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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday between
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Mary Magdalene Remembers



"I awoke in the dark that Sunday with my eyes swollen from weeping. For a moment, I could not remember why, and then it all came back to me in a sickening rush, and my stomach lurched. My beloved friend and teacher was dead! My head ached from the memories. I dressed quickly that Sunday. I had a terrible sense of urgency because Jesus' body had been placed in a tomb, but there hadn't been time to anoint the body properly. Awash in memories, I finally arrived at the garden, where the birds were just awakening. What happened next still makes me shiver with fear. I looked at the grave and noticed the stone covering the entrance was gone! In a panic, I started running until I got to the house where Peter and John were staying. I'll never forget the look on their faces when I told them someone had taken the Lord's body from the tomb. Without saying a word, they began running to the garden, with me following behind. When they got to the tomb, I watched them examine it to see that it really was empty. Instead of staying with me and trying to figure out what had happened, they left, but I felt I had to stay. I was overcome with grief, and the tears began flowing again. And then, stooping down, I peered into the black mouth of the tomb, and I was utterly astonished and mystified to see two glowing figures in shimmering clothing, sitting where Jesus' body had been. They asked me, "Woman, why are you weeping?" I told them about Jesus and my fear that someone had stolen his body. Then, I don't know why, something made me turn around, and I saw a man standing there. He had to be the gardener, and I immediately suspected he had stolen the body. He said just one word: "Mary." And right away, I knew it was Jesus. You see, no one ever spoke my name with such kindness. He gave me a message for the others: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." I have often wondered why Jesus revealed himself to me, of all people. But then I recalled the question he had asked me: "Why are you weeping?" And I remembered something that had touched me deeply about Christ: He could never bear to see someone cry."



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and St. Bride's,
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Liturgy of the Week - Second Week of Easter

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS <i>RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention</i>	ST BRIDE'S <i>Fr Duncan McVicar Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	<i>Margaret Brawley (BM)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL Divine Mercy Sunday (A) Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 13TH APRIL 2nd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Rona McPhee (RD)</i>			
TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL 2nd Week in Eastertide Morning Prayer at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Alex McPherson (A)</i>	Morning Prayer at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL 2nd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Eddie Fisher (RD)</i>			Eucharistic Service at 10am
THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL 2nd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>Jim Fleeting (RD)</i>		Holy Mass at 10am	
FRIDAY, 17TH APRIL 2nd Week in Eastertide Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am Benediction at 10.30am <i>[refreshments afterwards]</i>	<i>Maria Hilferty (RD)</i>	Holy Mass at 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL Third Sunday of Easter (A) at 5.30pm	<i>Philomena, Kevin and Patrick Doherty (A)</i>		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TODAY

Sister Faustina (1905-1938) was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonised Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**
Jim McEwan, Peter
Brawley, Monica Taylor,
Catherine Dalton,
Louise Milligan,
May Cavani, Baby Twins
Sandi and Tigerlily
Allison, Neil Watson.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED RECENTLY**
Sister Dominic Savio C.P.
Father Helmut Muller

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Father Gabriel Kigozi 2011, Helen Theresa Magee 2000, George Monaghan 2004, Phyllis Poole 2015, Father David Barr 2012, Thomas Clarke 2019, Martha Lynas 2009, Jessie Stevens 2000, David Walsh 1962, Janie Clark 2010, James McKibben 2002, Margaret Spencer 1954, Ann McEvoy 1980, John McLaughlin 2020, Kathleen O'Donnell 2011, Francis Joseph Smith 1999, Jean Taylor 2006, Cliff Atkey 2000, Arthur Jenkins 2015, Francis McEvoy junior, Jean Robertson 2009, Mary Ann Walsh 1955, Noelle Collins 2007, Francis Coulter 1976, Marie McCarroll 1982, Rosina McPeake, William McPeake, William Main 2007, Robert Tracy 2000.

▪ **Parish Meeting at St Peter's for Restoration Update**

A date for your diary. We are holding an open meeting in the St Peter's Parish Centre on Sunday, 19th April 2026 at 11:30am (after the Sunday Mass) to bring everyone up to speed regarding the restoration of the Church building. All welcome!

▪ **Bible Group at St Peter's**

Please remember that the next Meeting of the Bible Group at St Peter's will be on Tuesday, 14th April at 7pm in the Parish House. Everyone is very welcome!

▪ **Sacrament of Baptism at St Peter's**

We welcome to the Family of the Church Isabella Clarke who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

▪ **Wedding - Cal Lowey and Lauren Cahill**

We are delighted to announce the Wedding of Cal Lowey and Lauren Cahill at St Peter's this coming Saturday. We wish them a "love for a lifetime".

▪ **Every Blessing for Lianne Dougan on Saturday**

We wish Lianne and all her family every blessing and joy for her Baptism and Confirmation at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 18th April at St Peter's. We wish Lianne and her Sponsor Thomas Dougan every grace.



Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,

We trust in You

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope,

We trust in You

▪ **Doubting Thomas fits in well with God's Mercy**

The Risen Christ appears to the twelve on Easter Sunday evening. Or rather, I should say he appeared to the ten. Judas, the traitor, had taken his own life. And Thomas, the twin, missed the occasion. When Thomas returns to the group, he refuses to believe them. He demands empirical proof submitted personally "Unless I put my finger in the nail marks in his hands and place my hand in his side,

I will not believe." This sounds more like a pouting of a child than the words of an apostle. In justice, Jesus could have just said "enough." Thomas had already seen so much. Acts 1 tells us that Judas was replaced by Matthias. This ungrateful skeptic could easily have been replaced as well. But Jesus does not deal with us by virtue of strict justice. No, he comes to us in mercy, giving us what we do not deserve. And that's how he dealt with this doubter. A week later, he gives him what he asked for. Imagine how badly Thomas yearned to eat his words as he put his hand into the sacred side of the New Adam. Thomas the Doubter and the other apostles spread a story in which they look real bad. And for it they receive not privilege but persecution and death. So why do they spread the story? Because it's the truth. And because it's a proclamation of the Divine Mercy of God who does not reject the weak, and the doubting but instead gives them the power to become strong, loving, and wise. "Behold," says Jesus, "I make all things new." (Rev 21:5)



A man was blissfully driving along the motorway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colourful Bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong. "I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. What should I do?" The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs waved its paw at the two of them and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again! The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

→ **St Peter's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 5th April: £891.23
Building Fund for 5th April: £463.55
Holy Places on 3rd April: £797.48



→ **St Bride's Parish Stewardship** ←

Offertory for 5th April: £419.50
Holy Places on 3rd April: £228.27



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