

# focus on sunday



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 11th April 2021

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.



Thomas was a man who wanted to see before he would believe, and you would not blame him for that. He would want to see the wounds of Christ and touch them, and then he would believe in the risen Lord. He had left the apostles, gone away from the group. Where he went, we do not know but wherever

he went he did not find what he wanted, so he came home. He returned to Mary and the apostles, probably still grumpy and unbelieving.


Like many of us when we stray from faith, we find it weaker, and look for a fulness of life elsewhere.

Somehow Jesus came among the apostles. Afraid as they were, they were faithful enough to wait. They believed he had been raised from death. After all he had told them that this would happen.

When he came among them, he sought out Thomas, and he showed him his hands and his side.

It is interesting that nowhere does the gospel say that Thomas actually touched the wounds. He was coming to realise that even though he could see the wounds of Jesus, faith was something more than seeing or touching, and the end of the story was very much directed to him. 'happy are they who have not seen and yet believed'. Those words are not a rebuke but a promise and a grace, that he would know more and more of this man whom he followed and loved as his life went on.

Lord I believe, strengthen my belief.  
Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.



### Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

### SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And with your spirit.

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.  
Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'  
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:  
'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### NICENE CREEED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 John 5:1 - 6

**A reading from the first letter of St. John.**  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.  
**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit, For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**






### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24**  
**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



# New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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## RADIO MASS 104.7FM MASS & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.

Date	Time		
Sat 10th April	6.00pm	Michael Sutton & Robbie Dunphy, Lower Southknock	Anniversaries
Sun 11th April - Divine Mercy	10.00am	James & Anne Doyle, Ard Mhicil Michael Cashin & his son Patrick (Mash) Cashin, JFL Place Andy Foran, Pondfields John Doyle, Charleton Hill Patrick (Pat) Nicko Hamilton, Cross Street	Anniversaries Anniversaries - Anniversary Months Mind Months Mind
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions	
Mon 12th April	10.00am	Ellen Hamilton, Cross Street Elizabeth Maureen Morris, Dunbrody Wharf	Anniversary Anniversary
Tues 13th April	10.00am	Benefactors & Friends of Mount Carmel Delia Purcell, Fr. Cullen Terrance	Special Intentions Anniversary
Wed 14th April	10.00am	Intentions of the people Bridie & George Echlin, Mountross	- Anniversaries
Thurs 15th April	10.00am	William Walsh, An Caislean Maol Mary & William Connolly, Mary Street	7th Anniversary Anniversaries
Fri 16th April	10.00am	Thomas Purcell, Kilbrahan, Milebush John Moran, Wexford Street	Anniversary 15th Anniversary
Sat 17th April	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

**Sanctuary Lamps**  
**Intentions:**  
 Available @ €10.00 per week.  
 Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
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**Altar (Centre):**  
 Sr. Perpetua & deceased  
 Sisters of Mercy RIP

**St. Josephs (Right):**  
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**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Gardaí Operation "Faoisimh"**  
 protect against domestic abuse during Covid-19 crisis  
**1800 341 900**

## PARISH INFORMATION.....

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS:** 085 8313073

**Radio & Live Stream Mass:** 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funeral Masses.

**Mass Bookings:** We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including September 2021.

**Next Weeks Readings:** SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 4: 32-35. Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R/ v 1. 1 Jn 5: 1-6. Jn 20: 19-31.

**Meals on Wheels:** Avail of our high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

**Safeguarding Representative:** Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348 - Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

**Bethany Bereavement Support:** Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary & St. Michael and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details. During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest that weekly envelopes be deposited in the letter box at the Parish Office or at the allocated collection boxes at the main entrance of the Church. Collections: 4th Apr 2021 @ € 2288.60 (181 No.). Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Thank you for the support. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.** Thank you for the support.

**USERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY HALL:** The Parish Pastoral Centre in Michael Street will be the venue for all bookings previously accommodated in the Legion of Mary Hall. This arrangement will commence if and when all restrictions on internal gatherings are lifted. The hall in Michael Street School affords the space for greater 'social distancing'. We hope all groups will adjust to the new location without too much difficulty.

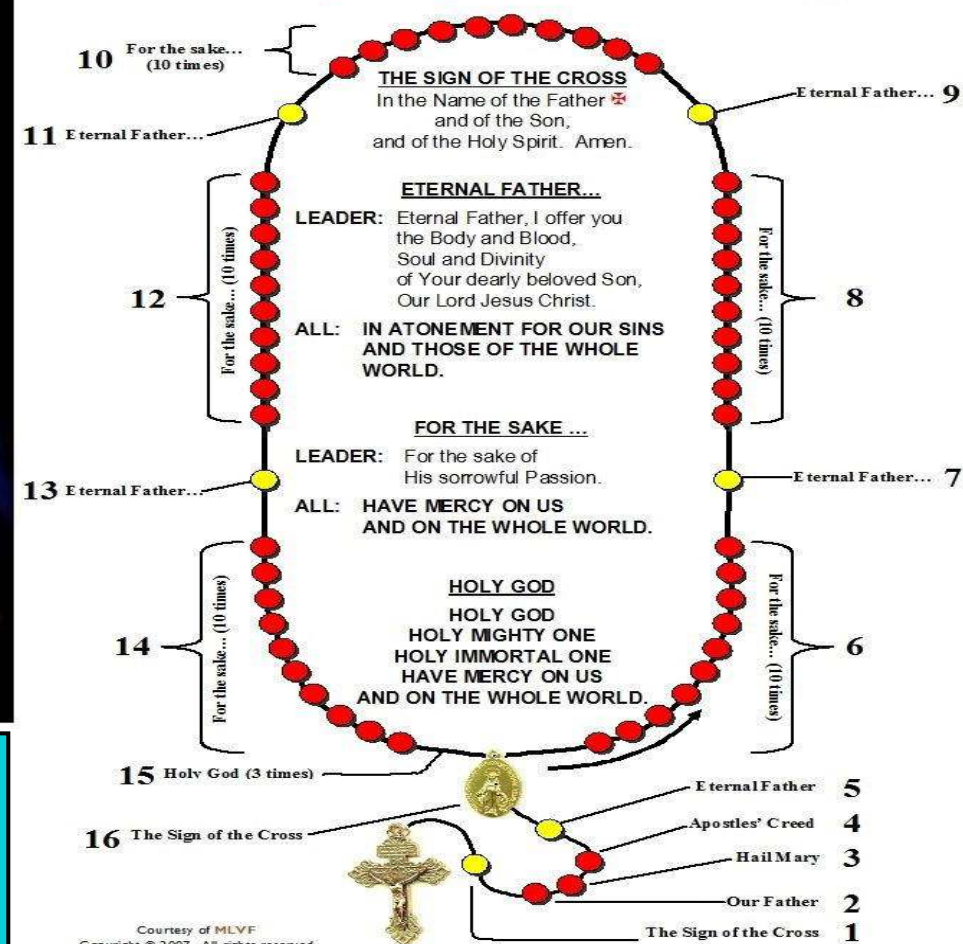


**Thank you!** Thank you to all who have contributed both to the Parish & its Clergy over Easter.

**Parish Priest of New Ross from 1649.....**

Most Rev. Luke Wadding, PP, DD (Bishop of Ferns) 1649-1688  
 Very Rev. John O'Connor, PP 1688-1710  
 Most Rev. John Verdon PP DD (Bishop of Ferns) 1711—1728  
 Most Rev. James Nolan PP 1728—1771  
 Most Rev. James Caulfield PP DD (Bishop of Ferns) 1771—1786  
 Very Rev. William Chapman PP (Dean of Ferns) 1786—1818  
 Very Rev. Thomas Doyle PP VG (Dean of Ferns) 1818—1830  
 Very Rev. William Brennan, PP 1830—1846  
 Very Rev. Patrick Murphy PP 1846—1849  
 Very Rev. James Walsh PP 1849—1860  
 Very Rev. Denis Kenny PP VF 1860—1875  
 Very Rev. John Kirwan PP VF 1875—1888  
 Right Rev. Michael Kavanagh PP VG (Dean of Ferns) 1888—1915  
 Right Rev. Walter Rossiter PP VG (Dean of Ferns) 1915—1928  
 Right Rev. Thomas Cleary PP VG (Dean of Ferns) 1928—1949  
 Right Rev. Robert Hickey PP VG (Archdeacon of Ferns) 1949—1957  
 Right Rev. Mgr. James Brown PP VG 1957—1964  
 Very Rev. Hugh Canon O'Byrne PP VF 1964—1973  
 Right Rev. Mgr. William J. Shiggins PP VG (Dean of Ferns) 1974—1993  
 Right Rev. John McCabe PP 1993—2001

## The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy



God, grant me  
 the *Serenity*  
 to accept the  
 things I cannot  
 change, the  
*Courage*  
 to change the  
 things I can,  
 and the *Wisdom*  
 to know  
 the difference.

*New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.*