

**Sunday 15th April 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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The **Ignatian Group** will not be meeting in April. However, a meeting on *Meditation and Prayer of Anthony DeMello* will be held in May. Further details to follow.

**Eucharistic Adoration** continues in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. All are 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.

Next Sunday, 22nd April is **Priesthood Sunday**. There will be a collection at all Masses next weekend for students preparing for ordination to the priesthood. It will replace the SHARE Collection.

An information evening on why it is essential to save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment will take place in **St Anthony's Church Hall, Clontarf** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30p.m.** **Speakers include** Dr Deirdre Gleeson, a member of Doctors for Life. This is a very important event. Please come along and bring your friends.

**Choose Life 2018 - Resources for Parishes**  
Every week, the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth circulates a double-sided newsletter *Choose Life 2018* for use in parishes. This promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. The newsletter is published each week on the diocesan website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-)

The Churchgate Collection after all Masses this weekend, **14th/15th April**, is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.



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**THE DEEP END: 'You are Witnesses of these Things'**

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Patrick Sarsfield (M. Mind) Terry McKeever (M. Mind) Pat Tobin (1st Anniv.) Domnick Foley (Anniv.) David Brennan (Anniv.) Eddie McDermott (Anniv.) May Reilly (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Margaret Ryan (M. Mind) Tom & Mary O'Sullivan & deceased family members (Anniv)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Maureen Forde (Anniv.) Erwin Sonnichen (Anniv.) Herman Oje (Anniv.) Health Intention
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Mary Mullally (Anniv.) Jimmy Nolan (Anniv.) Seán Kelly (Anniv.) Elizabeth & Timothy Hanley & their daughter Lil (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Fr. Richard Walsh, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Winnie Freaney (Rec. Dec'd) Health Intention
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Maureen Harnett (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Health Intention
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Special Intention

**Next Sunday's Readings (Fourth Sunday of Easter):**  
Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-19, R/ v 22.  
1 Jn 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18.

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