

Angel says to them, "He is not here, He is Risen".

A retired priest I know, always said that it is important to remember that, "after every Good Friday, there is an Easter Sunday".

I recall Joseph Mary Plunkett's poem especially at this time of the year "I see his blood upon the rose. And in the stars the glory of his eyes." The poem is a reminder of God's presence amongst us and that Christ's suffering will always be remembered and commemorated especially at Easter.

Easter is, at one level, an historic event which took place two thousand years ago but, on another level, it is much more than that. Easter is about Jesus being a continuing reality in our lives as he has promised to be with us always until the end of time. We believe that the risen Lord, who stood among his disciples on that first Easter morning, also stands among us today. As Father Martin Hogan writes, his good news of Easter is that the tomb of death has been transformed into the cradle of new life.

The late Father Stephen Redmond SJ once wrote the words "Easter is forever" which sums this Season up so well. Easter brings about a mysterious "oneness in time" (to use Saint John Paul II's phrase) between the historic events of over 2,000 years ago and the course of the centuries since then right up to our present day.

On this Easter day, let us give thanks to God for the gift of his son Jesus to us and to pray that his redeeming love will sustain us on our journey of faith during the coming Easter Season.

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Easter Sunday

1st April 2018

"He is not here, He is Risen"

Today we read the dramatic account in St John's Gospel about the events of Easter Sunday morning. Mary of Magdala is the first person to reach the tomb and becomes the first witness of the resurrection. She has been called the "apostle to the apostles" as it was her role to tell St Peter and the other apostles about Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

We are told that "until this moment [the apostles] had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

Easter reminds us of the reality of death. Some parishioners may have lost loved ones during the past year. When Mary of Magdala made her way to the tomb on that first Easter morning, she was doing so in order to complete the Jewish burial customs. And, initially, she did not realise that Jesus has risen

from the dead. She told the Apostles:

"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him."

It was only later in the passage of scripture that she fully understood what had happened and then uttered the great proclamation of Easter Joy to St Peter and St John: "I have seen the Lord!"

Speaking on Easter Sunday last year, Pope Francis said:

"Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: "Jesus is Risen!". But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the Sepulchre and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much had been put to death; He is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulchre. But the

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
He has Risen**



O Happy Day! Resurrection joy is something we do not fully understand: yet every Easter we feel it. It brings with it the assurance of new life and joy in the Spirit. It helps us to see that death has indeed lost its sting. As dawn brings new hope to a new day, may this Easter bring light and life to all the dead and dark places in our lives. Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! And in the brightness of our faith, may we seek always to live lives of light and joy in all that we do and are.

On behalf of the Priests of the Parish I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all those involved in the preparation of the Easter Ceremonies. Thanks to all who prepared the liturgies, the liturgical space, décor, flower arrangements, the Parish Choir, the Folk Group and all involved in music ministry, those who cleaned the Church of the Holy Child and Blessed Margaret Ball for Holy Week and the Easter Ceremonies. Also many thanks to those who packed and delivered our Easter Cards. Many thanks also to our young people who are involved in ministry, the Youth Choir, the Altar Servers, the Young Ministers of the Word and all who participated in the Stations of the Cross, we are blessed to have so many young people involved in Parish life.

Finally much gratitude to Anne, the Staff & Sacristans of both Churches and the many others who give of their time and talents so generously.

Fr. John

We welcome in Baptism:

**Preston-Lee O'Hanlon-Mandroiu
Phoenix Cruz Feery**

May these newly baptised children may they always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Brian Walsh
Bernadette Agnew
Lorraine Tallon**



May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Registering to attend the World Meeting of Families - Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress at www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Places for the Congress are limited & guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which are expected to be led by Pope Francis.

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Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 21st April 2018
Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Knock invites you to Healing and Peace. Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m. For more information contact Marie McAllister 8425678



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 9 19 20 21 2nd Jackpot: 1 18 19 26

No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. McAllister: M. de Burca: L. Lawlor: A. Flanagan: H. Long: T. Cashin: M. Walsh

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot **€4,250** Second Jackpot **€600**

7 Consolation Prizes of €25 plus 5 Special Prizes of €100

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 2nd April	10.00a.m.*	Margaret Farrell (Month's Mind)
Tuesday 3rd April	10.00a.m.*	Marie Feenan (Anniversary)
Wednesday 4th April	10.00a.m.*	Available for Intention
Thursday 5th April	10.00a.m.*	Available for Intention
First Friday 6th April	9.15a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
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Saturday 7th April	10.00a.m.	Denis Duffy (Anniversary)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Joe & Sheila Hanratty (Anniversaries) Mary Ita Harrington (Anniversary) Jane O'Reilly (Anniversary) Henry, Patricia & Baby Lily Garland (Annivs.)
Sunday 8th April	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	John Carney (1st Anniversary) Robert & Bridget Blennerhassett (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Stephen Walsh (Anniversary)

***No evening Mass Monday 2nd April to Thursday 5th April inclusive**

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wednesday 4th April	10.00a.m.	Bridget & John Barry (Anniversaries)
Friday 6th April	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 8th April	10.00a.m.	Patrick & Marie Sheridan (Anniversaries) Elizabeth (Betty) Carroll (Anniversary)

World Youth Day Panama – Jan 2019
Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27. It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese of Dublin will travel. For further information email: evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

Church of the Holy Child presents 'You Raise Me Up' starring Red Hurley with special guests Whitehall Adult Choir. **Fri. 27th April 2018 at 8pm.** Tickets €20 available from Church Shop or call (01) 837 5274 Mon to Fri 10a.m. – 5p.m. Proceeds in aid of the New Church Organ.

Feast of Divine Mercy 8th April 2018 at 3pm including Mass at 4pm in the Church of the Holy Child.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes
7th -12th Sept. Hotel Solitude - 5 nights
Full Board – Fully Inclusive Price €739
Contact Anne, Parish Office 837 5274