

Points to Ponder
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

The risen Jesus penetrates the disciples' defences, overcomes their fears, and brings them joy. I ask him to pass through all my security systems and liberate me from whatever prevents me from 'having life and having it in all its fullness'.

Thomas was a modern man, finding faith hard, like many people today. He was let down by the others who ran away, the leader denied Jesus, his trust in the group of apostles had been abused. He didn't want much more to do with them. He had gotten tired of it all. He wanted to believe but needed a sort of proof. But faith grows within a community. That's why we baptise children because faith grows from the beginning of life. We find growth in our faith through the community – for example, in the Mass, shared rosary, sharing our faith in a group, a good spiritual book, sharing our doubts but never closing the door to Jesus, sharing our faith in thanks for what our faith gives us.

In community, the disciples found faith in the risen Christ. Thomas, for some reason, was not with them when the Lord came. Separated from the community, he found faith more difficult. Faith in the Lord, while personal, is not a private affair. In the faith of one, the faith of another may be strengthened. Formation in faith for the disciples had its communal experience – together they learned and found faith in the Lord.

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Our Safeguarding Culture

Everyone in the Catholic Church in Scotland - especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility - values the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to uphold the highest safeguarding standards in our relationships with people of all ages who are involved with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and volunteer lay people - to work together to uphold these safeguarding standards that have been designed to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.

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St Margaret's & St Serf's Parish
Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Easter
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Vigil Mass, St Serf's at 5pm.

Sunday Morning - 9am & 12 noon, Mass in St Margaret's
- 10.30am, Mass in St Serf's

Weekday Mass
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am, St Margaret's
Wednesday & Friday, 10am, St Serf's

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation,
this Thursday.

Response to the Psalm:

Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. — And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Mass for the Eternal Rest of Pope Francis 1, and in Thanksgiving for his Life and Ministry

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal on **Thursday May 1st**, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, at 7pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. The whole Diocesan Community are welcome to attend along with friends who wish to pray for our late Holy Father. May he rest in peace.

Mass invoking the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals about to enter the Conclave

Bishop Toal will celebrate the above Mass at Carfin on **Sunday May 4th at 3pm**. You are most welcome to attend to pray for the Church as our New Pope is about to be elected.

A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars

Explore the universe through the eyes of Guy Consolmagno sj, director of the Vatican Observatory, on Saturday 3 May at 3.30pm at Edinburgh Jesuit Church. Learn how the cosmos inspires both mind and heart, from scientific study to artistic expression. Address Sacred Heart Jesuit Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Booking via Eventbrite, for more information email Andrew Cassidy at ejcpastoral@jesuit.org.uk.

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We remember those who have died recently

Bobby McLean, Sarah Wallace, Alison Heron.

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We Pray for Those whose Months Minds & Anniversaries occur at this time.

William Mullen, John & Bridie Moxen, Sam & Cathie Ward, Anne Hanley,

Una McLachlan.

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We Pray for Healing, Peace and Contentment for our Sick

John Rooney, Jacky Mullen, John McSherry, John Gallagher, Michael Gribben, Jim Mulholland, Jessie Duncan, John Timmons, Anastasia Boyce, George Cassidy, Megan Wilson, Thomas Harty, Shannon Campbell, Emma Smith, Donna Marie Menzies, P McPake, M D Williamson, D McPake, F Toner, John Kane, Liam Calheur, Michael Tracy, William Wilson, Douglas Sweet, Jim Flynn, Hugh Bonner, James Campbell, Nora Cochrane, Elizabeth Easingwood, Anne Martin, Annette Coup, Sally Campbell, Andy Waite, Hannah McGhee, James Fay, Laura Chalmers, Siena McVey, Jacob Canning, William Higgins, Kathleen Morgan, Stewart Hannah, John Keenan, Anne Logue, Marie Elizabeth Tucker, Esther O'Neil, Alex Jamieson, Tracy Dawson, Evan Smith, John Hamill, Geoffrey Hill, Hugh Carr, Nicola Cochrane, Kathleen Harold, Lucia Jane Gavin, Rayhan Mavid, Patsy Brannan, Myra Taylor, Rena Tague, Leanne Marshall, Kathleen Johnson, Anne Marie Robertson, Catriona Paterson, Marie Robertson, Grace Clark, Emily Grace Friel, Peter Sherry, Anne Molloy, Brenda Burns, Mhairi Green, Claire Fox, Emma Higgins, Martin Murphy, Mark Craig, Gerard Hamill, Patrick Hughes, Allison Forrester, Maureen Brady, Stephen Moore, Lynn Arnott, Tom & Marie Boyle, Peter Sherry, Karen Hunter, Morris Stewart, Margaret Mary Brown, Patsy & Irene Boreen, John Miller, Desmond McKay, Diane MacDonald, Margaret & George Goodall, Joseph McKay, Paul Burns, Jean Robinson, John Stronach, Ann-Patrica Kane, Sandra Ward, Andy Miller, Margaret Sexton, Maurice Stewart, Joseph Lamarra, Thomas Lally, Joe Binnie, Joseph Molloy, William Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Zaccardelli, William Mullen, John Connolly, Christine Hamilton, Stephen Gray, Ellen Hamilton, Maureen McKeown, Molly Nisbet, Maddison Fulton, Mary Ferguson, Arthur Higgins, May Wallace, Daniel Ward, Mary McKenna, Claire Higgins, Evelyn Findlay, Theresa Donnelly, Kay Donnelly, Desmond McLuskie, Theadore Donnelly, William Hillen, Tommy Harty, Teddy & Helen McNeil, Ann Stewart, Carol Sleath, Deborah Lewis, Anne Stewart.

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Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as priests and religious. If you are calling someone in our family to the priesthood or the religious life, please help them to say 'yes'.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen