

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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The book in which the texts of the Mass is written is called the Missal. It has instructions or commentary for the celebrant that are usually written in red ink and are called the rubrics. The word rubric is from the Latin rubrica meaning red chalk or colouring. In the current Missal as in its predecessor, there is a rubric that says, 'Only in Ireland'. There is one line of the Mass that may be used only in Ireland. The story is that when the Missal was being translated from the older Latin language Mass into English, an Irish bishop requested that an exception be made when the four traditional acclamations or antiphons following the consecration were being listed. They are introduced as the 'mystery of faith'. In the previous Missal there was four that were listed a b c and d. Under e was the Irish exception. The bishop had apparently explained that there was a long-standing practice in Ireland of saying, 'My Lord and my God' following the consecration. To this day it is the only one that I use.

Saint Thomas has left his mark as surely as he was convinced by the marks on Christ's resurrected body. He refused to be convinced by the testimony of others or by reports of apparitions and he provided the opportunity for Jesus to demonstrate the strange quality of his presence after the Resurrection. The risen Jesus with his wounds was somewhat the same as the crucified Jesus yet he was no longer subject to physical laws of time and space. Thomas saw and believed. Jesus, having convinced Thomas of his resurrection, left the disciples with what is called a 'final beatitude'. We may remember the eight beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe may be added as a ninth beatitude. Thomas, the twin, is still known to us popularly as 'Doubting Thomas' yet his statement of belief is the shortest and most succinct of all. His very concrete expression of doubt became the springboard to faith. It is said that Thomas eventually travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the gospel, eventually reaching as far as the Malabar Coast which is in modern day Kerala State in India. Many of the Indian nationals that we now have working in our health service and who have become part of catholic congregations and priests trace their faith tradition back to Saint Thomas who is often regarded as the patron saint of India.

Sat Apr 15th 7 30p.m. Av	Claire Dunne Tommy McCabe John Callan John and Moya Gregory and Dec'd of Durnin fam.
Sun Apr 16th 10 30 Av	Paddy Byrne Lal Callan
Month's Mind Sun April 16th 11 30 Av	Anthony Cunningham Kelly and Halpenny fam dec'd. Tom Cosgrove.
Tues Apr 18th 10 a.m. B. Rem	Peadar Halpin
Wed Apr 19th 10 a.m.	Catherine Murphy
Sat Apr 22nd 7 30 p.m.	Michael and Christine Brennan. Patk and Eileen Pepper and Pat Pepper. Jim Harmon James and Agnes Harmon Jimmy O Connor and Jamie Kirwan and Patk O Connor.
Sun Apr 23rd 10 30 a.m.	Wm Carroll
Sun Apr 23rd 11 30	Tommy, Peggy and Tom Grimes.
M. Mind	Eileen Callan