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EASTER SUNDAY
Year C Psalter Week 1

Monday	22.04.19	**11.00am**	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Thursday	25.04.19	12.30pm	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Friday	26.04.19	9.00am	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER *No Friday abstinence*
Saturday	27.04.19	6.00pm	Vigil Mass

NEXT SUNDAY 28th April 2019
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C Psalter Week 2
10am & 12noon and Mass in Portuguese at 5.00pm
1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 followed by Psalm 117
2nd Reading: Book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Rest in Peace
Kevin Murtagh
Ana Diaz – 25th anniversary
Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Last week's collection
Envelopes £126.07 Loose Plate £242.65
TOTAL £368.72
Average weekly Standing Order income £300.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

St Thomas More's is setting out to become a *Live*Simply parish. We made a great start at our meeting last Sunday and have agreed to hold further meetings on **Sunday 28th April at 11.15 and 1.15** [after our 2 masses] to plan our LiveSimply actions. Everyone is welcome to attend. Help St Thomas More and all our parishioners to live simply, to live sustainably and in solidarity with the poor.
Any questions, please contact Margaret Pitt E: mmpitt@gmail.com M: 07581733978
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Please note that there will be **NO LUNCH CLUB** for two weeks. **LUNCH CLUB WILL RESUME on Thursday 2nd May** after the 12.30pm Mass

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS monthly gathering on Saturday 27th April at 3.30pm. All parishioners are welcome for The Rosary & Benediction at 4.30pm.

Stations of the Resurrection - The purple Lenten banner has gone revealing the stations of the Resurrection. These stations were painted for Fr Clive by the contemporary icon writer Caroline Lees. There is also a book based on them entitled 'The Way to Life'. During the Easter Season Fr Clive will reflect on one of the stations after the weekday Mass. **The Paschal Candle** was painted by a parishioner & icon writer Walter Bowie. The Cross mirrors the Cross on the church windows.

Death is not just a fate that we meet at the end of life. We see death all around us in the midst of life. This point was made movingly by the German theologian Jurgen Moltmann in an Easter sermon: *"Death is an evil power now, in life's very midst. It is the economic death of the person we allow to starve; the political death of the people who are oppressed; the social death of the handicapped; the noisy death that strikes through bombs and torture, and the soundless death of the apathetic soul."*

To accept this litany of death as inevitable is to empty the resurrection of its power for today. A resurrection faith faces the cross and protests against the finality of that violence. Our faith educates our hope that we will participate in Jesus' resurrection on the last day. This is Easter in our midst; it is the refusal to accept that anyone should be left for dead.

Fr Denis McBride, C.Ss.R.