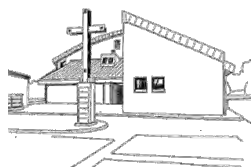




# St. Mary's Duntocher

# St. Joseph's Faifley



**Easter Sunday B**  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Thank You

Fr. Paul and Deacon John would like to wish you and your family a happy and holy celebration of Easter. A word of thanks to all the stewards and parishioners from both parishes who have kept our churches safe and clean throughout Holy Week. Your help and support are, as ever, much appreciated.

## Justice and Peace Scotland

If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness. (Saint John Chrysostom)

## Pope Francis said on twitter

Jesus' Cross is God's silent throne. Let us daily contemplate his wounds. In those gashes, we recognize our emptiness, our shortcomings, the wounds of our sin. His wounds are inflicted for our sake, and by those wounds we have been healed.

## Please pray for...

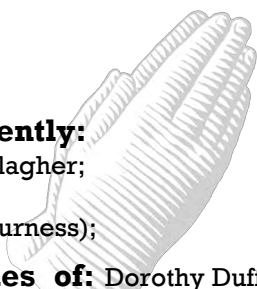
### those who have died recently:

Ludmila Mikulka; Maureen Gallagher;  
Patricia Henderson;  
Jimmy McNamara (Barrow-in-Furness);

### and on the anniversaries of:

Dorothy Duffy;  
Hugh & Mary Coyle; William Stewart; Mary Carey;  
Nellie MacKay; Jim Shields; Christine Doherty;  
Peter McBride; James Watt; Madge Gallagher;  
Jimmy Devine; William Kilpatrick.

Please email any names  
that you wish to be added to the bulletin



## Sunday Mass

St Mary's 5pm Vigil Livestreamed: 10am  
St Joseph's 4pm Vigil Noon

Live-streamed Mass in Saint Mary's at 9.30am  
Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am live streamed  
Church open for Mass (No booking required) -  
50 max: Monday Noon; Thursday 9.30am  
No Mass on Friday

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3CI3bA/videos>



1<sup>st</sup> Reading **Acts of the Apostles 10.34,37-43**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **Colossians 3.1-4/1 Corinthians 5.6-8**  
Gospel Reading **John 20.1-9 / Mark 16.1-7**

*Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense*

*Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter B*

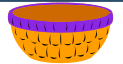
1<sup>st</sup> Reading **Acts of the Apostles 4.32-35**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **1 John 5.1-6**  
Gospel Reading **John 20.19-31**



## The Bottom Line

There are no Gift Aid envelopes this year.

Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	Donate	Total
1st	£290	£405		£695
Recently	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0
2nd*	£35	£140	£320	£495
Recently	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0
St Joseph		£1018		£0
Recently	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0

To support us and reduce cash handling by our volunteers, you can pay directly through your bank:

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St Mary's Account 00253583

St Mary's Building Account 00254571

St Joseph's Account 00253591

If you help with Gift Aid, we'll take care of that, though we might just need to give you one call.

Of course, if you do home banking, that works just as well... and more comfortably



Parish overheads continue, even during a period such as this.

## Look *All the time stuff*

♦ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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## Reflection for Easter Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Some parts of the Church this year, but not all, have been able to gather and celebrate The Easter Triduum albeit in restricted numbers. Other areas or countries, due to ongoing lockdown restrictions, have been unable to gather. This is a far cry from last year where very few places of worship were able to be opened and the majority remained closed. However, as restrictions have now eased a little, there is a now a smile on peoples' faces with the hope that there might be a new-found freedom in the not too distant future. As spring is now upon us, we might be able to hope for a summer where we might be able to do all those things that we have missed over the last year due to the pandemic. Likewise, as the Church celebrates the Easter Mystery, we too hope for a new springtime and freedom in our lives. As a pilgrim people of faith, we look forward with a renewed sense of hope to a lifegiving and enthusiastic faith. Our Lenten pilgrimage of faith this year, probably a virtual experience as it proved to be for many, is now complete. Our challenge as people of faith, during this Easter season is how can we read the signs of the times, as we emerge from lockdown in what we might call the post-pandemic Church? Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus we might be a bit frightened or disconsolate as we try and figure out what is the best path forward. We can also feel a bit lost as well. However, the encounter of faith between the two disciples and the Risen Lord was in fact the catalyst for them to be rejuvenated and return to Jerusalem with a renewed enthusiasm that Jesus had risen from the dead. Likewise, we are going to have to find creative and innovative ways to express our faith and the meaning of the Gospel both in the church and the world as we slowly emerge from the impact of the pandemic. These are some of the challenges to our faith. We have celebrated the Easter Mystery and now we start the season of Easter. Let us find ways to express our faith in credible and attractive ways for a post pandemic Church and world. That surely is our goal during this Easter season. Perhaps these words of Romano Guardini might help keep us focussed in the weeks ahead.

“Jesus’ Resurrection revealed what from the beginning was the living essence of Jesus, the Son of Man and the Son of God. When we reflect on our own existence, we can see it as a movement that began in the darkness of childhood, a childhood which we can remember only to some extent. This movement climbs, reaches its summit and then begins to decline so that it eventually shatters, regardless of whether it is more or less fulfilled or comes to a premature end. This curve of the trajectory of our lives begins at birth and ends at death. After death lies a darkness that is so daunting that it is not clear how we could have even moved into life. The decline of our life’s curve ends in a darkness over which hovers a vague sense of hope.

This ordinary movement of the human life did not occur in the case of Jesus Christ. The trajectory of life’s movement began for him not in birth but arcs backward into eternity, “Before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58) Some scholars wrongly hold that these words were produced by a mystic of the second century, a hundred-some years after Christ. In fact, these words originated from Jesus. Moreover, the curve of Christ’s life does not decline into death but moves throughout his entire life into eternity. “They will kill him, and on the third day, he will arise.” (Matthew 17:23) The life of Christ has an entirely different depth and breath, an entirely other relationship to death than ours. In his existence, death is only a transition, though one filled with complex meaning. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus asked his disciples, “Must not the Christ suffer everything in order to go into his glory?” (Luke 24:26) The resurrection brought to full realisation what Jesus always bore within himself. To deny the resurrection is to deny everything in Jesus’ essence and self-consciousness that is connected with his Resurrection. What then remains is not worthy of Christian faith.”

Romano Guardini, “**Spiritual Writing**” – Jesus’ Resurrection, page 130