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**8 April Second Sunday Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

HURTING THOMAS

It would be so easy to read the passage from today's gospel about "doubting" Thomas and then just presume the lesson to be learnt is that it's all right to have doubts if you hang on to your faith. But if we look closer we might discover that it's not so much "doubting" Thomas that we see. It's more like "hurting" Thomas. He has invested all the energies of his past three years in something that looks as if it has ended in failure. His words show that he feels more let down than anything. Thomas is not so much the reasoned agnostic as the disheartened follower.

Most parishes have dozens if not hundreds of hurting Thomases. Some of them are young people who desperately want to believe in God, in a sense of purpose to life. They really do have deep spiritual feelings, but they feel that the Church is unable to harness these God-given yearnings. "All my kids have lost their faith" is something we often hear. Maybe they have not lost their faith, but they've probably lost yours.

Of course, there are many other people whose lives take them down paths that make their connection with the Church less than welcoming. It's not that they reject the Church. It's just that they can't see the point of the Church at this particular moment. But they desperately want to be part of the promise.

Interestingly, when Jesus meets Thomas after the resurrection he doesn't start a lesson on the faith with him. He just takes him as he is. In fact, he repeats Thomas's own words back to him... a sign of a wise counsellor.

Maybe the point of today's gospel is to remind us how easy it is to mistake confusion and disappointment for doubt. And perhaps we are being invited as a community to be more sympathetic to those who once worshipped and believed with us but who now feel that they are unable to stand up and profess their faith in God and the Church as in former days. We could start by acknowledging that we too have holes in our hands and our side.

Reflection – The World Goes On

If we pause for a moment and briefly forget all that we have to do.

If we can pause for those few moments and forget everything.

We will make a surprising discovery, that the world actually goes on without us. This means that all we do and all our rushing about is not as important as we imagine.

If we can realise this, that the world will actually go on without us, a healing process begins.

We begin to relax in the presence of God, We realise that the most important thing is just being ourselves. We surrender ourselves into his hands,

We are at peace. Even our dreams are put to sleep.

Author unknown

There are **Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**


God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us



Parish Noticeboard.

Social Welfare Information



Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm. **Just drop in – no appointment needed.**

Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club will take place every Thursday evening from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required.

New members very welcome



Ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. **Contact Joan O'Shea on 01 2824814** if you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Mother & Toddler Group – this group takes place each Tuesday of term time from 10.30 am to 11.45 am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome. Reopening after Easter break next Tuesday, 10th April.

Home Contact Group.

Would you or anyone close to you like a friendly person to call to see you once a week? The Home Contact Group visits people in their own homes for a chat, share a cuppa or just to say hello. Please let us know if you would like a visit. Please phone Yvonne on 085 124 8131 if interested.

Are you a good listener? Senior Help Line

are looking for man and women aged 55+ to train as phone line volunteers. See notice at back of church for more information or call Anne on 087 7450721.

Service of Remembrance for the Coombe Hospital will be held today, Sun, 8th April at 3 pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphins Barn, D.8

The **Parish Office** will re-open tomorrow, Monday, 9th April from 9 am to 5 pm. There is a great selection of cards for all occasions – 6 cards for €5. Gifts also available. Drop in and have a look. The **Coffee dock** is open after 10 am Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

St. Brigid's Parish

Cabinteely

18th Parish Golf

Classic

Thursday 17th May 2018

Old Conna Golf Club

Format: Rumble – 4 person teams – any combination.

Special Prizes – Ladies and Men Nearest the Pin / Longest Drive

Timesheet now open – only six lines remaining.

Entry Fee, incl golf and meal – €300 per team or €75 per person.

Meal served in Parish Centre from 8pm

Prize-giving at 9.30 pm

Sponsorship of Hole €100

Contact Parish Office 285 8835 to book your t-time (t-times from 12 noon to 3.30 pm).

Donations and Prizes would be most appreciated.



A Life Lived in God – Monastic Vocations Weekend at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Thurs 12th – Sun 15th April. www.rednuns.com or contact Sr Lucy – lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie

Divine Mercy Devotions

You are invited to join in Divine Mercy Devotions today, Sunday 8th April in the Chapel of Adoration, Disciples of the Divine Master, White's Cross. Commencing at 2 p.m. including a silent Holy Hour, Confessions, Mass at 3.45 pm, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Blessing with St Faustina Relic. All are welcome.

Accord Dublin – Recruiting

ACCORD is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Frances or Jennifer on 01 4784400

2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage – takes place Sat 21st April. More information from www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock