



Dominican Newsletter



St. Catherine's Church, Dominic Street, Newry.

12th April 2026 Tel: 028 3026 2178 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Masses: Vigil: Sat 7.30pm, **Sunday:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.

Weekdays: 7.30am, 11.00 am, 7.30 pm (incl. Vigil Sat.)

Confession: Saturday: 11.30am - 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 5.00pm

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Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31



Doubting Thomas

'Peace be with you' were the first words of Jesus after the Resurrection. The call to peace will always be at the top of our Christian faith and most important.

Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came to them and he would not believe unless he himself could see and touch the wounds.

We can be like Thomas looking for signs of God's presence and many can refuse to believe in God unless they see signs.

The 'eyes of faith' prove to us that Jesus is Risen.

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



"Mercy that saves the world"

Pope Leo XIV

On his recent visit to Monaco **Pope Leo** spoke about the importance of Mercy in situations of war: Faced with the persistence of evil, the pope recalled that God's justice acts as a source of hope and renewal: **"The Lord frees from pain by infusing hope, he converts the hardness of the heart by transforming power into service, precisely while manifesting the true name of his omnipotence: mercy."**

In this way he assured that it is '**mercy that saves the world**' because it takes charge of all human existence. **"in each of its weaknesses, from the moment it is conceived in the womb until it ages"** he added. --- **Divine Mercy Today**

**2.00pm Holy Hour,
(Confessions 1.45 – 2.45pm
Mass 3.00pm)**

Easter message of Pope Leo

During 'Urbi et Orbi' in his Easter Message Pope Leo mentioned the globalization of '**indifference**', the '**indifference**' to violence that we have, even good Christians and good Catholics,"

"We've been desensitized to it," he said.

"But if Christ has shown us anything, it is that power, the all-powerful God, wins the battle against sin and death not by violence or defeating it in some grand gesture of



war against evil. Rather, he abandons himself, he gives himself in service, he dies for it, and then he rises for it without losing an ounce of his dignity, an ounce of his power."

In his Easter message to the faithful, Leo reflected on the Resurrection of Christ, saying that **"Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred."**

Pope Leo's visit to Africa:

Pope Leo will undertake a 10 day Apostolic visit to Africa from tomorrow Monday 13th to 23rd April visiting **Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea.**

The Annual Plant Sale: This year the Plant Sale will take place outside the Church on Sunday 17th May.

The Collection for Easter Weekend's Masses came to £7,022 **Thank you!**

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TROCAIRE BOXES : We thank those who had Trocaire Boxes during Lent. Please leave your boxes in the Church sacristy or at the Lectio Centre.

Your donations are very much appreciated by Trocaire who are reaching out to the poor especially the poor in war torn countries.

Dominicans in Cuba

We hear much about the situation in Cuba and the problems caused by the shortage of fuel in that land.

Dominicans have had a presence in Cuba for many years.

The Dominican presence is a vicariate of the Province of Spain. They have Priors in Cuba and also in the Dominican Republic.



Dominicans in Cuba and Dominican Republic during the visit of Fr. Timoner O.P. Master of the Order.

For Easter the Cuban Government announced that it granted pardon to 2,010 detainees ahead of Easter after already releasing 14 prisoners on month ago. '**This is a "humanitarian" and sovereign gesture**' taking place within the context of the religious celebrations of Holy Week' said an official announcement by the Cuban Government.