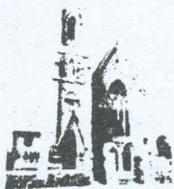


# Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Easter - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Weekend

9.00 p.m.

April 26<sup>th</sup> / April 27<sup>th</sup>

1. Yvonne Sheridan - Camlisk (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv), her parents Conal O'Ferrall (44<sup>th</sup> Anniv) and Oonagh O'Ferrall (31<sup>st</sup> Anniv) and Brian O'Ferrall (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

2. John Hughes - Lisnagrish (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) and deceased members of the Hughes Family.

11.00 p.m.

1. Mary Briody (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv).

2. Kathleen, Michael and James Kenny and deceased members of the Kenny Family, St Patrick's Terrace.

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: May 3<sup>rd</sup> / May 4<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m.

1. Thomas Stakem (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

2. Cecilia Reilly, Liscahill (First Anniv) and her parents Marcella and James Reilly.

11.00 a.m.

- John Victory (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April / Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April - €1,655 sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Rose Conefrey, Main Street, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.



**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri May 2<sup>nd</sup> - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people, and of the cures they worked on behalf of those sick in body or in spirit.

**Second Reading** - John is the spokesman of the risen Christ who lives on among the congregations of believers. John is bidden to write a message, a message that had meaning for the Church until the end of time.

**Gospel** - By seeing and touching the wounds of their risen Lord, the apostles, and especially Thomas the doubter, are cured of their unbelief.

**Sunday Reflection** - The Easter or Paschal candle is a reminder to us of the presence of the risen Lord among his people when they assemble in his name. Its flame is bright and alive. His presence among us is dynamic and empowering. It gives light in the darkness, Jesus as the light of the world is the clearest revelation of God that has ever been or will ever be.

### • Thought for the Day •

Doubt is not a dead end. It can lead to an intensification of faith. It was not the other apostles who acclaimed Jesus with the words 'My Lord and my God.' Had they realised at last, that Jesus was truly God as well as truly man? They must have been conscious of it, but perhaps not yet come to articulate so overwhelming a truth. It is doubting Thomas who is the first to acclaim is unforgettable words, the divine Lordship of Jesus.

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Fr Tom Healy -

Pope Francis

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Pope Francis on Monday morning last. In the words of Cardinal Kevin Farrell - "he has been called home to the Father's house."



We give thanks to God for the wonderful ministry of Pope Francis and we commend him into the tender mercy of God.

Tremendous tributes have been paid to Pope Francis since his passing. Most commentators will make mention of his down to earth, humble style of leadership. He will also be remembered for his inspiring concern for people who experience life on the margins in any way - the migrant, the poor, the prisoner, the members of the gay community.

It has been our privilege to have had such an authentic and outstanding leader of the Church in our time. May he rest in peace.

### Some of Pope Francis' quotes:

"God's style is one of 'closeness, mercy, and tenderness.'"

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty."

"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important."

"A sober, humble lifestyle dedicated to service is worth far more than thousands of followers on social networks."

"Who am I to judge?"

### • Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

Today's Gospel presents us with the one disciple who is named: Thomas. In his hesitation and his efforts to understand, this disciple, albeit somewhat stubborn, is a bit like us and we find him likeable. Without knowing it, he gives us a great gift: he brings us closer to God, because God does not hide from those who seek him. Jesus shows Thomas his glorious wounds; he makes him touch with his hand the infinite tenderness of God, the vivid signs of how much he suffered out of love for humanity.

For us who are disciples, it is important to put our humanity in contact with the flesh of the Lord, to bring to him, with complete trust and utter sincerity, our whole being. As Jesus told Saint Faustina, he is happy when we tell him everything: he is not bored with our lives, which he already knows; he waits for us to tell him even about the events of our day (cf. *Diary*, 6 September 1947). That is the way to seek God: through prayer that is transparent and unafraid to hand over to him our troubles, our struggles and our resistance. Jesus' heart is won over by sincere openness, by hearts capable of acknowledging and grieving over their weakness, yet trusting that precisely there God's mercy will be active.

What does Jesus ask of us? He desires hearts that are truly consecrated, hearts that draw life from his forgiveness in order to pour it out with compassion on our brothers and sisters. Jesus wants hearts that are open and tender towards the weak, never hearts that are hardened. - INTERCOM

**Easter Quotes** - "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope John Paul II

"Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'" - Phillips Brooks

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

**Mostrim Players** present "Loop-hole" a hilarious comedy written by John McManus. It's a laugh out loud comedy set in modern times. This drama will run from Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May/ 3<sup>rd</sup> May, in Backstage Theatre. Over 18 recommended.

**Mostrim Men's Shed**, Church Street are hosting a Tea Day for Alzheimer's on May 1<sup>st</sup> to support this worthy cause. We would be delighted if you could join us for a cuppa. 10am til late.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Edel Coyle. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donohue.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.