

Martin Hogan describes it, for those who have faith in God without having seen him.

Saint Thomas needed a bit of convincing. He missed out on the first appearance of the Risen Jesus after the resurrection. Perhaps he was disappointed not to have shared in the incredible story being told by the other apostles and needed further proof. In doing so, he speaks for many believers down through the centuries, who have had doubts about their faith and needed extra assurance. We then have Saint Thomas's remarkable profession of faith when he does encounter the Risen Jesus the words of which have found their way into one of the memorial acclamations following the consecration at mass: *"My Lord and My God."*

Although not recorded directly in the Gospels many Saints have written about how the Risen Jesus appeared to Our Lady after his resurrection. St Teresa of Avila tells us in one of her visions of Christ: The Lord said to her, *"On my resurrection I went to Our Lady who was in great need.... and I stayed long with her for she was in very great need of consolation"*.

Saint Vincent Ferrer, the Spanish Dominican, says: *Jesus' first visit was to the Virgin Mary, His Mother, is expressly taught by St. Ambrose, where he says: 'Mary saw the Resurrection of Christ, and she was the first to see it.'* Saint Vincent goes on to say: *"Mary had suffered more than anyone else in the Passion of Her Son. He, therefore, was sure to give her consolation in preference to all others...Mary had no doubt as to Her Son's rising again on the third day, for he had said that it should be so."*

In this context, we are reminded of the words of the ancient Christian prayer the *Regina Coeli* which celebrates the joy of Our Lady at the resurrection:

*"Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia."*

As we celebrate the fifty days of this Easter Season which brings us to Pentecost on Sunday June 9th, may we all share Our Lady's joy at the resurrection so beautifully expressed in this prayer. Gerard Reilly
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"May all the baptised who have received the anointing of Christ, priest, prophet and king, rediscover the fervour of their beginning, relive the extraordinary grace they once received by becoming children of God."

Quoting the words of St Francis of Assisi, Archbishop Aupetit, encouraged all Catholics working together to *"rebuild our church."*

Many of you will recall the photograph of the golden cross standing defiantly above the altar in the fire damaged Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

During this Easter season, it has become a powerful symbol of the resurrection.

On Holy Thursday Archbishop Michel Aupetit of Paris said the following:

"We will rebuild the cathedral, we could speak in these Easter times of a certain resurrection."

"But we must also raise the Church. May all the baptised who have received the anointing of Christ, priest, prophet and king, rediscover the fervour of their beginning, relive the extraordinary grace they once received by becoming children of God."

In times of challenge and difficulty, it is sometimes the people who are more in the background who play very important roles. It can be the quiet, effective people who can get things done. As we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus this Easter, let us remember that it is also our mission in the church today to get things done.

As Saint Vincent de Paul said: *"do what good lies at your hands."*

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us his final beatitude: *"Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe."*

Jesus is telling us that there is a *"greater blessedness"*, as Father



Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019
Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th Sept.
Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights Full Board**
Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.
(single room €180 supplement)
In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.
To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274

Parish Lotto



Please Support your Parish Lotto
Next Lotto draw will take place
on Tuesday 30th April 2019
First Jackpot €15,000 **Second Jackpot €750**
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Rosters for May are now available in the Parish Pastoral Centre on the Table at reception area.

Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.



Friday 3rd May – 1st Friday
Mass Schedule: Church of the Holy Child
9.15a.m and 7.00p.m.
Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m.
Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

The Exam Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm in the
Church of the Holy Child.

This is the normal 12.30pm Family Mass with special emphasis on those doing exams, especially the Junior and Leaving Cert. During this



Mass students will be invited to light a candle and place it before the Altar and then in turn write their name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket in front of the Altar. The basket will remain there for all Masses during the month of June as a practical and prayerful way of remembering our young people during the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams please feel free to place their names in the basket.

The Easter Garden - Have you seen the beautiful Easter Garden in the Church of the Holy Child? It will be in place until Pentecost so don't forget to visit and say a little prayer.



It is located at the top left hand side of the Church. Many thanks to all who donated flowers and a special thanks to Dorothy Gray who created the prayerful space.



Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

- Frederick Lawless**
- Eugene Lynch**
- Brendan Killeen**
- Bridie Morrissey**
- Fr. Pat Whelan**
- Charles Batten**
- Maeve McSwiney**
- Jim Phelan**



May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

Church Collections 21-04-2019

1st Collection €2,450
 Share €2,240
 Family Envelope €1,220

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

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| Mon. 29th April | 9.15a.m. | Eve Dunne (Anniversary) |
| | 7.00p.m. | Josephine Coffey (Anniversary) |
| Tues. 30th April | 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. | Available for Intention |
| Wed. 1st May | 9.15a.m. | Thanksgiving |
| | 7.00p.m. | Patrick McEvoy (Anniversary) |
| Thurs. 2nd May | 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. | Available for Intention |
| Fri. 3rd May | 9.15a.m. | Altar List of the Dead |
| | 7.00p.m. | Altar List of the Dead |
| Sat. 4th May | 10.00a.m. | Patrick & Bridget Forde (Anniversary) |
| | Vigil 7.00p.m. | Vincent Moore (Month's Mind) |
| | | Jerry & Robert Kavanagh (Anniversary) |
| | | Nora O'Hanlon (Anniversary) |
| | | George & Joan Ennis (Anniversaries) |
| | | William & Catherine O'Byrne (Anniversaries) |
| Sun. 5th May | 11.15a.m. | People of the Parish (Anniversary) |
| | 12.30p.m. | Andrew James Murray (Anniversary) |
| | 6.00p.m. | Available for Intention |
| | | <u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u> |
| Wed. 1st May | 10.00a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Sun. 5th May | 10.00a.m. | Mary Furlong (Month's Mind) |
| | | Jack & Matt McCormack (Anniversaries) |

Book Launch: Fr. Tony Coote has written a book - *Live While You Can*, it is a memoir of his life and a powerful testament to his faith and courage in the face of his illness. Join Mount Merrion Parish on Wednesday 1st May at 6.30p.m. in the Church of St. Therese. Books will be available to purchase on the Night. All welcome.

Remembrance Service: A Little Lifetime Foundation (ALLF) will hold a Blessing of Remembrance in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday 26 May at 3.00p.m. This special Blessing of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends who lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or died shortly after birth. This invitation is for all families who have lost a baby. The Foundation hopes you will find some comfort in coming together to remember your baby in a special way.