

# PARISH OF ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG

*St Mary's, Dregish · St Patrick's, Castlederg · St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey*

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## SUNDAY 11 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 THIS WEEK

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Monday, 7.30pm and Friday, 10.00am

*Masses in Aghyaran are also livestreamed on [www.parihofaghyan.com](http://www.parihofaghyan.com):*

*Weekday Masses in Aghyaran: Tuesday 10.00am, Thursday 10.00am.*

#### SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

##### St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

*Attendance at the Sunday Mass is by booking only:*

*please ring the parish office between 11.00am and 2.00pm on Thursday or Friday (028 816 71393)  
or email at any time ([castledergparish@derrydiocese.org](mailto:castledergparish@derrydiocese.org))*

*All Masses continue to be available via our parish webcam, [www.castledergparish.com](http://www.castledergparish.com)*

##### St Mary's, Dregish:

9.00am, open to the Drumlegagh, Baronscourt, Letterbin, Envagh, Leglands and Tullymuck areas

##### St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey:

12.30pm, open to the Castlebane, Drumnabey Road, Scarvagherin, Goland, Drumnabey Park and Gamble Park areas

**Masses in Dregish and Drumnabey can be viewed via the parish webcam:**

**[www.castledergparish.com](http://www.castledergparish.com): click the 'mobile' button**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to £4,182. I also acknowledge with gratitude a £500 donation. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House or, of course, can be brought to the church by those attending for Mass. Sincere thanks also to those who contribute by Standing Order and those who make online payments: for the month of March these amounted to £1,877. Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation collection: thank you for your contributions to this collection, which amounted to £1,008.

**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 have been most generous to date and will, of course, be eligible for the 'matched funding' offer by the government.

**ST MARY'S, DREGISH – Live-streaming:** An engineer visited the church this week in the hope of resolving the teething problems we have been experiencing. He identified the problem as internet instability. For the time being, we are implementing a 'work-around' which should temporarily resolve the matter and we will hopefully get a more permanent solution in the near future. Apologies to all those who have been tuning in this last couple of weeks and thanks for your patience! Thanks also to those who provided feedback.

#### 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.