



Sick: James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Kate Moore, Luca Hurley and all Private Intentions.

Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK 2021:

Having had Easter Week services cancelled last year, it was wonderful to see our community come together again. We hope that you all had a blessed Easter weekend and were able to join our wonderful Masses either in person, or online, and felt a renewed sense of community. It was so beautiful to hear the enthusiasm and volume of the singing coming from our Church.

The feeling in our parish this year was one of renewal, hope, and a chance to reconnect. We were grateful to be able to share our Holy Week with you.



The Perspective of Justice - One Heart, One Mind

The Easter sacraments of initiation have called us to become a community of God's people. The program for this "community of believers is to be of one heart and one mind."

The Second Reading deals with the *one heart* part of being community: loving God and loving God's children. The Gospel deals with the *one mind* part of being community: belief in Jesus even among those who have not seen.

What is such a community like? Look at the Reading from Acts. The early church of Jerusalem respected the apostles and their witness to the resurrection, and along with that they shared their possessions.

Voluntarily surrendering their right to private ownership, they created a situation in which no one among them was needy. All members of the community had what they needed, or if they didn't have it, they got it from the community.

The passage from Acts does not attempt to impose on us a specific economic system. Rather, it tells us that whatever economic system the followers of Jesus Christ espouse, it had better be a system that provides for the needs of all the people.

A well-ordered human society requires that men recognise and observe their mutual rights and duties. It also demands that each contribute generously to the establishment of a civic order in which rights and duties are progressively more sincerely and effectively acknowledged and fulfilled.

It is not enough, for example, to acknowledge and respect every man's right to the means of subsistence. One must also strive to ensure that he actually has enough in the way of food and nourishment.

Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963: 31-32

Gerald Darring

Divine Mercy Sunday, 11th April 2021, instituted worldwide by Pope John Paul II in 2000, is held each year on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus promised that those who fittingly observe the Divine Mercy Feast will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all temporal punishment associated with sin.

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Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am
Rosary & Devotions: Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Adoration, Rosary & Chaplet: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Intercession & Adoration: None until further notice
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment
Reconciliation: By request
Weddings: By appointment - restricted numbers
Funerals: By appointment - restricted numbers

A Poem to Sit With

You get too
discouraged

you forget
you are learning
to walk

of course
you fall down

give yourself time

I am patient
with you
be more patient
with yourself

I have something
very special
in mind for you

something
only you can do

don't give up.

J.Janda

THE SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

*For the love of God is this, that we keep his
commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome.*

Lord,
through your
death and resurrection
you made peace with the world

By your grace let us love you,
and love one
another,

and spread your peace
throughout the
world.

Anne Osdieck

Today's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-25

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Week: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48