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Sunday 19th April 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter Year A

Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).

Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.

If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:

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SCIAF – WEE BOX, BIG THANKS

Thank you to everyone in the parish for supporting SCIAF's Lenten Appeal. You can return your WEE BOXES once it is safe to open our Churches again. Thank you once again for your great generosity.

Wishing you all a joyful Easter.

This year the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal has received UK Aid Match. This means that all public donations up until 20th May to the appeal will be doubled by the UK Government.

Parish Pilgrimage: 11- 13 September 2020

We still hope to run this year's trip to Durham and Linsdisfarne so please keep the dates in your diary. There is no need to pay any deposits at this time. To fill in your spare time at the moment you may be interested to watch a programme featuring Lindsisfarne which was recently shown on TV called ***Villages By the Sea***. It will be available on BBC iplayer.

One World Group

In these difficult times, the One World Group members will be praying the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

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Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.

Newsletter

Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email cmulvenna@btinternet.com

If you know of anyone who would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, please let me know by emailing me as above.

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## **Gospel, John 20: 19-31 – Eight days later, Jesus came in**

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. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, “Peace be with you,” and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”

After saying this he breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; For those whose sins you retain, they are retained.”

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, “We have seen the Lord”, he answered, “Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.” Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. “Peace be with you” he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, “Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.” Thomas replied, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him:

“You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

There were many other signs that Jesus worked, and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

### ***Reflecting on our Faith – Encouraging others***

**This week’s gospel:** John 20:19-31 *Appearance to the disciples; Thomas*

#### **Reflecting on our Faith during this week: Encouraging others**

Adults: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Children: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

Just a thought: Doubt doesn’t always weaken faith – but often strengthens it, if we explore it. Share something of yourself with someone whom you trust. Listen for the Spirit in their response.

**Preparing for next week’s gospel:** Luke 24:13-35 *Emmaus*

#### **Reflecting on our Faith during this week: Recognising the Lord**

Adults: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Children: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

Just a thought: Jesus accompanies all our journeys. He’s present every week in our fellow parishioners.