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**2nd SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A
Divine Mercy Sunday
29th-30th April 2017**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia. *Psalm 65.1-2*

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia. *Luke 24.35*

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.22-33: Peter proclaims the Risen Jesus to the assembled crowd. He places the death and Resurrection of Jesus in the context of the Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament, to explain what had happened in terms they could understand.

Response to the Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

2nd Reading: I Peter 1.7-21: We have faith and hope through the precious blood of Christ, the lamb without spot or stain.

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus,

explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

John 20.19-31: The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus walks with them unrecognised. He listens to their words of disappointment and fear and then explains everything to them. Their supper together becomes a Eucharist and it is then they recognise him and know that he had been with them all along. This experience of the Risen Christ re-awakens their faith and enables them to return to the community.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Claire Webster, formerly of this parish, and Milan Molnar whose wedding takes place this Sunday; and to Stephen Lauder, of this parish, and Jennifer Patrick whose wedding takes place on Monday. May the Lord bless and consecrate their love, fill them with his holy presence and grant them a long and happy life together.



This Tuesday, 2nd May, is the Feast of St Athanasius, our parish patron saint. The staff and pupils of the primary school will take part in our morning Mass. If you can, come and join us in celebrating our saint and asking for his holy protection.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to Nathan James Braithwaite who will be baptised after Mass on Sunday. May God bless him and his parents, Douglas and Laura, with every good gift and fill their hearts with the knowledge and love of his Son, our Lord Jesus.



Parents of the children who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to four meetings on Thursday 4th (this Thursday), 11th, 18th & 25th May from 7-8pm in the church oratory. The aim of the meetings is two-fold; to allow you to explore and deepen your own faith and so help you to accompany your child more confidently during the period of sacramental preparation. During Sunday morning Mass next week, 7th May, the children will make their request for the Sacrament and commit themselves to the period of preparation. We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon these children and their families so that they will experience the fire of God's love for them and so desire to follow Christ ever more closely.

Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are on sale in the stall.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION: 15th-19th May: HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED to assist our parish representatives in the street collections and collection count on Sunday 21st May. Please contact **Marie Henderson 07413 520794** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way.

CHRISTIAN AID CAFE: MONDAY 15th May 10am-3pm: HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED to host our day in the Cafe this year. Could you spare a few hours to help run the cafe? Could you help with food preparation before the cafe opens or help weary "all-dayers" clear up after 3pm? A special effort for home baking contributions would also be most appreciated as always. Please contact **Maureen Doherty 759818/07759326523** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way. SEE POSTER IN PORCH FOR MORE DETAILS.

Prayer to Our Lady during Eastertide

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia; For He whom you did deserve to bear, Alleluia; Is risen again as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. R. Because our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who by the Resurrection of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, gave joy to the world: grant we beseech You, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Helen Kelly, Chrissie Kelly, Mary Canning, Roisin Daly, James Sloan, Karen Forbes, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Raymond Gallagher, Maureen Campbell, John Wilson, Patricia Clisby, Una Delaney, Isobel Gardner, Lynett Moses, Mary Whitcombe, John McKernan, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Anne Marie Reilly, Maurizio Puricelli, Aaron Joseph Higgins, Maryellen O'Farrell, Karen Derbyshire & Betty Flynn.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Jim McAllister, Joyce McLaughlin, Catherine Ewen, Patrick Murphy, Kitty Phillips, Nora Shearin, Emily Bradley & George Green.



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; **Sunday:** 10am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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Thank you for last week's collection which came to £824 in the plate and £580 in Standing Orders, and also for the £1,051 you gave to SCIAF in your Wee Boxes. A wonderful response!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners to volunteer some of their time to clean the church. Please consider helping out. If we have enough people, we could form teams to share the workload. Put your name and contact details on the sheet in the porch or see Fr Magill.

If you haven't yet collected your Gift Aid and Standing Orders envelopes, please do so after Mass.

Next Sunday is the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. There will be a 2nd collection for our Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

There will be May Devotions each Tuesday of May at 7pm with the Rosary, Litany of our Blessed Lady and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It would be beautiful to make these devotions a family event so I encourage our young families to come along to this, especially those families preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



The parish Mission & Evangelisation group meets in the parish house this Tuesday at 7.30pm.



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