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This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy is a public feast day formally established by St. John Paul II in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known, and to invoke God's mercy for sinners

The Chaplet and prayers will be included as part of 12 Noon Mass.

An excerpt from the *Diary* of St. Faustina:

(*Diary*, 699)

"On one occasion, I heard Jesus say these words to me: 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Font of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates, through which graces flow, are open. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it human or angelic, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.'"

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 10th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Lily Reid Michael Hough Margaret, Michael & John Molloy
Sun 11th	10.30 a.m.	Tom & Doreen Rigney Sean Kinirons Dinny Sheeran, William Street Sheeran family
	12 noon	Sr. Celine Loughnane (1st Ann) Christy Loughnane Bridie Smyth
Mon 12th	10.00 a.m.	Tom McInerney (1st Ann)
Tues 13th	10.00 a.m.	Graham Ringrose (1st Ann) Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 14th	10.00 a.m.	May Gleeson, Lacka
Sat 17th	7.30 p.m.	James "Jim Bob" Donoghue Jack O'Keeffe
Sun 18th	10.30 a.m.	Gerry Smyth, Glebe Street Shaw family, Connaught Street
	12 noon	Mary Ellen Feenane (MM) James "Dino" Martin (1st Ann)



Please Pray for the Souls of

**Cecily Dolan, Emmet Street,
Paddy Kearns, Military Road.**

Birr Parish Finance

We are **very grateful** to parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. **Donations** can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)
Donations can be placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra. This box is opened daily,
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

Parish Donations during the month of **March** was **€4,249**. We are very grateful for your continued support.

The **Vincent de Paul shop** is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, they can be contacted on **085-8804028** in emergencies.

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An Easter Prayer

Lord of all life,
 You are our hope and our joy,
 our source of true happiness.
 We have journeyed to Easter
 and in the most difficult of trials
 we have renewed our baptism
 and proclaimed your resurrection.
 We embrace with gladness
 the new life to which you call
 each one of us.
 Bless us, our families
 and all the world,
 with your constant presence
 and protection.
 May we give you thanks every day
 and share the good news of our faith
 with all we meet.
 And may the light
 of our Easter faith guide our footsteps
 in your ways of love,
 peace and truth.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
 In Easter joy we proclaim,
 Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

Buíochas/Thanks

Sincere **Thank You** to all who participated in the Holy Week liturgies in these strange and restricted COVID times - the readers, musicians, soloists, young people of the John Paul II programme and their co-ordinator Brian Kennedy. We acknowledge the hours of time and effort Kathleen Gormley put into creating a most inspiring backdrop for the Easter Garden.

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song - Beannachtaí na Cásca.

Trócaire

We acknowledge Trócaire contributions for the Lenten Appeal. To date **€2,504** has been received. You can drop your Trócaire boxes into the Sacristy each morning between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Many thanks.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc / Domhnach na Trócaire.

I Mí Aibreáin, bí linn, a Thiarna .Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná :Guímis ar son na ndaoine sin a chuireann a mbeatha i mbaol ar mhaithe le cearta bunúsacha a bhaint amach faoi chórais deachtóireachta ,faoi réimis tiarnúla agus fiú amháin faoi chórais dhaonlathacha a bhíonn i ngéarchéim. Inniu an Dara Domhnach den Cháisc. Tá Íosa aiséirithe ó mharbh agus tá áthas agus lúcháir chroí orainn. Tá ár Slánaitheoir ina rí ar an gcruith. Tá Sé inár measc ag fógairt arís agus arís eile go bhfuil lá na fuascailte tagtha. Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól □ a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptorium agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu:

A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchhlúdaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Lord, be with us during the month of April. The Pope's intention for this month is: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. Today is the second Sunday after Easter. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are full of joy. Our Saviour is king of creation. He is among us proclaiming again and again that the day of redemption has come. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul □ in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty-three years.

The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. Let us come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. We can say this prayer today:

O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. Amen,