

SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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ST. MARY'S Webcam Only

Saturday 10th April 6pm

Damian Lyne, 1st Anniv
John Mulvey, Anniv
Phyllis Cooke Rec Dec
Mary Donegan Rec Dec

Sunday 11th April, 9am

Carla Nolan, 2nd Anniv
Pat Dalton Rec Dec
Blessings for Una

Sunday 11th April, 11am

Niall McGillicuddy RIP, Birthday Remembrance
Emmet McKenna, Anniv
May Maloney Anniv
Carmel Cooke Rec Dec

Monday 12th April, 10am

Get Well Fr Pádraig
Special Intention
John Smith Rec Dec

Tuesday 13rd April, 10am

Pauline Roe RIP
Una Archer Rec Dec
Health Intention for Mary

Wednesday 14th April, 10am

Kate Keogh, RIP
Mike O'Tuairisgh Rec Dec
John Smith Rec Dec

Thursday 15th April, 10am

Florence & Eileen McCarthy, RIP
Neil Deasy Rec Dec

Friday 16th April, 2021

Good Intentions for Pearl & Jim Somers
Dan & Hannah O'Driscoll Anniv
Ernie Evans Anniv

Daily 10.30am - 6pm
All Churches open for
private prayer.



Archdiocese of Dublin

Diocesan Notices

KNOCK YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, 24th April, 12noon -2pm, via Zoom.

This will be a great interactive session for teenagers from across our Diocese to experience pilgrimage together through workshops, small group discussions, fun and prayer.

TEEN HOPE CONNECTED

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom and explores faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email:

kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00 -9.00pm for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email:

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SUPPORT SERVICES

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

St Vincent de Paul

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CONFERENCE.
ALL SUPPORT GREATLY APPRECIATED.
OFFERINGS CAN BE LEFT IN ENVELOPES TO THE
PARISH OFFICE OR POST BOX AT ST MARY'S.



Society of
St Vincent de Paul

The Gospel this weekend tells us that Thomas was a twin, who was the other twin?

I can understand the disbelief of Thomas when the disciples exclaimed that they had seen the risen Lord. He could not imagine it. After all Jesus had been crucified and put to death.

He echoes our doubts too when He said "Unless I see it for myself, I will not believe." He went so far as to say that he needed to see the actual wounds of Christ, so that he could be certain that what the disciples had said was true. 'Unless I see and touch his very wounds, I shall not believe.'

Thomas had to see for himself and physically touch Jesus to see if He was alive again. And Jesus, right enough, invites Thomas just to do that. 'Look Thomas, here are my hands and my feet, Doubt no longer but believe.'

Then Thomas immediately responds with the beautiful words, 'My Lord and my God'. And rather than looking down at Thomas for his lack of faith, Jesus reassures him and says: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and believe.'

There are times when we need signs like Thomas that Jesus is present, in our Church, in our lives, and in our world especially when we see injustice, hatred and the good who suffer. It is interesting that the sign Jesus gave to Thomas was the figure of his wounds.

Thomas found healing by touching the wounds of Christ.

It is no coincidence that this Sunday is called Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy picture shows light and healing rays coming from the wounds of Christ. In the Gospel today Jesus gave the mission to the apostles to heal the wounds of others. 'Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven.'

The wounded Christ waits to be healed, in friendships that are broken, in duties neglected, in hurts to be forgiven, in mercy to be offered and accepted. Thomas' faith was restored in touching the wounds of Christ.

Jesus offers us the reassurance that He is always there. 'Behold I am with you always even to the end of the world.' So love the Church.

It is there you can find the Lord.

I am a twin myself and I notice that Thomas was called the twin.

Who was the other twin, was it a brother or sister - it was never mentioned? Maybe it's you and maybe it's me. Maybe Thomas asked the question on our behalf so that you and I and people through the ages, could also believe. 'Look here are my hands and my feet, doubt no longer but believe.'

Then we can say like him 'My Lord and my God'.

Lord increase my faith.

May I know that you are with me always even in my doubts and fears. Peace be with you.

Thank
You

FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT

OUR PARISH

EASTER DUES

Easter Dues Envelopes are now available in all the Church Porches. All offerings may be returned to the post-box at the left hand porch door at St Mary's. Dues offerings will also be accepted in ordinary envelopes, but please ensure that your name, address and email is on the envelope for acknowledgement purposes.

All Family Offering envelopes and donations to the Diocesan Collections can be left into the post box at St Mary's, which is emptied daily.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Family Offering Envelopes Total March 2021:
€2,143

Standing Order Total March 2021: € 4,505.

Online Donations Total March 2021: €586

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

Donations can be done by using the dedicated envelopes in Church Porches, Card Payment to the Parish Office, or the Donate Button on the home page of the Parish Website. Clicking on this button leads to a Payzone connection where donations can be made securely.

Collections totals for March 2021

Online Donations €1,227

First Collection Envelopes €1,190

Share Collection Envelopes €795

Please note that donations made online to the Collections can also be included in the total of donations to the Parish for Tax Claim purposes.

We are very grateful for all your contributions.

Parish office is open online & by phone.

Phone messages and emails will be checked on a daily basis and will be answered as soon as is possible.

If you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card or have a query in relation to any other matter, please leave a message and one of the parish team will be in contact with you. The Priests of the Parish continue to be contactable by telephone and the Parish Website will be updated with any ongoing developments.

If we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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