Sunday 28th April 2019 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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A Week of Guided Prayer will be taking place in our Parish from 12th to 18th May. Participants are invited to do two things each day during the week, namely to spend 30 minutes in personal prayer at home and secondly to meet with a prayer guide for 30 minutes at an agreed time. Information leaflets and application forms are available on the radiators in the Church. Completed forms must be returned by Tuesday 30th April 2019.

The next meeting of the **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will take place on Monday 29th April at 2:30p.m. in the Old Baptistry.

A special **Mass for Parents of Deceased Children** will take place on Saturday 4th May at 6p.m. in our Parish Church.

A **Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers** will take place on Thursday 9th May at 8p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane. All welcome

The **Sacrament of Confession** is available in our Church after 10a.m. Mass on Fridays (except if a funeral is taking place) and also on request.

Rosary and **Eucharistic Adoration** continue in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. Free car parking. All are welcome.

Mass Cards for all occasions are available in the Parish Office each weekday morning from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m.



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THE DEEP END: A Saint for Dark Times

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation. *trionad@gmail.com*

St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield would like to invite all parishioners to join with them each Tuesday evening during the month of May, at 8:30p.m. in St. Paul's Church to pray the Rosary. St. Paul's Community Choir will lead the congregation in singing Hymns to Our Lady. As Pope Francis said: Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems.

The **Churchgate Collection**, to be taken after all Masses this weekend, 27th/28th April, is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society.**

Tickets for Fr. Paul's **Easter Egg Raffle** will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Mass Intentions for this week

6.00p.m. Charles Fitzsimons (M. Mind) Sat: Ronny Burke (Anniy.) Tommy, Patricia & Danny Norton (Anniv.) Betty & Bobby Keane (Anniv.) Mary & Derek Wade (Anniv.) 8.30a.m. David Foley (Rec. Dec'd) Sun: Paddy Emery (Anniv.) Harry Leavy (Rec. Dec'd) 10.00a.m. Mary Ryan (Rec. Dec'd) William & Margaret Dargan (Anniv.)

11.30a.m. Mary & Gerry Carpenter
(1st Anniv.)
Margaret McCafferty (1st Anniv.)
Richard Roche (B'day Rem)

Mon: 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

Tues: 10.00a.m. Special Intentions

Wed: 10.00a.m. Joan Mills & Family

Thurs: 10.00a.m. Sheila Murphy (Anniv.)

Fri: 10.00a.m. ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of parishioners **Tim Healy** and **Patricia Burke** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Third Sunday of Easter): Acts 5:27-32, 40-41. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/ v 2. Apoc 5:11-14. Jn 21:1-19.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website *www.rahenyparish.ie*...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. The Parish Newsletter is also published weekly on the parish website......click on the *Parish Bulletin* tab.