

<u>Church Services</u>	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EASTER</b>		
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2020		
<b>All Masses will be said by the Priest in Private</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>John &amp; Anne McGill</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Diane Donlevy</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Fr P McKenzie</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Mgr Jack Sheridan</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>John &amp; Anne McGill</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Martin Dougal</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Today's Mass : 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A**

**Responsorial Psalm: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Rejoice! The Lord is truly risen! Eight days after the resurrection the disciples of Jesus were together, afraid, believing and yet doubting. The news that Jesus was alive was too good to be true. In the same way we have come together today as the community of Jesus. Yet, we too are often afraid, timid, shy; we can be filled with questions, even doubts. Our faith can be fragile. However, we are here and we are believers. We believe that the Lord is present in our midst, even though our eyes cannot physically see him. It is only with the 'eyes of faith' that his presence is revealed. Like Thomas we say: 'My Lord and my God'. May the gift of faith and the joy that it brings empower us to 'go out to the world with this message of joy!**

**At this difficult time we should not lose heart, hope or faith in the power of the risen Jesus. Easter brings so many blessings in its message of triumph over adversity.**

**During these difficult times we hope for some of that courage and fortitude displayed by the apostles after they had heard of Jesus rising from the dead.**

**So many people have shown simple acts of kindness and dedication in prayer for those they know and many unknown.**

**Through our response to the power of the risen Jesus, we will by God's grace endure and flourish. We are all experiencing daily trials and frustrations but these can be endured by that strength of love shown to us.**

**Please keep safe and strong until we gather again. The sacrifice of Holy Mass is offered on Sundays' for you.**

**Every blessing and good wish.**

**Fr Kevin Murray**

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## **PARISH FINANCES AND CORONAVIRUS**

**Firstly my blessings to you all at this time of difficulty and with prayer, mutual support and the love and grace of God we shall move forward to the normality of life. Many people, I know, have shown that practical support in looking out for one another and keeping in contact with one another. Practical works of mercy.**

**This brings me to the subject of this letter to you. The everyday bills and costs of running parish buildings still continue, as you all know in your own circumstances! People have asked how they may continue to support the church. If your income is secure, the best option is to set up a standing order with your bank. If circumstances change then these can be amended or cancelled.**

**Within the letter you have received you will find a Standing Order Instruction, please complete with your details and return in the**

**prepaid envelope. Please remember to sign them. We can then process them with your bank. A practical but important gift.**

**If you are unable to do a standing order you can still drop of your envelopes through the door if you are out walking and able to do so. Thank you.**

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## **SVDP**

**The SVDP team are continuing to keep in touch with many Parishioners and help out if necessary with Shopping etc . If you know of anyone in need of assistance please get in touch with Barbara and she will pass on your details.**

**Fr Kevin is continuing with daily Mass in Private and is keeping you all in his prayers.**