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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 APRIL 2023:
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47
Resp. Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 16 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ (pp. 367 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 18 April	Tuesday of Week 2 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, RIP (Anniversary on 17 April)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 20 April	Thursday of Week 2 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Flora MacDonald, RIP (Anniversary on 16 April)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 22 April	Saturday of Week 2 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 23 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 372 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Second Sunday of Easter: His Mercy Endures

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20–25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet."
(Divine Sunday Homily, 19 April 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Second Sunday of Easter, Year A (pp. 367 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
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p. 540: The Creed

p. 559: Preface I: The Paschal Mystery
p. 591: Eucharistic Prayer I
p. 631: Communion Rite

'LIGHT OF THE NORTH' – the Easter edition is available online. You'll find lots of news in the magazine from around the Diocese, including Dr Shelagh Noden's article about St Mary's Cathedral organist, Ronald Leith, who celebrates his 50th year at the keyboards. Then there's Eileen Grant's article about St John, 'the beloved disciple', and Fr. John Bowles, Regional Director of the Columban Missionaries in Britain, gives an insight into the life of the Orcadian writer George Mackay Brown (1921-96), regarded by many as Scotland's greatest writer of the twentieth century. Also, for our Polish readers, Lidia Konar reveals why the Blessed Virgin Mary has always been perceived by Poles as their special intercessor, and as the Queen of Polish hearts. The issue can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Lightofthenorthspringissue-52-2023>

'LANTERN OF THE NORTH' – A historic Post-Reformation pilgrimage through Moray. Each day will begin with a short talk on the history of each location, followed by Mass, then a picnic lunch. All welcome!

Saturday 22 April at 12 noon: St. Ninian's, Tynet

Saturday 13 May at 12 noon: Scalan Seminary (Homilist: Fr. Domenico)

Saturday 27 May at 12 noon: St. Gregory's, Preshome

PIETY STALL – looking for Easter Cards, First Holy Communion gifts, or ideas for presents? Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024! – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

'THANK YOU' to everyone who entered the Easter Egg Raffle; we raised £102.00 for our Fabric Account.

PRIZE BINGO: our next evening together will be FRIDAY, 28 APRIL. Doors open at 6.30pm; 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes; there are often very appreciative comments from the players. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated!

90 CLUB: NEXT DRAW ON SUNDAY, 30 APRIL! – Would you like to be a winner too? Why not speak to Don for details?

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald

RIP: Mel Finlay

Anniversaries: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, Flora MacDonald, Peggy Martin, Bridget Cuminsky, Flora Morrison, Des Coleman, Chris Van Reenan, Neil McDaid