

# Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April 2021

# He Is a New Man

The apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: "On the third day I will rise." He wants to see, he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side ...

[Thomas] lets himself be enveloped by the divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer.

– Homily, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013

**Reflection**: Like Thomas, we need to experience God's love and mercy for ourselves. How have you discovered God's mercy in the past? Through a retreat? The Stations of the Cross? The support of a friend? Take some time to recollect how you've experienced the Lord's mercy, and ask him to remind you of how much he loves you.

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Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
Sunday Masses:	10.00am in the St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan 11.30am the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
Weekday Masses:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 10.00am in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road Thursday @ 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Cloughcor
Confessions:	Confessions will resume soon

## NOTICES

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Sunday Collection - £3,125.00. Church Restoration Fund - £935.00. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Parishioners</u> who are unable to get to Mass are asked to kindly drop their weekly envelope through the letterbox at the Parish Office, the Sacred Heart Church or St. Joseph's Church. We appreciate that many people are finding things financially difficult at this time, but would remind parishioners that we depend on their contributions to keep the parish afloat. Whatever you can donated is very much appreciated.

Those who would like to contribute by cheque should make cheques payable to 'Leckpatrick Parochial No.1 A/C'.

Anyone who wishes to pay by standing order should contact the Parish Office (028) 71882274 during office hours.

#### Parish Draw

The Parish Draw for April will take place in the Parish Office on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. A promoter will be ask to witness the draw and will be contacted directly.

## Parish Mass Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards

Parish Mass Cards and Mass Bouquet Cards, (designed by Fr. Gerry) are available for sale from the Parish Office. The cards cost £10 each and the Mass for each individual will be celebrated by Fr. Sweeney.

#### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Anyone who has not already returned their Trócaire Lenten Donation is asked to do so before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. It would be appreciated if coins could be changed into notes and if paying by cheque please make it payable to 'Trócaire'. Trocaire have asked for returns to be made early as the Government match all donations received before a certain date.

## **Covid 19 Restrictions**

With churches now re-opened to the public, you are reminded that facemasks must be worn at all times within the church. Hand sanitisers are provided at the entrance of the church and people are asked to use these when going into the church. Social distancing is also required unless you are from the one household.

With regards weddings and funerals, until we have been informed by the Diocesan Office, numbers attending funerals and weddings is limited to 25 people (which includes priest, photographers, musicians etc). If there is any change to this we will let you know as soon as possible.

Numbers attending baptisms is limited and the priest will keep families advised as to what is permitted.

## God's Love and Our Concern

Lord, we remember all our brothers and sisters

who are weighed down with suffering Bless and guide us that your love may be reflected

in our concern for the hungry, the oppressed and the unloved.

Help us to acknowledge and grow in appreciation

that all people are made in your image and likeness. Amen.

#### WEDDINGS: Please contact

Fr. Gerard Sweeney – at least 6 months notice is required when booking a wedding.

**BAPTISMS:** Parent(s) are asked to contact Fr. Gerard Sweeney on (028) 71882274.

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