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Sunday 11th April 2021 – The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Today's Gospel Reflection – Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*, he says *'To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid.'*

Today's Gospel *shows us that even the most difficult* situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ *stands amongst the disciples*, even though the doors were firmly closed. The **Peace** that he gives them (Shalom) is a Peace of body, of mind and of spirit *and it moves the disciples* from despair and being *'locked away'* to *'rejoicing'*. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending *witness to God's love*. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. **The Risen Jesus is active** in all our lives and in the world around us, but we *must be careful not* to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, *'so I send you'*. Who can you reach out to today?

Divine Mercy: *It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more"* (Jn 8:11). -Homily on March 17, 2013 Pope Francis on Divine Mercy.

This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a **Holy Hour from 3pm -4pm**. Sadly, due to the restrictions, we cannot gather in our church, but I invite you to join me via our webcam.

A Sincere **'Thank You'** to the Sacristans, Altar Societies and everyone who helped in any way to prepare and decorate our churches for Easter. Thanks also to all who participated in the various liturgies of Holy Week & Easter. **Míle Buíochas agus Beanacht Dé!** Fr Paul.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are now allowed to take place. Please note the **maximum allowed at each baptism is 6 people** and gatherings afterwards are discouraged, due to the continued risk posed by the coronavirus. Please contact Fr Paul for more information or to arrange your child's baptism.

Trócaire - give what you can it's not too late: We are really enormously appreciative of the support you give to Trócaire in caring for the poorest of the poor. Please use the box or any envelope to donate to Trócaire through the parish office. Thank you on behalf of our brothers and sisters who live in poverty and injustice.

Please give what you can, it will make all the difference.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen McCawley, Dowra, whose funeral took place on Thursday 1st April.

May she Rest in Peace. Amen

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. www.churchtv.ie then click on County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.

2. **Pray for:**

Sonny & Mary Feeney, Curry. Nellie Feeney & Fr Tom Flynn. Tom & Ann Loughlin, Friarstown. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 10th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Special Intention for loved ones who are sick. Mass on Sunday 11th April at 11.15am.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday 10th April beginning at 3pm. (streamed live via webcam)

Derek McCullagh. Liverpool, & formerly of Drumduffy & Belhavel. 1st Anniv. **Martin Heffernan,** Memorial Mass on Tuesday 13th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Special Intention for someone who is sick. Mass on Wed 14th April at 9.30am (*streamed live*).

Ronan Healy, Ballintogher. Memorial Mass on Thursday 15th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Paddy & Mary McTernan, Doonkelly & Drumlease. Mass on Friday 16th April at 8.00pm

Pauric Banks, Gortnacarkogue. 1st Anniv. **Mary Harte, Cloonlougher, & her parents Phil & Nan**

McGoldrick, Townamoyle. John & Ann Kelly, Memorial Mass on Saturday 17th April at 8.00pm

For all who sympathised and supported the McTernan family on the death of Anita last October. Mass on Sunday 18th April at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorro in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated in Catholic churches throughout the world on the first Sunday after Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On that day, the amazing image of Divine Mercy is venerated in most, if not all, of the churches.

"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight! By the grace of God, I have received such a disposition of heart that I am never so happy as when I suffer for Jesus, whom I love with every beat of my heart." (No. 303) St. Faustina's Diary: [Divine Mercy in My Soul](#).



