

Gospel Reflection

John 20:19-31

Thomas was a modern man, finding faith hard, like many people today. He was let down by the others who ran away, the leader denied Jesus, his trust in the group of apostles had been abused. He didn't want much more to do with them. He had got tired of it all. He wanted to believe but needed a sort of proof. But faith grows within a community. That's why we baptise children, because faith grows from the beginning of life. We find growth in our faith through the community - for example, in the Mass, shared rosary, sharing our faith in a group, a good spiritual book, sharing our doubts but never closing the door to Jesus, sharing our faith in thanks for what our faith gives us.

Source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 31st March)

Offertory collection (combined):
£643.81

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Ullapool & Gairloch St Martin of Tours

Account No: 10109462

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A/c name:

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LIGHT OF THE NORTH: the magazine for the Diocese of Aberdeen

The Easter 2024 edition is now available to download. You'll find plenty in this Easter issue to inspire and to celebrate including Bishop Hugh Gilbert's impressions of the new Diocesan Icon-Cross (p3); an opportunity to influence the future of Catholic education in Aberdeen (p12). Also, Fr Patrick Rice SJ explores how to have a real encounter and relationship with the risen Lord (p20); Eileen Grant asks the question, "Does God sing?" (p23); Lidia Konar explains the tradition of the blessing of the Easter baskets and Fr Benedict Hardy extols the art of beekeeping at Pluscarden Abbey (p.32).

Here is the link and please do share it: <https://bit.ly/LOTNSpringIssue552024>

New Church Statistics Reveal More Catholics, Fewer Vocations

The Holy See has published the 2024 Pontifical Yearbook and the 2022 Statistical Yearbook of the Church, detailing the numbers of bishops, priests, men and women religious, and deacons throughout the world.

The number of baptised Catholics has increased globally, rising from 1.376 billion in 2021 to 1.390 billion in 2022, a relative increase of 1.0%.

The global number of priests in the world in 2022, compared to that of 2021, decreased by 142 priests, going from 407,872 to 407,730.

Source: <https://www.Vaticannews.va>

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Sunday 7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday – B

Sunday Mass Time

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 9:00am
(Confessions, 1st Sun) no Mass 2nd Sunday

ST MARY'S ESKADALE

2nd Sunday in the month, 9:00am

ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL

1st 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, 2:30pm

ST MAELRUBHA'S POOLEWE

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 2:30pm

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FORT AUGUSTUS Sun 11:00am, Fri 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

Tues Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Wed Rosary @ 5:00pm (Marydale)
(each 2nd Wed in the month),
Mass 5:30pm (Marydale)
Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thurs Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Friday Mass 10:00am (Beauly)
Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)

Confession: call by the Parish House,
phone, or email to make an appointment.

Next Sunday 7th April 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday - B

Marydale 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am,

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Ullapool 2:30pm

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

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Mass Intentions

Sun: Page Family (God's grace and love)

Tues: Joseph McKeon (RIP)

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 8 April: The Annunciation of Our

Lord. Solemnity. The Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel of the imminent arrival of the long-awaited Messiah, born to the humble Virgin of Nazareth, shows us the Faith of Our Blessed Lady – unsure of what was really involved, she nonetheless agreed to God's plan.

Thurs 11 April: St Stanislaus (1030-1079). Bishop of Krakow. He berated King Boleslaw about his sexual behaviour. The King slew him while he was celebrating Mass, (others had drawn back from carrying out the King's orders to execute the Bishop.)

Sat 13 April: Pope Saint Martin I (598-655) was elected pope in 649. Imprisoned in Crimea by Emperor Constans, where he died, a martyr.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (APRIL)

Simon Fraser, Annie Robbie,
James Boreland

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Response: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,

but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

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SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot
him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's
children

if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten
by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

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The Word of The Lord
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SEQUENCE

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

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Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see

upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen

from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you
can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed
in the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
with you', and showed them his hands
and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he
said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them
and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of
the Twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We
have seen the Lord', he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails
made in his hands and can put my finger
into the holes they made, and unless I
can put my hand into his side, I refuse to
believe.' Eight days later the disciples
were in the house again and Thomas was
with them. The doors were closed, but
Jesus came in and stood among them.
'Peace be with you' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here;
look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no
longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My
Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and
yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they
are not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that believing this you may have life
through his name.

The Gospel of The Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH NO. 2

When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
