

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Recently Deceased**

Willie Pratt, St. Joseph's Road.

**Anniversaries**

11-Thomas and Josephine Cantwell,  
Tom Dunne, Anthony Cantwell, Francis Tce.  
Peggy Egan, Drakelands.

Noel Byrne, Michael O'Reilly, James O'Leary,  
Patrick (Paddy) Cahill, Jane Marie Butler.

**Did you know?**

There is a great Facebook page called *St. Mary's Parish*. Check it out

**Lenten Offering**

Thanks to all who contribute regularly to the Cathedral and also to those who assist in distributing the envelopes.

**Website Donate Button**

A word of thanks and appreciation to those who use the Donate button to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish. .

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CATHEDRAL**

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*Going the extra mile to polish a jewel*

**Eastertide**

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, the 'great Sunday'.

The Sundays of this season are regarded as Sundays of Easter and are so termed; they have precedence over all feasts of the Lord and over all solemnities. Solemnities that fall on one of these Sundays are anticipated on the Saturday.

This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday, when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of its mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated.

**Ossory Times**

The Easter edition of Ossory Times is available this weekend in the Cathedral. It is a reminder of the life of faith that continues in our parishes in these months. An Easter message of hope at this time.

**The Diocesan Draw**

The Diocesan Draw did not take place in March and it is hoped to have the next draw at the end of April – subject to Government guidelines.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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**Doubting Thomas...Patron Saint of many of us!**

We do not know... how can we know the way?"  
Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Mercy is from generation to generation. As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on this Sunday we are reminded of the example of Christ during his public ministry, his reaching out to the brokenness of life, healing the sick and calling for a Crusade of Mercy. The consistent theme of his ministry was that of compassion and mercy.

In this post Easter season while we rejoice as Easter people we do so in the knowledge that the God of Mercy is looking compassionately on a world that is re-awaking to a brighter future in the year ahead.

Lord, source of all Mercy we are saddened by the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown but like the disciples in the upper room we are renewed in spirit and hope that the healing power of God will look kindly on us and strengthen us on our journey. Amen