

Saint John Paul II and April.

Pope John Paul died on 2nd April 2005 and was canonised on 27 April 2014.

to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe.

John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as the right to life, artificial contraception, the ordination of women, and a celibate clergy, and although he supported the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, he was seen as generally conservative in their interpretation. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate.

As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 and canonised 483 people, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated many of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests.

John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX. He was the first non-Italian pope since the 16th-century Pope Adrian VI.

He was canonised on 27th April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII.

It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II (22nd October) is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

Pope John Paul II (18th May 1920 – 2nd April 2005) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 until his death in 2005. He was born Karol Jozef Wojtyła in Wadowice in southern Poland on 18th of May 1920 and moved to Kraków in 1938. After suffering under the German occupation of Poland he was eventually ordained priest in November 1946 and in July 1956 he was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Krakow. On 13th January 1964, he was appointed Archbishop of Kraków and on 26th June 1967, Paul VI announced Archbishop Karol Wojtyła's promotion to the Sacred College of Cardinals

He was elected pope by the second papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after 33 days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted the name of his predecessor in tribute to him.

John Paul II is recognised as helping

### Saints of the Week

Tues 13 St Martin I, pope and martyr

'Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves.'

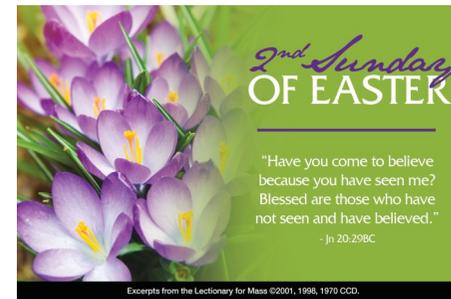
St John Paul II



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### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11th April 2021



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 6 pm Vigil Sat 10th April 2021:-

Angelita Tamaray n Recently Deceased  
Jerry & Bridie Carroll Anniversaries  
Danny Spain Anniversary

#### 11.30 am Mass Sun 11th April 2021:-

Ruth Farley Recently Deceased  
George & Phyllis Gallagher Anniversaries  
John A Carrick & Derek Green Anniversaries  
Hugh & Margaret Mc Ginn Anniversaries  
Tom Guckian 1st Anniversary

#### Months Minds:-

Joseph Conneely John Mc Dermott  
Eamonn Mc Keon Andrew (Andy) Seville  
Rita Mc Kiernan John (Jack) Phelan  
Liam (William) Diamond  
Imelda Byrne Bette Garland

#### Other intentions

#### Recently Deceased:-

Geralyn Byrne Mary Ferguson  
Nanette O' Callaghan Monica Coulson  
Noel Glendon Des O' Brien  
Agnes & Martin Rowland Anniversaries  
Sr. Patricia Kelly 1st Anniversary  
Bernard King 1st Anniversary  
Frances Conlan 5th Anniversary

#### Recently deceased

Jean O'Byrne  
Sheila Creagh  
Alannah Dunn  
May they rest in peace



#### Intentions contd.

Anniversary  
Dr. Brian Mc Govern Jimmy Reid  
Jim Fortune Michael Dunne  
Mary Holmes Martin Whelan

Birthday Remembrance:-  
Donal Graham



*there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid.'*

Today's Gospel shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (*Shalom*) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'. Who can you reach out to today?

*Intercom Depend*

**April 11, 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*, he says 'To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because



Sincere thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes, in full compliance with public health restrictions, to make the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter as accessible as possible to parishioners via the webcam in these difficult times. We hope that the experience has been a positive one for everyone. We are very much aware of the strong presence of our parishioners, even in absence while the Church remains closed. We look forward to the day when we will all be together again. In the meantime, we are deeply grateful for the unstinting support and encouragement we continue to receive. Thank you to one and all.

**The Parish Team.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST READING**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32-35)

**PSALM**

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end'  
(Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24)

**SECOND READING**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. (1 Jn 5:1-6)

**GOSPEL**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. (Jn 20:19-31)

**FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB**

Our next April public meetings are via ZOOM on:

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> and TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**AT 8.00 P.M. SHARP**

**13<sup>th</sup> April MAIN TALK**  
**POWER TO THE PEOPLE** - From Ardnacrusha to Deansgrange.  
**By Michael Hughes**

**20<sup>th</sup> April MAIN TALK**  
**MUTINIES IN THE EARLY 20th CENTURY**  
By Éanna De Búrca

**INVITE FOR THESE ZOOM MEETING:**  
Members will receive an e-mail with the invite password.  
Non-Members, please send an email to: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for a password to this meeting.



**SUMMER GARDENING WORKSHOP**

With Suzanne O'Neill who will answer all your gardening questions

Learn how to create and maintain the perfect hanging basket that will give you colour throughout the summer using flowers suitable for sun or shade. What summer bedding to choose and when to plant  
Flower and vegetable seeds that can be sown in early summer

Starts: **Tuesday, 13th April**

Where: **Zoom**

Time: **11.am**

For more information or to book a place contact

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