



# Parish News

## Sunday 24th April

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### Peace be with you

Jesus spoke in short sentences and summed up a lot of life in a few words. His final beatitude is in the gospel today - 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' You can unpack that little phrase and in it you realise that faith is about things that cannot be proved, that it is not easy and that it brings a blessedness to life. It also includes ourselves - the ones of this year who still believe.



Something is only by faith when everything else fades off. Our loved ones die and only faith assures us that they are alive with God. Only faith assures us that Jesus is present in the mystery of the bread and wine at our Mass. Only faith assures us that he is with us when two or three gather and only faith assures us that what we do for others we do for him. Faith assures us of some of the best things of life; finally that we come from God and go to God.

Thomas found difficulty with all this. Jesus dealt gently with him, pointing out the wounds of his body and inviting him to touch them. But Thomas never needed to touch the holes in Jesus' hands and feet. He was told that an even better happiness was to believe without touch or sight. He found faith now in the risen Lord, and the faith itself was Jesus' final gift to Thomas.

We need to take time and let faith grow within us. This can be in prayer, in faith-conversation and in allowing ourselves sit quietly and be in the presence of God. In the busy world, this may be difficult, but no day is diminished by time spent in silence and in quiet, knowing we are richly blessed when we grow our faith in God.



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Please note **new Sunday Mass times** of **10:15am** and **12:15pm** for the Church of the Immaculate Conception and **9:15am** for St Mary's Oratory from Easter Sunday onwards

**Trocaire boxes** to be returned as soon as possible

Usual pre-Easter Mass schedule for the coming week

### **The Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday**

In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) Find out more here [DIVINE MERCY](#)

**Join us for a Hoy Hour between 3:00 and 4:00pm** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the Divine Mercy Novena. Confessions beforehand between 2:00 and 3:00pm

**Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme**  
Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential.  
All booking information at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

### **Matt Talbot Freedom From Addiction [website](#)**

Mass is celebrated on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm and offered for those struggling with addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. In this Mass was ask for the intercession of Venerable Matt Talbot and the names of those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society are placed on the altar. This Mass currently takes place in St Eugene's Cathedral, We welcome you to attend these Masses to join the prayer for addiction and If not physically then via the webcam. [ENROLL A MEMBER](#) here

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### Our Parish Mass Schedule

#### Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09:15am Immaculate Conception  
7:15am (Lent) & 10:00am St Columb's,  
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett  
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)  
07:30pm St Columb's

#### Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's  
11:00am Immaculate Conception

#### Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception  
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett  
07:00pm St Columb's  
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

#### Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory  
10:15am Immaculate Conception  
10:00am St Columb's  
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett  
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

#### Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's  
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

*All Liturgies are streamed on [www.youtube.com/watersideparish](http://www.youtube.com/watersideparish)*

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### Rest in Peace

#### Deaths:

Rose Doherty, Violet Street, James Doherty, Arden Place, Mona Kistner, nee Gallagher, late of Herbert Street who died in America

#### Anniversaries:

George and Eamon O' Neill, Willie McCauley, Geraldine McCarron, Isabella Kerr, Ellen McLoone, Ellen Boyle, Joe Arbuckle, Brian Coyle, Phyllis McCourt, Helen McWilliams, Mary McGee, Barney McGowan, Margaret Frazer

### A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

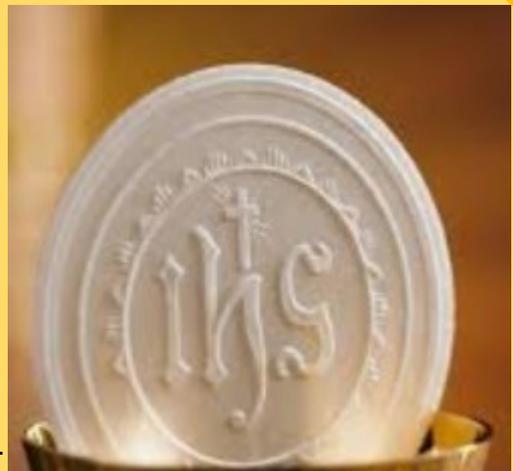
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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