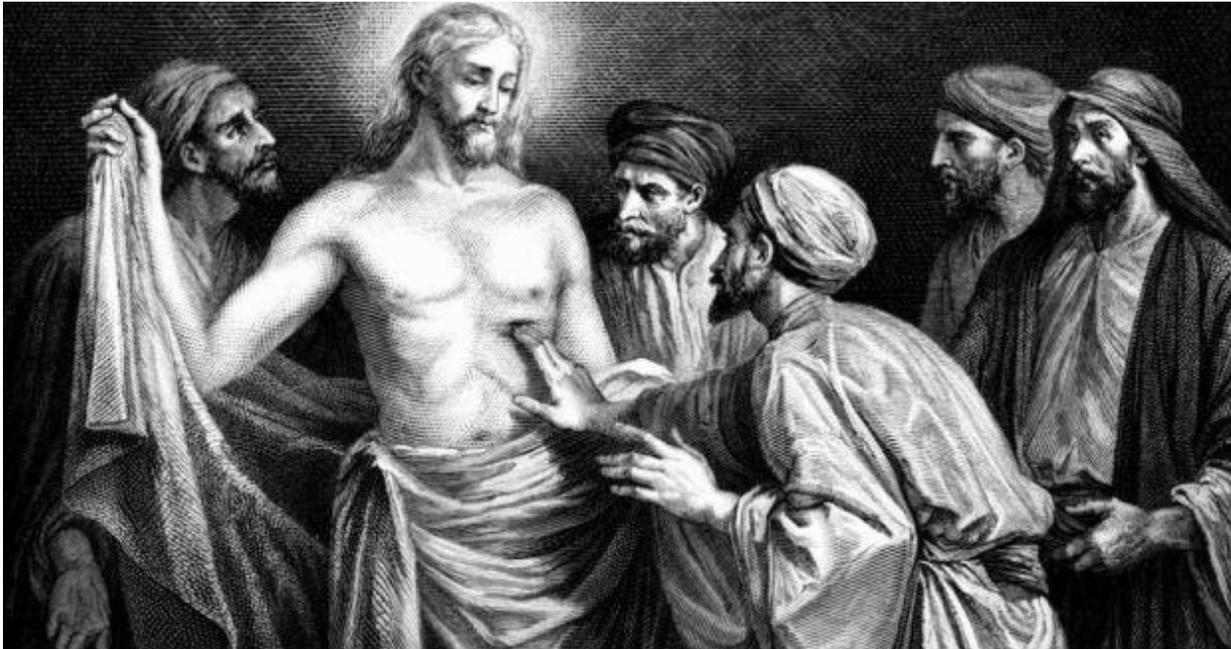


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Second Sunday of Easter, 28 April 2019

‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.’

John 20, 29



Christ is risen!
ALLELUIA

BINGO

The next evening for bingo in the Cenacle will be on Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an evening with good company and bring a friend.

The office re-opens on Monday 29th April.

CEILIDH FOR LAUNCHPAD WITH NEDRON'S JIG

Saturday 11th May @ the Irish Centre,
7.30pm - 11.30pm.

Tickets £15 (plus booking fee) from
danceforlaunchpad.eventbrite.co.uk

All £15 goes to Launchpad.

Launchpad work with Reading's homeless to provide housing with support, prevent homelessness by offering floating support and a drop in centre where people can get help to prevent a problem becoming a crisis.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

The Easter collection is traditionally for the support of the parish priest.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Bernto who has taken up her post as Head of School for St Anne's school this term and to Mrs. Kirwan who has been appointed Head of School for St Martins. May they both achieve great success in their roles.

COFFEE MORNING Sat 27 April
in the Cenacle from 11.30 'til 14.00 in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society to celebrate our Founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam's Birthday.

SERVICE OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Service will be held on Sun 19 MAY at 15.00 in the Church followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Should anyone require transport to/from the Service, please let Eddie Moran (958 2069) or any member of the Society know. We look forward to seeing you at the Service.

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday within the Octave (Year C – Luke) Our readings for today, while they differ greatly in style, both reflect the extent to which the early Church understood itself as totally dependent on the presence of the risen Christ within it. The first believers in Jerusalem were Jewish yet they stood out among their own people because of the witness that they offered. They impressed their co-religionists with their care for one another and their spirit of prayer. This courage and emphatic desire to bear witness is one of the fruits of the Easter experience. Even when the early Christians faced persecution, their lives were characterised by hope and love. It is important that authentic celebration of Easter takes place in community: for that reason, our own solidarity in our parish life is a grace of the Easter Christ.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 5, 12 – 16: Throughout the Easter season, both on Sunday and on weekdays, our first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This is because one of the purposes of Luke's second great book – a prolongation of his gospel – is to show how the early Church made the preaching of the resurrection the core of its message and witnessed to the presence of the risen Lord with it. Today's reading offers a brief summary of the life of the first believers in Jerusalem and highlights some of the characteristics of the church. Firstly, the community met regularly and emphasised the community consequences of faith in Jesus. Secondly, the lifestyle of the early Christians and the witness they gave attracted other people to them. Finally, just as healing was part and parcel of the ministry of the earthly Jesus so now the Church shares in that ministry, offering hope to those on the margins through the power of the risen Lord.

Second Reading (NT): Revelation 1, 9 – 13. 17 – 19: All the writings of the NT are viewed and need to be understood through the prism of resurrection faith. The style of writing in the Book of Apocalypse/Revelation, ascribed to John the Evangelist and supposedly written on the Greek island of Patmos (however unlikely that may be), sought to show how God as Lord of history triumphs over all the forces of darkness. The victory is presented as already having taken place through the resurrection of Jesus. John situates himself at the heart of the Church and addresses them all in the name of the risen Lord. He sets out to boost the hopes of the early Christians, many of whom were at the period John was writing were enduring persecution.

Gospel: John 20, 19 – 31: This gospel includes many of the elements of the Easter mystery. Jesus appears to them when they are gathered on a Sunday. Through him the disciples receive the gift of the Spirit and are charged with a mission. They rejoice at the presence of the (risen) Lord. Jesus gives them the gift of peace, and from that the serenity and confidence to set about their mission. Thomas is with his brethren at the next Sunday assembly and he who will always carry with his name the epithet 'doubting' is the one who, on seeing the Lord, makes the profoundest profession of faith in the divinity of the Risen ONE the NT contains.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 263-264

Masses and Intentions

Second week of Easter

Saturday 27th April 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday 27th April 17.30

Sunday 28th April 10:00
18:30

Monday 29th April 09.15

Feast: St Catherine of Siena

Tuesday 30th April 09:15

Solemnity: St George

Wednesday 1st May 09.15

Easter feria

Thursday 2nd May 08.00

Memorial: St Athanasius

Friday 3rd May 12.30

Feast: Ss Philip and James

Saturday 4th May 10.00

Feast: The English Martyrs

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4th May 17.30

Sunday 5th May 10:00

18:30

Year C

People of the parish

Pat & Nancy Casey

People of the parish

Áine Donnelly

Neville O'Farrell RIP

Repose of holy souls

Repose of holy souls

Our Lady & St Anne

Repose of holy souls

Year C

People of the parish

Mary Carol (Howth) RIP

Maria Angelica Ayala & René

De Sola RIP

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

16.45 - 17.15

Exposition

& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45