

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Let us continue to believe in the horizon that God's grace, manifested in Christ, opens before our eyes! Let us continue to give thanks and bless all those, wherever they are, and whoever they are, who offer support and solidarity for those in need and so share signs of humanity and witness hope. Let us continue to pray and work for justice, reconciliation and peace between peoples, cultures and nations!

Easter glory fills the earth..... alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A WORD OF THANKS:

Thanks be to God that we have been able to gather once again as a worshipping community to celebrate the joyous Easter resurrection. This year has been better than last in that all who wanted were able to come and celebrate the Triduum with us. So many people have assisted in so many ways for us to celebrate with reverence and respect: our Parish Pastoral Council, our Sacristan, our choirs, our Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ushers/collectors, our counters, servers, our priests and bishop emeritus. To each one of you, the loyal and faithful people of the Parish and surrounding areas, we say a sincere and heartfelt thanks for your willingness and commitment to gather and pray with us. It's great to be back and please God we will never return to the past two years of lockdowns and restrictions. Have a beautiful happy and safe Easter with family and friends.



Easter Message

"Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us." The Paschal mystery of Christ takes us to the heart of injustice, violence and suffering. The story of Christ's passion and death echoes human suffering and tragedies experienced in many parts of our world, not least by Ukrainians in their own country and wherever the roads of exile have taken them. The Easter Gospel turns our eyes to the work of God in this world through Jesus Christ, and in us and through us. In Christ, God joins our humanity, taking upon himself our limitations and our hatred, transforming our impasses, our indignation, our feelings of fatality and despair into hope through trust in him. This transformation takes place within the human being and in the world that God so loves: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Today we witnessed the incredible surge of solidarity that is sweeping across Europe, and we give thanks for the many signs of hope: the generous welcome given to refugees from Ukraine, particularly in neighbouring countries and equally so here in Ireland, the unprecedented mobilisation of volunteers showing a face of humanity in the midst of tragedy. Therefore, in the face of horror and the tragedy of wars in this world, in the face of so much suffering and violence triggered by hatred and greed, we continue to proclaim the message that turns our eyes towards the Risen Christ.

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Monday, 18th April. Easter Monday
8.00am No Mass
10.00am: Thomas and Margaret Ward (A)

Tuesday, 19th April. Easter Tuesday
8.00am: No Mass
10.00am: Evelyn and Dominic Flaherty (A)

Wednesday, 20th April. Easter Wednesday
8.00am: No Mass
10.00am: John Kenny (1st A)

Thursday, 21st April. Easter Thursday
8.00am: No Mass
10.00am: Christina Murray (A)
7.30pm: Curry *No Mass*

Friday, 22nd April. Easter Friday
8.00am: No Mass
10.00am: Michael Mears (A)

Saturday, 23rd April. Easter Saturday
8.00am: No Mass
10.00am Kathleen Hussey (A)

Sunday, 24th April. Divine Mercy Sunday
7.30pm: (Vigil) Michael Reilly and his parents Tony and Annie (A)
8.00am: Michael J. McGowan (A)
10.00am: Michael Keenan (A)
11.30am: *Shared:* Mollie and Bernard Campbell (A).
John Crilly (A).
Sean Barden and deceased family members (A).
1pm: Michael Monaghan (1st A) **Divine Mercy Mass**
6pm: Paddy, Molly and Paddy (Jnr) Brady and DFM

No 8am Mass: There will be no 8am Mass in the Cathedral this week.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. The amount received in the Offertory Collection for last weekend was €4,285.00. Lenten Alms amounted to €3,723.00.

EASTER DUES COLLECTION for the support of the Priests of the parish are due at this time. Please use the Dues envelopes in your box or put your contribution in an ordinary envelope with your name and address and return it to the Cathedral.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Bernard (Brian) Kane, Knockloughlin whose funeral took place during the week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

BAPTISM: With joy, we welcomed Johnny Joe McDonagh, Simona Curejova, Mila Bonnie Duke, Stephen Niall McCormack, Jaroslav Holub, James and St. Nicholas Kabia, Jakub Jekabsons-Lajtar, Michaela Tomkova, Lukas Tomko, Vanessa Tomkova, Vanessa Jocyte, Lukas Kiseliunas, Laura Gawelek,, together with Faith, Elijah and Rachel Ishola into the Christian Community last weekend.

THE NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY continues everyday at 3o'clock in the Cathedral. Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday , the Novena will conclude at the 1pm Mass.

TRÓCAIRE: We encourage families to return their Trócaire box as soon as possible.

CLUB 89 is a club for older people. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 3pm in the Library. Members will discuss further meetings in the Family Centre (behind the Cathedral) on Tuesday's from 2 - 4pm, as before Covid. Any older person interested in crafts, cards, painting, bingo, outings or just a chat and a cup of tea are welcome to join us.

CEMETERY SUNDAY 2022 will take place on Sunday 26th June at 1pm.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY will take place in St Mel's College on Saturday 14th May from 9am to 4pm. Working together we hope to be able to develop a diocesan initiative for the future of our diocese with lay and religious sharing and working together to build our Church. We acknowledge and appreciate the commitment of our delegates express our gratitude for all that has been achieved so far.