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SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe' (John 20:29)
In the Gospel of the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as Low Sunday), we listen to St John's account of the Apostle Thomas' struggle with faith. It is the story that gives him the name "Doubting Thomas." Of course Jesus did not dismiss or abandon Thomas for doubting. Just as Jesus understood Thomas' doubts, and gave Him another chance, He understands our doubts and fears too and does not abandon or give up on us. It is often in times of despair, fear or uncertainty that we turn to Jesus in faith and experience His enduring presence in our lives. These moments of grace bring the peace and reassurance that only faith can bring. We thank God today for the gift of faith and the joy of knowing that, wherever we are on our faith journey, He never abandons us. In the words of Thomas, we pray, "My Lord and my God".

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am and Thursday 10.00am

Masses in Castlederg are also livestreamed on www.parishofcastlederg.com
Monday, 7.30pm and Friday 10.00am

WEEKEND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

AREA B: 7.30PM

Trienamongan, Legatonegan, Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh areas.

AREA C: 11.00AM

The Laughts, Garvagh, McNally Park, Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter, and Meenamullan

All Masses are available via our parish webcam, www.aghyaranparish.com

St Patrick's, Castlederg

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm

(Masses in Castlederg are livestreamed on www.castledergparish.com)

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to **£2,496** (including euros) and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled **£1,674** (including euros). Standing Orders and online payments for March totalled: **£1,117**. Thanks to all who make their contribution to the church by this method. Envelopes can continue to be left at the Parochial House.

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION: If you have not yet returned your Trócaire box, you can bring it along to the church or Parochial House. In so far as possible, you are asked to include notes or cheques only, for ease of counting in general and, in particular, to reduce the level of risk for the counters – thank you to so many people for your co-operation in this regard. The returns made via the parish for the Trócaire collection has been most generous to date and will, of course, be eligible for the 'matched funding' offer by the government.

Easter Prayer (from the Family Prayer Book)

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,

For He is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death You raise us with Him and renew Your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ

And help us to grow as Your people towards the fullness of eternal life with You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen