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2nd Sunday of Easter (Year C) 28th April 2019

DIY

Sunday Reflection - *"He is Risen Alleluia!"* - We spent six and a half weeks of Lent preparing for the feast of Easter. We have now celebrated the feast of Christ's Resurrection with rejoicing, music, 'Alleluias', and due solemnity and some feasting. It all doesn't end with the Bank Holiday weekend! This week we have the Octave of Easter and we should note that the Easter season continues for fifty days to the feast of Pentecost. Life is not all sackcloth and ashes! The Liturgies of these Easter Sundays are rich in spirituality and provide us with opportunities for deeper reflective prayer and study on the reality of the Resurrection and its significance for each of us. The Risen Christ brings a new light and dimension to life, so we allow the light of the Resurrection to permeate our Christian living. The liturgy for this Sunday focuses on 'the whole group of believers'. We meet a group gathered behind locked doors, bound by fear. Jesus appears amongst them and greets them with His gift of 'Peace' and dispels their anxiety by showing them his hands and his side. With His gift of 'Peace' he breathed on them the Holy Spirit and empowered them for their mission. One of their number, Thomas, is missing. On his return, he refuses to believe what they told him. He wants to be honest with himself. Thomas has to deal with doubt and at the same time his desire to belong to the company of believers. Thomas has an inner conflict to resolve. Jesus respects Thomas' personal predicament and returns eight days later when Thomas is present. Jesus ministers directly to Thomas' doubt, and with the help of the Holy Spirit enable him to make his act of faith: "My Lord and my God". Faith is both personal and communal. Our personal act of faith is so often nourished and sustained by the faith of the larger community. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the community of believers and opening up to the spirit enables us to make that personal act of faith 'My Lord and my God'.

Sunday 28th April - This 2nd Sunday of Easter is also "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Back to Normal - On Monday 29th April, normal Mass times resume for each day with Mass at 10am & 6.30pm.

Easter Thanks - The Servite Friars wish to thank you all most sincerely for your very generous Easter offerings last Sunday. We thank you too for your Easter cards, gifts and good wishes to the Community. Be assured we shall remember you in our prayers.

First Holy Communion - 13th Session is on this Sunday 28th April 2019. A Parent Meeting with the Communion Team is also on this Sunday 28th April at 11am. The 14th Session will be on Wednesday 1st May for All Groups. Church Rehearsal 3.45pm to 4.45pm. First Communion Preparation will be on Sunday 5th May.

Feast of St. George - Tues 30th April is the Feast of St. George, Patron of England. Masses at the usual time 10am & 6.30pm.

Confirmation Programme - 4th Session will be on Sunday 12th May 5.30pm to 7pm, Mass follows.

Children's Liturgy Group: Will be held on next Sunday 5th May at the 10am Mass.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10am
(Spanish)	11.15am
	12.15pm
	7pm
Mon - Sat	10am
	6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri	6.15 - 6.30pm
Saturday	10.45 - 11.15am
	6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 11.15am

Rosary - Wednesdays
10.30am, followed by
Tea/Coffee in the Founders
Room.

Legion of Mary - Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is
on Thursdays at 11am in
the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Mon 29 th - St Catherine of Siena
Tues 30 th - St George
Wed 1 st - St Joseph the Worker
Thu 2 nd - St Athanasius
Fri 3 rd - Sts Philip & James
Sat 4 th - The English Martyrs