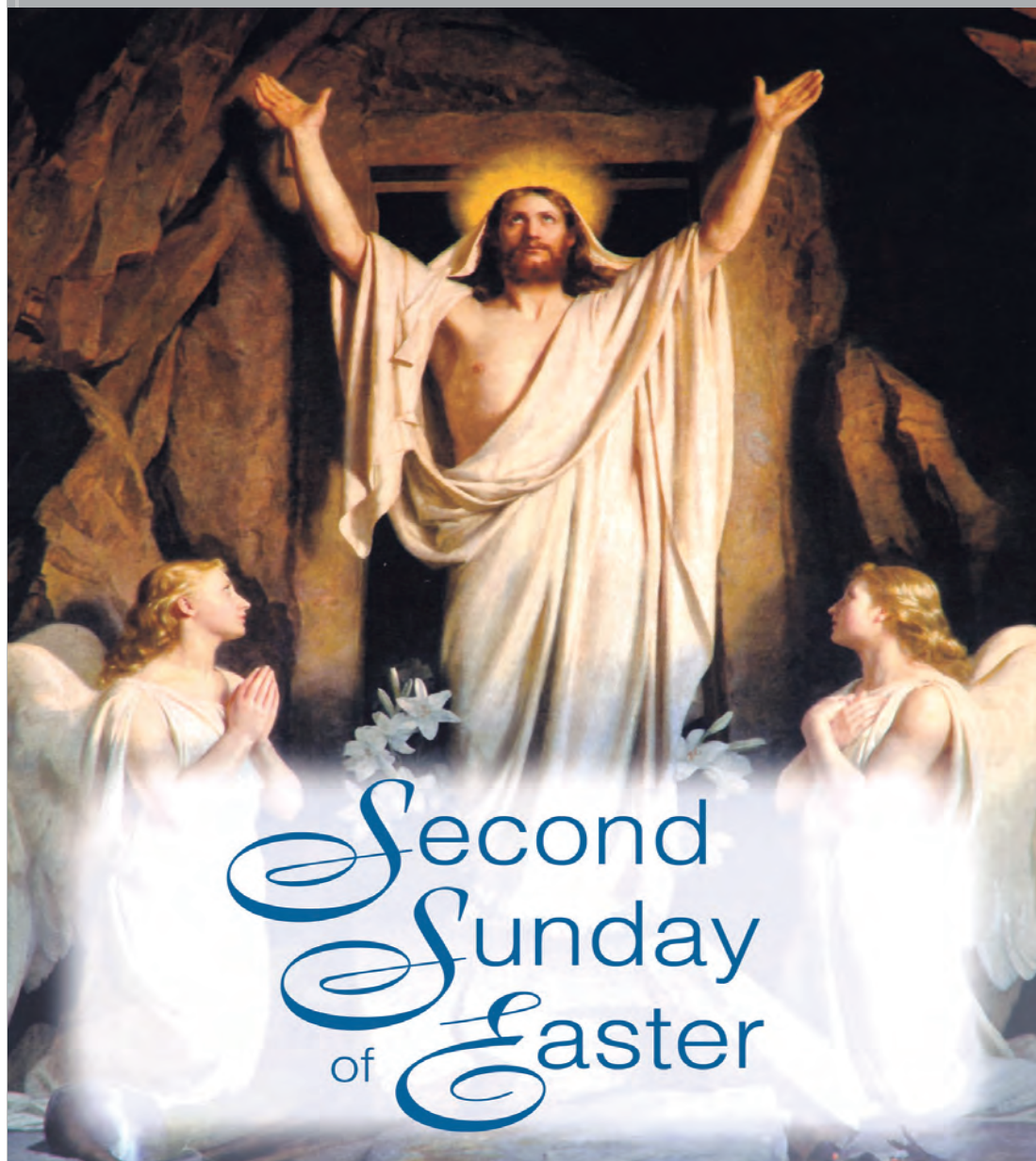


# Parish Newsletter



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## MASS TIMES DURING CHURCH REFURBISHMENT:

### SUNDAY MASS

10.30AM IN OUR

LADY'S HALL,

10.45AM Our

Lady's Hospital

Chapel

### WEEKDAY MASS

10AM MONDAY TO

SATURDAY IN THE

ORATORY.

### CRUMLIN

Saturdays

7.00 pm (Vigil)

Sundays 9.30 am

11.00 am (Family Mass)

12.30 pm (St. Agnes' Choir)

7.00 pm

### CLOGHER ROAD

Saturdays 7pm

Sundays

10am & 12noon

### WALKINSTOWN

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am and

11.30am

### OBLATES INCHICORE

Saturday: Vigil 7pm

Sundays: 8am, 11am,

7pm

USUAL MASS TIMES  
RESUME IN MOURNE  
ROAD ON SUNDAY  
MAY 15th



"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness. Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."



During the Easter season this year, we will read from the **Book of Revelation/Apocalypse** as the second reading. Revelation uses apocalyptic language, rich in symbolism, to describe experiences of the early Christian community near the end of the first century. In a time of persecution and distress, hyperbole was used as a literary convention to express the difficulties seen by the author, as brother turned against brother in the face of pressure to turn from the faith. The language of apocalyptic writing--so popular in the first century--was used to convey the extreme circumstances in which the church found itself. While the selections chosen for the Easter season provide a vision of hope, it is good to recognize that the hope they convey comes out of a book written at a time when Christians found themselves under siege and threatened by Jewish leaders who were expelling them from the synagogues and Roman officials who were persecuting them as apostates. And so, we begin today with a testimony from a man named John, incarcerated in a Roman penal colony, the island of Patmos. Biblical scholars tell us that this John is not the same person as the author of the fourth Gospel because the grammar and style of writing are so different. He may have been a disciple of John the Evangelist, or someone who was familiar with his work through the Johannine communities in Syria. In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples who had sequestered themselves behind closed doors out of fear. He comes to give them hope. Though by a different author, the Book of Revelation presents the same theme: Jesus appears in order to give hope, to remind the faithful that he lives--an Easter message for today as well.

## What's on this week:

**Legion of Mary** Group meets on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30p.m. in the Church meeting Room.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** Rosary & Eucharistic Prayer every Thursday morning from 10.30a.m.--- 11.00a.m. in the Oratory. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Prayer will return this Friday 8th April 2.30-3.30p.m.** in the Oratory.

2nd Saturday---9th April---**Devotions to St. Pio** will take place after the 10.00a.m. Mass.



**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Oratory.



## We remember

**John Foran  
Maureen McGuinness  
Edward Long**

## Who died recently

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## w/c 26th/27th March

### Church Collections

1st Priests: €917.00

2nd Collection: €704.00

Envelope Collection: €1043.00

## PARISH LOTTO

### Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot. Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes

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Next week's Jackpot will be €2800.00

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Meeting Room. Entries for the

Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.





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A

**Do Catholics have to go to confession at least once a year?**

Paragraph #1457 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us "each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." This is part of the minimum requirements to practice faith as found in the precepts of the church. The obligation to confess applies to serious sin.

If one practices one's faith sincerely, receives the sacraments, prays daily, strives to be holy, and is unaware of any serious sin, one would not be obligated to go to confession. Paragraph #1458 encourages people, however, to confess venial sin and to view the sacrament as another tool in the struggle to grow in faith through the formation of conscience.

Like any exercise, when we get out of the habit, it is more difficult to return to the practice. Athletes understand how important daily practice is. It is the same for those who do physical therapy to recover from an injury. The regularity helps more than just occasional activity. In the same way, the regular practice of one's faith makes it easier to develop a deeper relationship with God. Examining one's conscience and honestly looking at oneself daily, helps a person understand the need for celebrating the sacrament of penance, even more than once a year.

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## Hymns

### Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

### Our God Reigns.....

It was our sins and guilt that bruised and wounded Him  
It was our sin.....that brought Him down  
Out of the grave He rose in grace and majesty  
He's alive He's alive

### Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
He is the King of creation

Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS - First Reading:** Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12) **Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) **Second Reading:** When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. (Rev 1:17-18) **Gospel:** Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

**The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** is celebrated this year on **Monday 4th April**. **Thursday 7th April** is the Feast of **St. John Baptist de la Salle** Patron Saint of Teachers. Please pray for our schools as they return for a new term. **Parish Finance Committee Meeting** Monday 4th April 5pm in the Meeting Room. **EASTER DUES:** Many thanks to those who have already sent in Easter Dues. Dues, along with the First Collection at Mass, continue to be the main source of income for our Archbishop and the Priests of the Archdiocese including those who are sick and retired. Easter dues may be placed in the basket at Mass or left into the Parish Office during the church refurbishment.





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addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong  
reverence for the Holy Sacrament"

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Please Pray for the  
Beatification of

**FRANK DUFF**  
Servant of God  
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