



# **ST CHARLES BORROMEIO PARISH**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 24TH APRIL 2022

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;  
Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope  
Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection.

Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

### Second Reading:

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

### Gospel:

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?



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## St Charles' SSVP



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the SSVP has been able to donate on a regular basis to the following:

St Charles' School  
Women's Aid  
The Food Bank  
Greggs vouchers  
First Communion Class  
Confirmation Class  
Promotion of Miraculous Medals  
Westerfield Nursing Home  
SCIAF for Afghanistan  
SCIAF for Ukraine  
Helping families with fuel payments  
Helping families set up home  
Our Lady of the Wayside  
Jericho House

**Wishing you all a most sincere thank you  
and every blessing this Easter.**

games and arts & crafts and a lovely snack. Please come along – it will be great fun!

### **A Series of Talks on the Divine Praises for Young Adults**

The first talk of the series will be on **The Holy Trinity** by Father Joe McGill. This will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** in St. Mirin's Cathedral and will be followed by Benediction and an opportunity to socialise over drinks. A list of all other talks can be found on the Diocesan website [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk)

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

This Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April there will be a celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary's Church, beginning with a Holy Hour at 4pm led by Deacon John Morrison and Holy Mass at 5pm celebrated by Bishop John Keenan and Fr. Joe Burke. Please come along and join us.

### **Divine Mercy Monthly Devotions**

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at **7 p.m.** followed by Adoration on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** which will be celebrated by Monsignor Joe Burke at St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. All are welcome. These devotions are held on the last Wednesday of every month.

### **The SSVP 'Soup Kitchen'**

This will be fully open for business on Friday evening at Holy Trinity & Saint Barnabas (Episcopal) Church, Moss St, Paisley. Clients will be served a three-course meal within the premises from 18.45 until 19.45. This will be the schedule each Friday evening until further notice. As restrictions continue to be lifted, some rules will be applied to those attending for the safety and wellbeing of volunteers and clients alike.

If any parishioners would care to volunteer for duties at the kitchen, please contact Thomas Barr (President, Our Lady of the Wayside special works conference) on 07730 929140.

### **Safeguarding Training – PART TWO**

#### **Church Volunteers**

There will be Part Two training sessions taking place on:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in St. Mirin's Parish Hall, Paisley**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, Port Glasgow**

Safeguarding Part Two Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level One, more than eighteen months ago. If you would like to attend one of these training sessions please contact **SarahJane Colhoun** on **0141 847 6138** or [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk)

### **Collection Envelopes**

New Envelopes are now available for those wish to use Envelopes for their Sunday Collection. There are three types of envelopes available:

- 1. For those who Gift-Aid donations;**
- 2. For non Gift-Aided donations;**
- 3. For those with a Standing Order who wish to Gift-Aid special collections.**

These will be available in the hall after Mass.

### **Parish Confirmations**

The children of P7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday and Tuesday evening this week. Please keep them in your prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Council will meet in the hall after the 7.00pm Mass this coming Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### **St. Conval's Cemetery Mass**

You are invited to attend the celebration of Mass at St. Conval's Cemetery, Barrhead this weekend, **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm**. The principal concelebrant will be Bishop John Keenan.

### **Sunday Tea Bar and Children's Corner**

Please come along on a Sunday after 1000am Mass and enjoy a lovely cuppa with friends. You will be made to feel most welcome. We also have a children's corner with books,

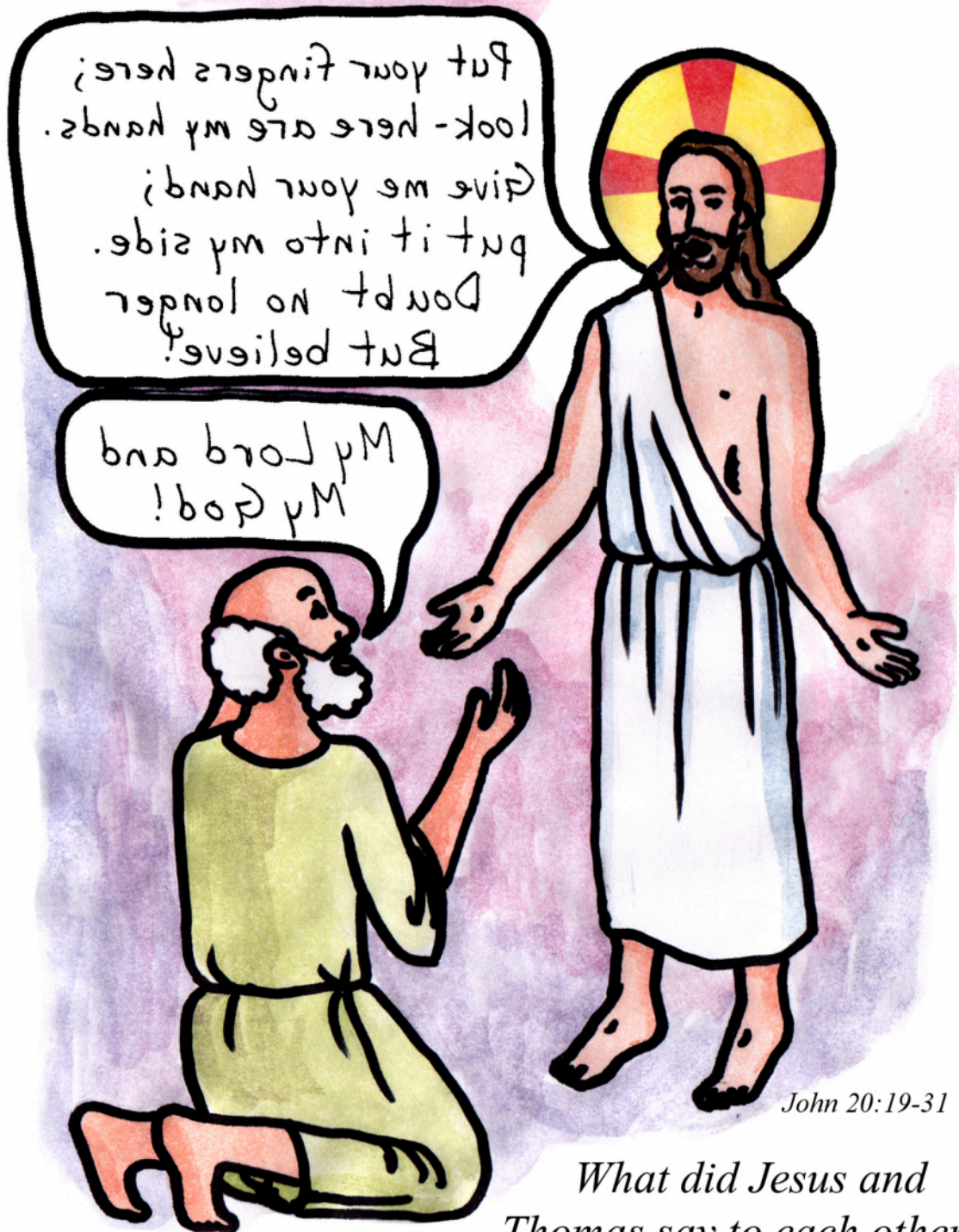


# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24th, 2022



John 20:19-31

*What did Jesus and  
Thomas say to each other?*

*Look in the mirror to find out!*



# *True or False:*

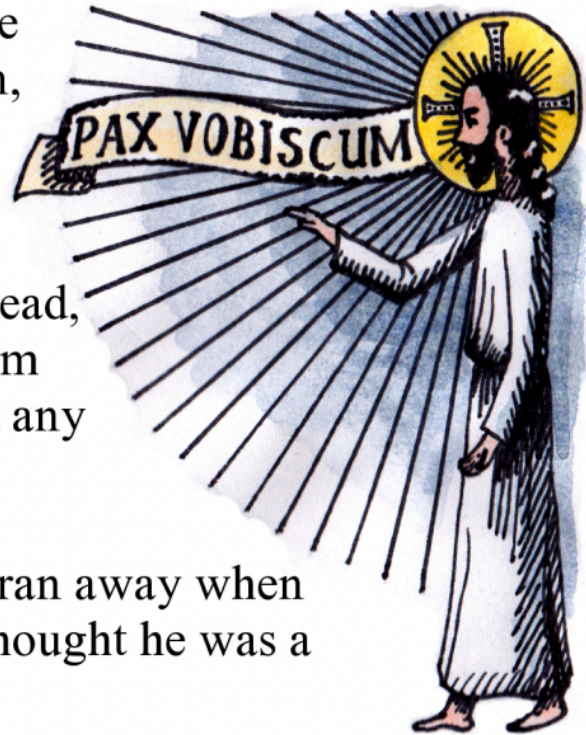
## *When Jesus Came to the Apostles*

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?



5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?







# Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

## *Jesus, I Trust in You!*

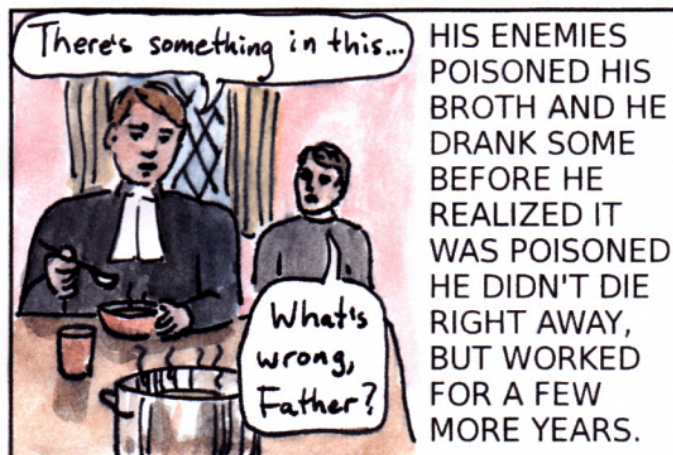
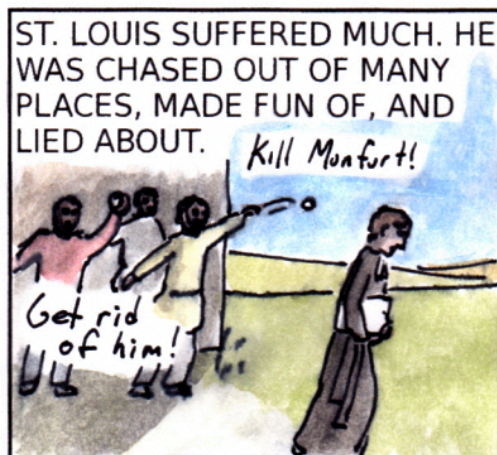
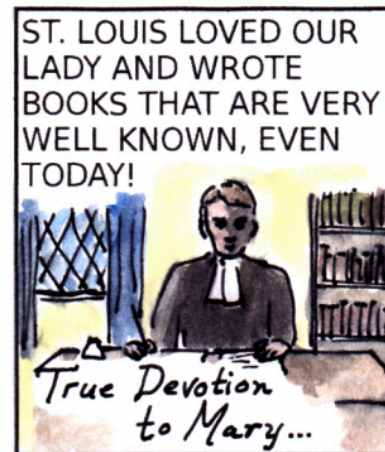
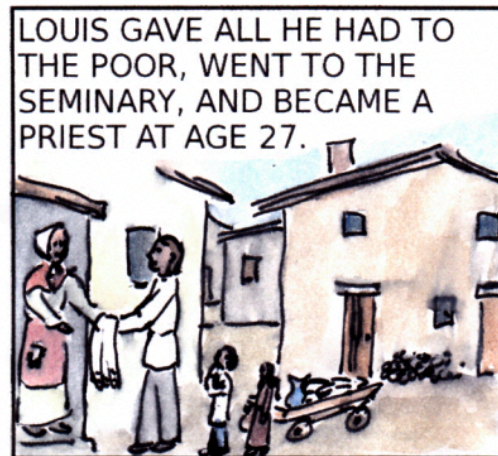
Answers to True or False:  
1.true 2.false 3.false 4.true 5.true 6.false 7.true

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# Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

April 28



SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!



