

speaks for many believers through the centuries, who have had doubts about their faith and needed extra assurance. We then have Saint Thomas's remarkable profession of faith when he does encounter the Risen Jesus the words of which have found their way into one of the memorial acclamations following the consecration at mass: *"My Lord and My God."*

Although not recorded directly in the Gospels many Saints have written about how the Risen Jesus appeared to Our Lady after his resurrection. She was not present with the other women who went to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning. Perhaps she has already encountered the Risen Lord.

St Teresa of Avila tells us in one of her visions of Christ: The Lord said to her, *"On my resurrection I went to Our Lady who was in great need.... and I stayed long with her for she was in very great need of consolation"*.

Saint Vincent Ferrer, the Spanish Dominican, says: *Jesus' first visit was to the Virgin Mary, His Mother, is expressly taught by St. Ambrose, where he says: 'Mary saw the Resurrection of Christ, and she was the first to see it.'*

Saint Vincent goes on to say: *"Mary had suffered more than anyone else in the Passion of Her Son. He, therefore, was sure to give her consolation in preference to all others... Mary had no doubt as to Her Son's rising again on the third day, for he had said that it should be so."*

In this context, we are reminded of the words of the ancient Christian prayer the *Regina Coeli* which celebrates the joy of Our Lady at the resurrection:

"Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia."

As we celebrate the fifty days of this Easter Season which brings us to Pentecost on Sunday June 5th, may we share Our Lady's joy at the resurrection so beautifully expressed in this prayer. After such sorrow, grief and heartbreak, she finally experienced the joy of Christ's rising from the dead and is now reunited in heaven with him and interceding for us all.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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*"Blessed are those who have not seen
but yet believe."*

24th April 2022

by Saint Thomas in today's Gospel. He was not present when the Lord appeared to the

In Robert Browning's poem, "A Death in the Desert", the last and youngest of the apostles, Saint John, is dying. The scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan writes that he looks back on his life and he wonders what will happen

after the death of the last person to know Jesus personally. He asks what will happen when:

There is left on earth

*No one alive who knew (consider this!)
Saw with his eyes and handled with his hands*

That which was from the first, the Word of Life.

How will it be when none more saith "I saw"?

Father Martin says that the question being asked in the poem is "What will happen when there is no one left who can say "I saw the Lord"? How can people who have never seen him possibly believe in the Lord?

This is exactly the dilemma faced



other apostles. Perhaps he was a bit stubborn or maybe disappointed to have missed the earlier encounter. There

may have been even shock on Saint Thomas's part as such a remarkable event was impossible to comprehend.

In any event, Saint Thomas gets another opportunity to meet the Risen Lord. Jesus appears again and gives us a new beatitude:

"Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe."

This beatitude is intended for all of us who have followed him faithfully down through the ages since then. Jesus is telling us that there is a "greater blessedness", as Father Martin describes it, for those who have faith in God without having seen him.

In his hesitation, Saint Thomas

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen
Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.



W.A.R.A. Bowls
 Next Monday Bowls
25th April 2022
 2p.m. to 4p.m.
 Main Hall, Parish Centre

COPD Support Group – Exercise, Socialise, Education
 COPD Support hold weekly exercise classes every Thurs. in the Parish Centre from 11.45a.m. – 12.45p.m. Fully qualified trainer. Suitable for all fitness levels. The group meet 10.30a.m. for coffee and chat before class. All very welcome.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK

Now in its ninth year, Ecumenical Bible Week, led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions, will run this year from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, 5-12 June. The overall theme for this year is 'A New Pentecost: Moving to the Edges'.
 As in previous years, EBW will have opening and closing prayer events. There will be a Theological Symposium on the afternoon of Thursday 9 June where the theme will be 'Listen to the Word'. That evening in Thinking Allowed a panel of Faith leaders will each give their 'Personal Vision of a New Pentecost'. A new event being introduced this year will focus on the experiences of the 'new' Irish.
 Check out the Ecumenical Bible Week's Website at www.bibleweek.ie for further information and to register for the events which will be online. You can also follow and share Ecumenical Bible Week's online posts on Facebook and Instagram.



Ministers of the Eucharist

The Roster for the month of May is now available in the Parish Centre on the table at Reception.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: John Kelly
 Desmond Fagan

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



We welcome in Baptism:

Barra Henry McCrone
Ciaran Patrick Regan

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

12th April 2022 results :

1st Jackpot 6 7 11 30 2nd Jackpot 4 21 25 26
 No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: G. Murphy: A. & M. Meehan:



B. & L. Devine: M. Mullery: P. Fannin: C. Byrne Devine: B. Mahon.

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 26th April 2022

Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 23rd April	7.00p.m.	Albert Ray – Month's Mind Eileen Kenny – Anniversary John Kenny – Remembrance Patrick O'Farrell, - Anniversary Margaret Blayney – Anniversary
Sun 24th April	10.30a.m.	Christopher Rafferty – Anniversary Decd. members of the Rafferty & McMahon Families Peggy O'Neill – Anniversary Peggy & Michael Kearns & daughter Teresa Doolan – Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Thomas Moore – 1st Anniversary Christy Hanley – Anniversary Timothy O'Sullivan – Anniversary Bridie Morrissey- Anniversary Vincent Morrissey – Remembrance
Mon 25th April	9.15a.m.	Jim Phelan – Anniversary Brendan Killeen – Anniv. & twin Colm – R.I.P.
Tues 26th April	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 27th April	9.15a.m.	Edward Towell – Birthday Remembrance Mona O'Donoghue – Anniversary
Thurs. 28th April	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri. 29th April	9.15a.m.	Winifred Watson – Anniversary
Sat 30th April	7.00p.m.	Nora O'Hanlon – Anniversary Jimmy Fitzpatrick – Anniversary
Sun 1st May	10.30a.m.	Available for Intention
	12.30p.m.	Noel Reddy – 1st Anniversary Christina Traynor – Anniversary
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Sun 24th April	10.00a.m.	Simon Kenny – Month's Mind
Wed 27th April	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 1st May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention