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Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

Masses this week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 19th April 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Maureen McConnell, Rosspoint; Charles and Agnes Murphy, Tonagh; Tommy Duffy, Rosnarick Close; Charlie and Teresa Smyth, Main Street; Pat Love, Derryvary.

Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 22nd April 10am Mass

Thursday 23rd April 10am Mass and Holy Rosary.

Sunday 26th April 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Pat McManus, Drumaraw; Agnes McHugh, Drumma; John and Annie Burns, Aghakeeran; James and Bridget Carroll, Lisdoodan; Una Buchanan nee Burns, Belfast; Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill and deceased of the O'Dare Family, Braade; Thomas and Mary B Murphy, Drumanane; Kathleen McSherry, Enniskillen; Barney Flood, Sillees Grove; Sonny Haran, Fairview Park.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Aenghus Cheevers, Dublin and Letterkenny and Shay Nethercott, Garrison. May they rest in peace.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church throughout the world marks Divine Mercy Sunday, in honour of the Divine Mercy that comes from the heart of Christ to all who seek his forgiveness. The 'hour of mercy' is held across the world at 3pm and in the Diocese of Clogher it will be celebrated this year via online means from the following churches -

- St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan mcnmedia.tv/st-macartans-cathedral-monaghan
- St Michael's Church, Enniskillen mcnmedia.tv//st-michaels-parish-eniskillen
- St Joseph's Church, Carrickmacross carrickmacrossparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/
- The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newtownbutler churchservices.tv/newtownbutler
- St Tierney's Church, Roslea churchservices.tv/roslea

The celebrations will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the praying of the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction.

Bishop Larry, has asked that people tune in and participate. 'Divine Mercy is God's great and eternal gift to humanity; it invites us to place our trust in our loving God, the One who died for us and rose again so that we might enter eternal life. In these tough times as we all struggle with sickness, grief, loss and lockdown, let us remember that God is with us through his divine mercy and love. The fact that we end the Octave of Easter Sunday by having the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us again that God's actions on the Cross were borne out of love for us. Let us never fail to love and to hope. Let us place our trust in Jesus.'

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Praying the Rosary: many of us grew up at a time when the family rosary was prayed in our homes every day. In recent weeks, with the lockdown due to Coronavirus, and people's inability to attend Mass, the praying of the rosary has been reintroduced into some homes. This is to be welcomed, and indeed encouraged, as it allows us to focus on those key moments, events and encounters in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. I encourage families to pray the rosary together, and if that's a tall order, perhaps begin with one decade each day. Pope Francis, speaking at Fatima in 2017, said, "each time we recite the Rosary, in this holy place or anywhere else, the Gospel enters anew into the life of individuals, families, peoples and the entire world".

There are twenty mysteries (or decades) of the Rosary:

Joyful Mysteries (prayed Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity of the Lord
4. The Presentation of the Lord
5. The Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (prayed Tuesdays and Fridays)
Sundays)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross to Calvary
Heaven
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Mysteries of Light (prayed Thursdays)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. Jesus institutes the Eucharist

Glorious Mysteries (prayed Wednesdays and
Sundays)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into
Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven

St. Vincent de Paul: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul supports many individuals and families in need within the community. During this difficult time of Coronavirus, there may be people who are struggling in some way. Please contact the local helpline on 028 66347788 in total confidentiality for further information and assistance.

Some Lessons for Life

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone
4. Your job won't take care of you when you're sick.
Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit card every month
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.