

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND ALL SAINTS**

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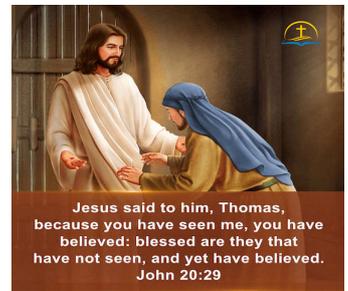
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2nd Sunday of Easter, 17th April 2022



All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass			
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass			
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass			

GIFT AID is one of the simplest and most effective ways to boost our parish's income. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. Forms available in the Sacristy.

SCIAF BOXES Many thanks for your generosity to SCIAF Lenten campaign. Please return at your earliest convenience.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
"Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God," and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter."

FEAST DAYS

Monday 25th St. Mark
Thursday 29th St. Peter Chanel
Friday 30th St. Catherine of Sienna

PRAYER FOR

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



EASTER SEASON

Length. The Easter Season is fifty days, not forty days, like Lent, or four weeks or slightly less, like Advent. The Easter Season extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. It is sometimes known as the "Festival of Weeks," seven weeks of seven days (49 days), plus one, the fiftieth day, Pentecost.

The Octave of Easter. The first eight days of the Easter Season are known as the Octave of Easter. Easter is the greatest Christian feast, so great, in fact, that it cannot be celebrated adequately on a single one day. All eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter are considered solemnities, the Church's highest ranking feast, and each day is celebrated with festivity and joy.

EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS EASTER VIGIL SERMON:

"All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism, and we bury the joy of living. Yet tonight the Lord wants to give us different eyes, alive with hope that fear, pain and death will not have the last word over us. Thanks to Jesus' paschal mystery, we can make the leap from nothingness to life. "Death will no longer be able to rob our life"

(K. RAHNER), for that life is now completely and eternally embraced by the boundless love of God. True, death can fill us with dread; it can paralyze us. But the Lord is risen! Let us lift up our gaze, remove the veil of sadness and sorrow from our eyes, and open our hearts to the hope that God brings!"

EASTER COLLECTION: Many thanks for your contribution to the Easter Collection.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is on Sunday 8th May 2022.