

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 18th April, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

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**Hospital Visitation:** is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



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## Third Sunday of Easter 'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear. Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

*'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'*  
(Joyce Rupp)

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 18th April, 2021

<b>Sunday 18th April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Gerry Watson <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Patrick Campbell; Joe Kenny; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Joe & May Kelly, Christopher & Brigid Hughes & family; Dermot Branigan; Michael & Mary Mc Dermott; David Behan; James Mc Guirk, son Martin & Delaney & Mc Guirk families; Marc Smith
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Eileen O' Malley
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Maureen Mc Ginnity; Maureen Kelly
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Michael & Mary Lafferty
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Norah Clinton; Bridie & Frank Quinn
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 25th April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Eugenia Whelan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Robert Campbell



## St Mary's Schedule (On webcam only.)

Mass will be celebrated privately each day at 10:00am and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream.

**We have changed our webcam provider. Our new provider is [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv).** The Church will be open each day from 11.00am to 4.00pm so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle. Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

**Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm.**

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When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?



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## A prayer for those who died...



**Rea (Anna) Mc Gowan (nee Byrne),**  
Rathmullen Road  
**Florrie Maher (née Kenny),** St. Finian's Park  
**Theresa Hanlon,** Trinity Gardens  
**Geraldine Hanan (née Byrne),** Colpe East.

May they rest in peace

## Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button** facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

**Many thanks. Keep safe and well.**