

St Ignatius of Loyola

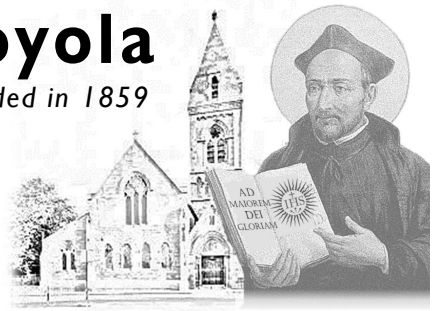
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Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy- B

7 April 2024

SUNDAY 7 MARCH

Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

MONDAY 8 APRIL

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

9.30am Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Gallen RIP

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

4.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

Third Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

THE LOYOLA CENTRE

Art exhibition

Saturday 20 - Wednesday 24 April
10.30am-6.00pm

An art & illustration exhibition—
traditional drawing in the 60s style—
featuring the work of Bill Stewart on
the theme *Reminiscence*. Entry free.

Ladies' Night

Saturday 27 April
Tickets £15 from
Marc 07923166669
or Susan
07584687633

Race Night

Saturday 4 May
Tickets £5
from
Marc
07923166669

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose plate £1247.90
Gift Aid £1105.50

Many thanks for your continued generous support of the parish.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

£859.60

Our brothers and sisters living in the Holy Land will greatly benefit from your financial assistance.

Bulletin: This week any announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at the latest to ensure they're published.

200 Club: March winners: 1st prize £100 Paula Anderson, 2nd Prize £50 Ann Duncan.

Young Adults: Please join the diocesan young adults group on Sunday 14 April in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. We will spend some time in prayer and then gather afterwards to socialise.

'Assisted Dying': The Bishops of Scotland have raised serious concerns about the so-called 'Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill', soon to be debated by the Scottish Parliament. You are urged to raise your voice to oppose this legislation which attacks human dignity, undermines the provision of quality palliative care, threatens the important doctor-patient relationship of trust and will surely lead to vulnerable people— the elderly and disabled, for example— being placed under pressure.

THE EASTER SEASON

One of the most beautiful aspects of Eastertide— the 50 days in which we celebrate the Resurrection with particular joy and solemnity— is that it is a time of **new life**. In the first place, the new life that Jesus offers, that we, as his faithful, will share with the Blessed Trinity and all the Saints in the heavenly kingdom.

A related dimension to this is the life we lead now: we are **freed** by his sacrifice on his cross from a life of sin, which leads to death, to the **life of grace**, which means living our lives for God and with God— in other words living life in its fullness.

Those who received holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil— known traditionally as neophytes— have passed from **death to life**, from **darkness to light**. Their lives have changed forever. In the course of Eastertide they learn, and we deepen our understanding and appreciation along with them— of the paschal mystery, and seek to integrate this into our daily lives through **prayer**, the **Eucharist** and acts of **charity**.



Alongside this, the moral requirements of living a good, holy, fulfilled Christian life are expounded throughout Eastertide. These are centred on what St Paul taught: that, risen with Christ, his followers must place the **desire for heaven** above all else.

This necessary transformation of the human person is always the work of the Holy Spirit who forms the Christian into the 'new man' who bears witness to the Risen Christ by their holiness of life.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost concludes this sacred season which the church regards as one feast, or one '**great Sunday**'.

Today's first reading describes the character of the Christian community in Jerusalem: they were **'united heart and soul'**. They grew by sharing **sacrificial love**, agápe, each day. Their lives centred on the Eucharist and the teachings of the Apostles, they were free to practice the corporal **works of mercy**: sharing what they had in common and responding generously to the needs of the poor within the community.

St John's first letter urges our obedience to God's commandments, especially Jesus' **commandment to love**. To do so, requires us to treat others with the mercy He has shown us first.

The psalm sings confidently of God's mercy, repeating the phrase '[God's] **love has no end**'- also translated as his 'mercy endures forever'.



The Gospel recounts Jesus' first visit to the Apostles after His Resurrection. He reveals himself by showing the wounds on his hands and side. He gives the Apostles the power of imparting God's forgiveness and mercy to sinners. The Christian community requires **forgiveness** of each others' sins and failures for it to remain united and to experience the true **peace** which Christ offers us.



SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY



feed
the hungry

give water
to the thirsty



clothe
the naked

shelter the
homeless



visit the sick

visit the
imprisoned



bury the dead

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**

where the readings indicate the 'path of mercy' which reestablishes our relationship with God and causes us to see others as brothers and sisters.

Just as God has been merciful to us, Jesus teaches us to show mercy to others:

**'Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall have mercy
shown them.'**

MATTHEW 5:7

The Church sees this as a call to action and highlights seven works of mercy by which we can help meet the physical and spiritual needs of others.

Everything a baptized person does every day should be directly or indirectly related to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

SERVANT OF GOD DOROTHY DAY
(1897-1980)

SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

counsel
the doubtful



instruct
the ignorant

admonish
the sinner



comfort
the afflicted



forgive
offences



bear wrongs
patiently



pray for the living
and the dead



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, for his love has no end.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter B

Acts	1 John	Luke
3:13-15, 17-19	2:1-5a	24:35-48



Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Recently Dead:**

Jemima McFarlane, Patricia Collette Donnelly, Noreen McCafferty.

Funeral Arrangements:

Elizabeth Anne Gallen

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 10 April 9.30am

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Mary Ann Dorricot (5 April), Brian Devine (7 April), Theresa McSpadyen (8 April), Denis Maguire SNR (11 April).

*...it is at your summons that we come to birth, by your will that we are governed,
and at your command that we return, on account of sin, to that earth from which we came.
And when you give the sign, we who have been redeemed by the Death of your Son,
shall be raised up to the glory of his Resurrection.*

Preface IV for the dead

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood, Ann Hattie, Kiera Loughrie, Nicholas McAnaw, Hugh Windsor.

Those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Matrimony this year.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 8 April

The Annunciation of the Lord

SOLEMNITY

This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

Thursday 11 April

St Stanislaus,

MEMORIAL

Bishop & Martyr

Born at Szczepanow (Poland) about 1030, Stanislaus died on this day in 1079 at Cracow. He became bishop of Cracow in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder on the orders of the king. Stanislaus is remembered for his reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern.