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Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mercy and merciful are words which speak to the heart and rightly so because we all need from time to time the experience of mercy and compassion, not only from our neighbour but from God himself. We see something of that mercy in today's Gospel: Thomas is unable to come to faith and Jesus reaches out to him, inviting him to touch him. The climax of the story is the "beatitude" which closes it: Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe!

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 12th April 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Tom Jones, Kilnamadoo
Anniversary: Bernie Miller, Tullycreevy – James Hoy, Drumcorban – Deceased of the McKenna and O'Brien Families

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12th April 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Hugh Foy, Ely Lodge – Joey Jones, Fairview Park

Tuesday 14th April Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 19th April 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Dessie Duffy, Doagh – Francis and Mary Jane Rogers, Enniskillen

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 19th April 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Teresa Jones, Corr **Anniversary:** Sadie Hussey, Coolarkin – Thomas Flanagan Jnr, Treel – Agnes McHugh and Deceased of the McHugh Family, Drumma – Pat McManus and Deceased of the McManus Families, Drumaraw and Carngreen

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of Anna Deery, Monaghan and Sheila Gillen (nee McShea), Enniskillen. May they rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism Cormac Michael Gallagher. May he grow in faith.

Mass Cover: as Fr Cathal is presently unavailable to the parish there will be no daily mass this week.

Divine Mercy Sunday: will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan, St. Michael's



Church, Enniskillen and in St Naile's Church, Kinawley today at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image with a relic of St. Faustina. A number of priests will be available for individual confession. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: **"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy"**. Everyone welcome.

3 O'clock Prayer

You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of Mercy, opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, O unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Bulletin sponsored by the Cox Family, Doagh

Rosary at the Grotto: it is hoped that the Rosary will be prayed Monday to Saturday at 10.30am during the month of May at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. If anyone would like to lead that Rosary, please contact the parish office at 028 68641889 or botha@clogherparishes.ie

Visitation of the sick: the elderly, sick and housebound will next receive a parish visit at the beginning of May.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Stephen Sherry: on Sunday, 26th April, at 3pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. The ordination to Priesthood is a significant moment of grace for Stephen, for his family, for his native parish of Tullycorbet, and for the entire diocese of Clogher. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ordination ceremony on the day, and to join in prayer for Stephen, as we celebrate this joyful occasion for the Diocese of Clogher.

Thought for Today St Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 146).

In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray.
A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray,
or else it will lose its beauty;
a soul which is striving after this purity must pray,
or else it will never attain it;
a soul which is newly converted must pray,
or else it will fall again;
a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray
so that it might rise again.
There is no soul which is not bound to pray,
for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.

Pray in May with Mary's Meals : named after Mary, the mother of Jesus – is a mission built on a foundation of prayer. Today more than three million precious children will receive life-changing school meals in 16 of the world's poorest communities thanks to the prayers and generosity of our supporters and volunteers. During the month of May, as we take time to honour and celebrate Our Lady in a special way, please join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay to access our prayer resources.

Envelope Collection: Week ending 5th April – Weekly offerings £3188.00 and €58.20. Thank you for your generous support.

Trócaire: Please forward your donations in support of Trócaire as soon as possible. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4800. £20 Colette McGandy, c/o K Foy, Colette Flanagan and Rosemary McBrien, online players, Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto.

South West College: Do you know a young person aged between 14 and 24 who is currently not in full time education, training or employment? South West College is now accepting applications for the next Cohort of the Youthscape + programme, available in Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Cookstown. The programme is designed to support young people through a 26-week tailored programme of fun and interactivities, trips and employability mentoring. Participants may receive a daily incentive payment, transport costs and lunch voucher subject to eligibility for the programme. Community group outreach options also available. Contact Programme Manager, donal.monaghan@swc.ac.uk or visit swc.ac.uk/youthscapeplus

Points to Ponder

In baptism Christians first encounter the mystery of reconciliation and the forgiveness of personal and original sin. The sad fact is that Christians do sin even after they have passed through the waters of rebirth. That is something we acknowledge in the penitential act at the beginning of every Mass.

Believers are constantly challenged to configure their lives to the person of Christ, to encounter again and again the saving power of God's healing love. Pope Francis said: 'the Sacrament of Penance is like a 'second baptism' ... The day of our Baptism is the point of departure for a journey towards God that lasts a lifetime, a journey of conversion that is continually sustained by the Sacrament of Penance. ... When we go to confession, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession'.

The need for healing, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of trust has a personal and communal dimension, particularly in light of so many scandals related to abuse. The baptised have the privilege to know and the duty to extend reconciliation, to recognise mistakes, and to rebuild trust.