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Parish Office - Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April 2024. Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran & St. Joseph's Ballyshannon). Website: www.magheneparish.ie Facebook: Magh Ene Parish Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

#### Mercy is love's second name:

Beloved in Christ, Today, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy—a day that holds profound significance for all of us as we reflect on the boundless love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Feast of Divine Mercy, established by St. Pope Paul John II, invites us to meditate on the unfathomable depths of God's mercy, as revealed to us through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a day to rejoice in the assurance that no matter our sins or shortcomings, God's mercy is always available to us, ready to forgive, heal, and restore.

In the Gospel of Matthew 5:7, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy". These words remind us that as recipients of God's abundant mercy, we are called to extend that same mercy to others. This act of mercy is not merely a gesture of kindness but a reflection of our identity as followers of Christ.

The Divine Mercy devotion, as revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), draws our attention to the importance of trusting in God's mercy and seeking His forgiveness with contrite hearts. Through the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the veneration of the Divine Mercy image, we are reminded of God's promise of mercy for those who call upon Him with faith.

In the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15, 11-32), Jesus illustrates the depth of the Father's mercy, eagerly welcoming back His wayward child with open arms and lavish generosity. This parable serves as a powerful reminder that no matter how far we may have strayed, God's mercy is always waiting for us, ready to embrace us and welcome us home.

But our celebration of Divine Mercy does not end with receiving God's mercy—it compels us to become vessels of mercy ourselves. In his encyclical "Dives in Misericordia," St. Pope John Paul II writes, "Mercy is love's second name." As followers of Christ, we are called to embody His love and mercy in our interactions with others, showing compassion, forgiveness, and kindness to all whom we encounter.

As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. let us take comfort in the assurance of God's unfailing love and mercy. Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing that we will find mercy and grace in our time of need. And let us be inspired to share the gift of mercy with all those whom we encounter, becoming beacons of God's love and compassion in a world in need of healing and reconciliation.

May the celebration of Divine Mercy fill our hearts with joy and gratitude, as we

marvel at the depths of God's love for us. And may we, in turn, become ambassadors of mercy. bringing hope and renewal to all who long to experience the transforming power of God's mercy in their lives.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your mercy, poured out for us through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace to trust in your mercy, to seek your forgiveness with contrite hearts, and to become vessels of mercy to all whom we encounter. May the celebration of Divine Mercy fill us with joy and gratitude, and may we share the gift of mercy with all those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### Confessions in Bundoran Church:

Every Saturday from 5pm to 6pm.

Coeliacs: gluten intolerance hosts are available, please contact a member of the Sacristan team.

## St. Joseph's Church, The Rock: Sunday - April 7th at 10am:

Gracie Breslin (West Port).

Paul & Dec Mbs Coyle Family (Laughill).

Canon McGourty P.E. will announce on a day to day basis his availability for Mass etc.

### Sunday - April 14th at 10am:

Jack & Bridie White (Assaroe Road). PJ Ward (Saimer Drive).

Church Finances: March 30th & 31st 2024:

St Joseph's Offertory Collection:

Envelopes: €388.20 Baskets: €222.00

Total: €610.20

St Joseph's Development Fund:

Envelopes: €158.00 Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea.

Envelopes: €1,000.00 Baskets: €2,090.00

Total: €3,090.00

# Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran.

Saturday - April 6th Mass at 7pm

Seamus McGovern (Ardfarna) M.M. Malachy Hamrogue (West End). Patrick & Bridget Carty (West End). James Connolly (Castlegal & Bundoran).

Sunday – April 7th Mass at 8.30am:

Thomas & Mamie Campbell & Dec Mbs McNulty Family (East End).

Sunday—April 7th Mass at 11am: People of the Parish.

Monday - at 10am.

Mary Gabriel McGrath (Finner Avenue).

Tuesday – at 10am.

Private Intentions.

Wednesday – at 10am. Prayer Service.

Thursday – at 10am.

Brenda O'Sullivan (West End).

Friday - at 10am.

Private Intentions.

Saturday - April 13th Mass at 10am Private Intentions.

Saturday - April 13th Mass at 7pm

Denis & Della Porter (Church Road). Pat Barrett (Single Street). Mary & Tommy Keenan Jnr (Ardfarna).

Sunday—April 14th Mass at 8.30am:

Margo Devanney & Dec Mbs Campbell Family (St. Brigid's Tce).

Sunday—April 14th Mass at 11am: People of the Parish.



May all who died recently Rest in Peace.

Vincent Burns (Elaghmore, West End). Michael Walsh (Church Road). Colin Geagan (Silverhill, West End).

May the Lord protect, guide and help us in the week to come.