

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**



### ❖ *Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection*

Easter Sunday is a day for celebration. This is the day that Christ broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not simply for himself but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death. His resurrection enables us to live our lives under the brightness of immortality. We have been brought back to true life with Christ.

### ❖ *First Reading: (Acts 10:34; 37-43)*

This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and Judge of the living and the dead.

### ❖ *Second Reading: (Col. 3:1-4)*

Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

### ❖ *Gospel: (Jn. 20:1-9)*

On their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of the resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples.

### *Reflection*

During the course of our lives  
We experience many losses and disappointments  
This brings home to us how fragile are our hopes  
And how brittle our dreams  
Lord may the splendour of your resurrection  
Scatter the shadows of death  
And enable us to walk in radiant hope  
Towards the kingdom where there are  
No more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

Blessed Easter Holy Water will be available in small bottles from the Sacristy during the coming week at 10.45am

Thank you very much to all who returned Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes. Your support is very much appreciated.

### *MASS INTENTIONS:*

All Masses on Easter Sunday are celebrated for the Intentions of the People of the Parish

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of:*  
Dillon Kelly RIP, Paul Anthony McDermott RIP and  
Michael Kinsella RIP

*Also, Bridie Hegarty, John McLaughlin, Madge Smith,  
Gerry McCarrick and Eileen O'Mahony  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.*