity.

*The Parish Team wishes to thank each and every one of you.*

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy

to the family and many friends of

**Antony Conlon**, Goatstown &

**Catherine Thornton**, Blackthorn Green, who died last week.

May they rest in the peace of Christ



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*



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## He Has Spoken Through the Prophets...

### Viatres Christi

would like to remind you about our second talk in the series on renewal and the future of the Church. This will feature **Fr Mark Patrick Hederman on May 3rd**

**2017 at 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Lecture Hall, Belvedere College Dublin 1 Suggested donation €10**

Your Trócaire Boxes can be handed into the Sacristy or into the Parish Office





## St Olaf GAA Club



Congratulations to our minor Division 1 football team on defeating Kilmacud Crokes by 4-7 to 0-13 in a home League game recently. In the spirit of "Sports for All" Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Club are now looking to see how the Club can cater for those with intellectual and physical disabilities, by using the Club's facilities to play sport, socialise, mix and to be part of the Club. Please let the Health and Wellbeing Committee know if you are interested in this initiative. Please contact John Somers at 086-3851168 or at [eagleview23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eagleview23@yahoo.co.uk). The Lip Sync Legends fundraiser was a brilliant success thanks to everybody who was involved. Our Ladies Senior football team is proud to be sponsored by Lisney Dundrum. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 9, 16 and 23. The Jackpot is now €2500. .

### The Practice of Mindfulness Meditation

The next session will take place from 7.30 to 8.30 pm in the upper room, entrance through the church porch, on Monday 24th April. Please note that in May, sessions will take place on Monday 1st (Bank holiday), 15th and 29th. All are invited. If you need any further infoation, please contact Bairbre at 087 4178926



The April outdoor collection for the Society of **St Vincent DePaul** will be held this Sunday 23rd April, after all the Masses

### The Rosary:

is recited every morning at 9.40am before 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome



is held every Thursday evening at 7.30pm here in the Church. All Welcome



Get Well to all our parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, we wish you a speedy recovery

### Saint John of God Hospital Occupational Therapy Department present a workshop on SLEEP – How to get some.—

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## *He is risen Alleluia*

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." The world we live in tells us that all we have belongs to ourselves. Our life of faith tells us that all we have has been given to us for others. This is especially true of the gifts of the spirit, both our own spirit and God's Spirit. We have the gift of faith so that others can come to believe. That's the great challenge of every faith community that has to face the question: "How do we need to be so that all those around us can know the goodness of God?" The challenge of every married couple is: "How do we need to love each other so that our children can grow up in a real atmosphere of joy and peace?" And every home needs to become a place of hospitality towards others. It is to those tasks that Jesus sends us, his disciples.



*Johnny Doherty CSsR*

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