

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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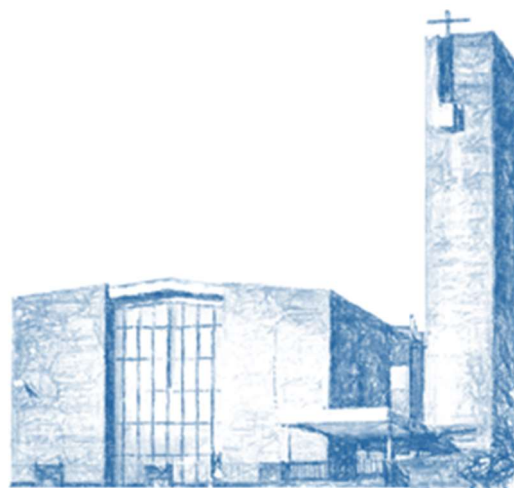
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Easter Sunday - Year C

16th - 17th April 2022

Monday	10am	Weekday Mass
Tuesday	10am	Weekday Mass
Wednesday	10am	Weekday Mass
Thursday	10am	Weekday Mass
Friday	10am	Weekday Mass
Saturday	10am	Weekday Mass
	5pm	Vigil Mass
	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</i>	
Sunday	9am	Sunday Mass
	11am	Sunday Mass

SSVP

The SSVP thanks everyone for the wonderful turnout to their weekly rosary for Ukraine during Lent.

Easter Greetings

Father Frank Dougan and Deacon Bill McMillan wish all the parishioners a very Happy Easter!

Fr. Dougan will be on holiday next week, we wish him a restful time.

In his absence weekday Mass will be celebrated each day including **Easter Monday** by Fr Javier from the Comboni Missionaries in Carmyle, Glasgow.

Whilst Fr. Dougan is away please contact Deacon Bill.

Hall

The Mother and Toddler group resumes on Thursday 21st April; at 10.30am.

The Wednesday tearoom raised £68.16p on 6th April and £62.40p on 13th April, making a total of £356.57p raised for the SCIAF Ukrainian appeal during Lent.

THANK YOU

This Week's Readings

Acts 10:34,37-43	<i>'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.'</i>
Psalms 117 (118)	This day is made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
Col 3:1-4	Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.
John 20:1-9	He must rise from the dead.

Collections & Donations

Last Sunday's Offerings - £1541 + Standing Orders £907
Votive Candles - £112
Stall - £172

THANK YOU

Reflection on the Readings

Peter claims to have eaten and drunk with the Risen Lord. The Gospel says he is first to enter the tomb, but the Beloved Disciple is the first to believe. Our own Easter joy is complete today, as the beloved disciples, we eat and drink in faith-filled communion together.

Bishop Toal's Easter Message 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read recently an Easter Letter from St Athanasius, written 1700 years ago, and it offers encouragement as we prepare to celebrate Easter in 2022. Here are the words of one of our Great Fathers of the Church:

"Moreover, my friends, the God who first established this feast for us allows us to celebrate it each year. He, who gave up his Son to death for our salvation, from the same motive gives us this Feast, which is commemorated each year.

This Feast guides us through the trials that meet us in the world. God now brings us the joy of salvation that shines out from this Feast, as he brings us together to form one assembly, uniting us all in spirit in every place, allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving, as is our duty on this feast. Such is the wonder of his love: he gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other."

As we celebrate, filled with the "joy of salvation", we give thanks to God for the gift of the Lord's saving Death and Resurrection and join with our brothers and sisters across the world in doing so. Although physically apart we are united in faith, and this bond of faith inspires our love and our desire to show that love in every way possible. We feel particularly close this Easter to the people of Ukraine, and those of other nations, on whom war and its dreadful consequences have been inflicted. May Jesus, who himself suffered such a brutal death, comfort those who are suffering so much and keep the hope of peace alive – the peace he offered his disciples when he appeared on Easter Sunday.

St Athanasius reminds us that the celebration of Easter guides us through the trials that meet us in the world and we all need that reassurance in our present troubles. We have come through the pandemic, somewhat battered and bruised, and now we face the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. There seems to be little respite but we need to persevere with faith and trust in the Lord, and renew our efforts to support those most in need, wherever they may be.

We can admire the great courage of Our Lady and St John as they stood at the foot of the Cross, giving **public** witness to their love for Jesus as he suffered and died. There is a call to all of us to imitate them in offering this **public** witness to the Lord in the practice and living of our Catholic Faith. The Risen Lord poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and his first Disciples and filled them with the necessary courage to proclaim him as Lord, and invite others to place their faith and hope in Him.

We are filled with the same Spirit and ask the Lord to inspire us to be his true and faithful disciples in our present troubled world.

I wish you a very Happy Easter, and pray that the Lord will fill you with his peace and courage.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Joseph Toal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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