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April 17th/18th 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Third Sunday of Easter**

In the gospel Luke's primary concern is to show that the risen Christ is the same person the apostles had known prior to his crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life; Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

First Reading: (Acts 3:13-15; 17-19)

This reading is an early explanation of the Passion and an example of the early witness to the resurrection.

Second Reading: (1 John 2:1-5)

We show that we know God by keeping his commandments. But when we fail, Christ intercedes for us with the Father.

Gospel: (Luke 24; 35-48)

Jesus appears to the apostles, and commissions them to preach the gospel to all nations.

Reflection – Broken Bread

*God, whom we meet in bread and wine,
A body broken and blood outpoured.*

*Fill us with your compassion,
That we may hear the cries of the hungry
And reach out to those in need.*

*Roll away our apathy that with arms outstretched,
We may offer life in place of death.
And hope in the face of despair. Amen.*

Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes

Thank you to all who have sent in Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes for the support of the clergy of the Diocese. Envelopes can still be handed into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Your contributions are very much appreciated.

❖ **Ecumenical Bible Week 2021**

Running from Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May), Ecumenical Bible Week is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is *“Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities”*.

To Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

❖ **Pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased:**

Bernard Roche (junior) and Judy Tyrol.

❖ **Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Christy Hayes, Tom and Ina Boland,
Ethel Robinson (*Birthday Remembrance*),
Kathleen Frawley, Jerry Reidy,
Margaret Lacey, Gretta Hennigan,
deceased members of the Reilly Family,
, Julie Brophy, Breda Coghlan,
Mary Bergin (*Remembrance*) and Oliver Leahy (*Remembrance*),**

May they Rest in Peace.