

Thought for the week
Second Sunday of Easter — 8th April 2018

Jesus said
“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”

This is my favourite lines in St. John’s Gospel—it is clear and succinct, and speaks directly to us. It is a promise full of hope.

But sometimes it may feel it is hard to maintain the belief in that hope.

I have moments I falter: when I feel a prayer has not been answered, when I do not understand why a friend is taken seriously ill or someone close dies very suddenly.

These are difficulties we all may have encountered and St Peter writes of “*trials*” that we may “*have to bear*”.

These trials may cause us uncertainty, but what the resurrection teaches us, is to be sure of the end to which our faith looks forward.

Blessed John Newman said:

“A thousand difficulties do not make a doubt.”

We may have loads of difficulties throughout our lives, but, do not doubt that God loves us and calls us to share in the resurrection of his Son.

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