

2nd Sunday of Easter



Second Sunday of Easter
 Year A, 16th April, 2023
 'As the Father sent me,
 so I am sending you'

15th & 16th April

6pm Isobel Sullivan (A)
 Owen & Margaret Boylan (A)
 Joan Murray (A)

10am Son Kearney (RD)
 Bríd Costello (A)

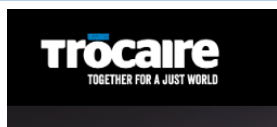
11.30am Pdraig Naughton (MM)
 Noel & Owen Walsh (A)
 Edward Bodkin (A)
 Charles & Mary Stewart (A)

22nd & 23rd April

6pm Fred Jones (A)

10am Rita Sheehy (A)
 Paddy Lynch (A)
 Cora Wyse (1st A)

11.30am Alan Mc Philips (A)
 Mary Cleary (A)
 Joan Barry (A)
 Noreen Lorigan (MM)



If you'd like to return your Trocaire box you can do so by dropping it into the Parish Office Monday to Friday from 9 – 12.

Thank you

Today, with Thomas, we hail Christ as our *Lord and God*. We, too, ask to be filled with the joy and peace of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord.

The **First Reading** tells how effectively the lives of the first Christians are encouraged and transformed by their Spirit-filled faith. Their devout, generous sense of community is an inspiration to all who meet them.

Today's **Psalm** is considered 'the' Easter psalm above all others. All Christians are invited to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Peter, who was an eye-witness to the events of Easter (**Second Reading**), praises and encourages the faith of the new converts, even though they have never seen Jesus. Although they are persecuted and plagued by trials because of their new-found faith in Christ, they still love him deeply and are filled with a glorious joy.

The **Gospel** recounts the events of the first Sunday after Easter Day. Thomas is absent when the risen Lord appears to the other frightened disciples, offering them the resurrection gift of the Spirit of peace. But a week later, Jesus seeks out the doubting Thomas personally: an encounter that enables Thomas to proclaim Jesus as 'My Lord and my God!'

Monthly Adoration St Raphaela's Convent Chapel

From 4.30 – 5.30pm
 Tuesday 18th April

ALL WELCOME

Thank you - Easter Dues

A very big thank you to everyone for returning their Easter Dues. If you'd like to leave your dues in you can bring them in to the office or put into one of the safes in the Church.

Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement Association

Next meeting 17th April @ 2pm



Pray for the family and friends of Frank MacLoughlin (Kilmacud Park) whose funeral took place here this week.

Mass Times
 Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri &
 Sat @ 10am
 Liturgy of Word
 Thurs@10am
 Saturday vigil 6pm
 Sunday 10am & 11.30am

**Confessions/
 Reconciliation**
 After 10am Mass on
 Saturday morning
 (10.30)

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Easter Garden



Come and spend a few moments by our Easter Garden
Donations can be made for a local charity

"Christ is Risen. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song"

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I have missed writing these words during the past three months while I was on medical leave. But now that it is behind me and I am delighted to be back, busy and well.

I can only begin with a word of very sincere thanks to you all. So many people kindly remembered me in their prayers, send cards, texts, gifts and more cake than any one man could ever eat! I am deeply grateful. The priests who took up the slack, offered extra Masses, did more funerals and baptisms and kept everything going were fantastic and I also want to thank them too.

It was really great to return at the beginning of Holy Week and to share in the liturgies and prayers of that very special time in our faith journey. It seemed like there were more people around, participating in the ceremonies and perhaps this is a sign that we are regaining some of the losses of the past three years. Thanks to everyone who did so much to make the whole week work so well.

Now we are an 'Easter People' for the 50 days until Pentecost. Just as Lent helped us prepare for the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, so these days remind us of how the first Christian community received the Risen Lord and responded to him. We can be reinvigorated too by recalling their journey from loss and despair to becoming the vibrant and generous body of believers who wanted to carry on his mission to share the Good News with the whole world.

In these days of recalling the New Testament accounts it is clear to see that there was a place for everyone in the new church of Jesus Christ. The women were there from the very first experience of the resurrection and the disciples and followers quickly came to see the need to harness the variety of gifts and to use them for the good of all.

Ours is a church that is continually changing in the light of the challenges of the present moment, so we can't stand still. We admire the Christians of times past and we are called to discover how to be the most holy, loyal, dynamic and generous Christians for today. Ours is a calling to share in the faith community, to the sacraments, to ministry, to discipleship and action.

Happy Easter, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia