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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.**

**7<sup>TH</sup> April 2024**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

We are encouraged to celebrate Confession often, at least once a month.

**St Mary's Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm.**

**St Joseph's 11:40am**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of everlasting Mercy** who in the very reoccurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of people you have made your own increase, we pray the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed

**REFLECTION**

Today's collect gives us a clue how we should understand Gods mercy. First of all we need to be aware of the grace God has bestowed upon us by sending his son as our Redeemer and Saviour.

The font, the Spirit and the blood direct us to our Baptism. Through our Baptism we have the dignity of being children of god.

We can experience fully God's mercy in the forgiveness of sins that was granted to us in Baptism and is offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We rejoice with all those who have been received into the Church this Easter, 75 within the Archdiocese and all those who have been Baptised.

**WHAT SCRIPTURE SAID LAST WEEK**

Monday "Do not be afraid, I will go before you to Galilee, "

Tuesday "I am ascending to my God and your God"

Wednesday "What matters are you discussing as you walk along"

Thursday Jesus said "Peace be with you"

Friday Jesus said "Come and eat ""

Saturday "Go out to the whole world proclaim the good News"

All these words said by Jesus.

### THIS WEEK 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL

MASS IS AT 9.30.A.M. EACH MORNING

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL. Reception of the Remains of THOMAS DONNELLY at 6.30.pm.

Tommy & Rosemary are well known in the Parish .We pray for his children and all his family at this sad time.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Requiem mass for Thomas Donnelly at 9.30.a.m. Celebrated by Fr James Lawlor.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Mass at 9.30.a.m.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Mass at 9.30.a.m.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Mass at 9.30.a.m.

Sat / Sunday/13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> Masses usual times will be celebrated by Fr James Cadman

From 15<sup>th</sup> April until 24<sup>th</sup> April. No Morning Mass.

Morning masses are celebrated in St Patricks. St Stephen's. St Eunan's

Sat/Sunday. 21/22 Masses as usual celebrated by Fr Brendan Murtagh.

Enquiries. Please e-mail Deacon Andrew

### St Mary's School.

Delighted to let you know that our coffee morning was a huge success raising £538 for Fairtrade and £471 for Made with Love. It was really well attended creating a lovely community atmosphere as pupils, parents and parishioners mingled and enjoyed the stalls. Very well done to our pupil Global Group for organising.

### LEPRA.

ST MARY'S RAISED £ 1.290.92 HELPING TO CURE 52 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY, giving them a brighter future full of hope.

ST JOSEPH'S RAISED £167.87 HELPING TO CURE 7 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY, giving them a brighter future full of hope.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM** raised £1100 from both Parishes so many thanks for your contribution and almsgiving.

### EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION TO PARISH

Collection at Masses and Standing Orders St Mary's £ 3132.12.

St Joseph's £243.74

Many thanks for your continued support of your Parishes.

## **SOCIAL ACTION GROUP APPEAL FOR MARCH**

Many thanks to all who donated to our collection for the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. There was a fantastic response

THANKS ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN OF ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS and we'll get the toys, jigsaws etc over to the Sisters as soon as possible.

Our April collection is for Starter Packs Glasgow. This organisation helps those who are starting off in a new home by providing household items. We will therefore be collecting:

PLATES, BOWLS, MUGS, GLASSES, CUTLERY & CROCKERY; BATHROOM TOWELS & TOILETRIES; KITCHEN STORAGE ITEMS, CLEANING PRODUCTS.

Please place your donations in the box in the small baptismal chapel at the back of the church

SSVP. We thank our members for their work in helping others and bringing aid to those most in need. The SSVP phone number is 07432879831.

## **PARISH STALLS**

Browse for cards, mass cards, Anniversary cards and many more religious items. There are a variety of cards & gifts for

Communion and gifts can be ordered. See Marie at stall.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**ST JOSEPH'S 2024.**

Saturday 4 May 10:00am: Primary 4 Eucharist

Sunday 12 May 12:00pm: Thanksgiving Mass

## **ST MARY'S 2024**

Saturday 11 May 10:00am: Primary 4 Eucharist

Saturday 18 May 10:00am: Primary 4 Eucharist

## **R.I.P.**

Thomas Donnelly

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**James Devine. Marjorie Gallagher. Billy Kirkpatrick. Patrick Byrne. Jim Shields. Nellie Mackay. Dorothy Duffy. Annie Summers**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** – Barrhead Travel 2 sharing £869pp. Single £1069

12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for 7 nights from Edinburgh

Call Tony or Mark – 0141 435 7750 or call into Barrhead Travel in Clydebank Shopping Centre

Deacon Andrew and I wish you a blessed Holy Week and An Easter filled with Joy and Peace.

St Joseph's monthly tea is celebrated today after 12 noon Mass  
St Mary's Teas/Toast in the hall after Mass today.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the celebration of the Easter triduum. Readers Musicians  
Altar servers M.C, those working behind the scenes,  
All your hard work paid off in the beautiful liturgies which express our love of the faith and  
Each other.

One way the church pursues this goal of seeing god present in the world is through the reading of  
the Acts of the Apostles At Masses through the easter Season, our usual practice of reading from  
the old testament is replaced by the Acts.

These readings tell the story of the Church's earliest days, the beginning of our faith spreading  
through the ancient world.

These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions, and miracles all testify to the continued  
presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples and the actions of the  
Holy Spirit.

All this is an encouragement for us today. God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices  
The Risen saviour is still with us.

These 50 days of Easter asks us to reflect on his presence and despite fears and worries to live with  
Joy.



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