



NEWSLETTER



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"Easter is Forever"

9th April 2017

As we prepare for Holy Week, it is timely to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection at Easter.



HOLY WEEK

A retired priest I know, always said that it is important to remember that, *"after every Good Friday, there is an Easter Sunday"*. So, as we gather in the coming days as people of faith to commemorate the Passion of Jesus, let us also reflect on the meaning of this his life giving sacrifice as we journey through the Easter Triduum as a Christian community.

Pope Francis said last Easter: *"Good Friday is the culmination of love. A love that seeks to embrace all, excluding no-one. If God has shown His supreme love in the death of Jesus, then we too, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, can and must love each other"*.

At this time of the year, I recall Joseph Mary Plunkett's poem *"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 in our midst and that Christ's suffering will always be remembered and commemorated especially at Easter.

Easter is, above all, a time to give thanks to God for the gift of his son Jesus to us. This 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.

Father Stephen Redmond SJ, who died this year at the age of 97, once wrote the words *"Easter is forever"* which sums this Season up so well. This is because 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.

Fr Redmond quoted St Augustine's famous comment on John 17:24 where he refers to the words *"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they will see my glory, which you have given me."* It was not enough for him to say *"I want them to be where I am"* but he adds the very important words *"with me"*. For to be *"with him"*, as St. Augustine reminds us, is a *great good*.

At Easter, it's a good opportunity to reflect on what we can offer back to Jesus in return. Cardinal John Henry Newman, who was beatified by Pope Benedict in 2010, put it well when he said: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next."*

Let us pray this Easter that we may come more fully to know the work that Jesus wants each of us to do whether it is prayer, service to the community or helping in the Church with one of the various ministries. St. John of the Cross put it well when he said *"in the evening of life we will be judged on love alone"*.

As we give thanks to God for the gift of his son Jesus to us this Easter let us pray that his life, death and resurrection will continue to inspire us as Christian people. Amen.

Source: Deacon Gerard Reilly
Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.



Eternal City, Rome

Thurs 28th Sep –Tues 3rd Oct 2017

Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3*

is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability.

Easter Garden – We shall have our beautiful Easter Garden again this year and we would be glad of your usual contributions. Potted flowers of all kinds and colours, greenery etc are very welcome. Please leave in the Sacristy Holy Child on Holy Thursday/ Good Friday. Many thanks for your continued contribution of beautiful flowers.



We welcome in Baptism:

Kelly Grace McCabe
Alyssa Alex Douglas
Nathaniel James Redmond
Áine Ellen Healy



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 10th April 7.30pm.
in the Church of the Holy Child

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
Dominic Phillips,
Ciaran Kelly, Carmel Duff

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



Feast of Divine Mercy 23rd April 2017 Jesus said “ on the first Sunday after Easter – the Feast of Mercy, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to Confession and Communion on that day, will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy.” Jesus further asked that this Feast of his Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets which would begin on Good Friday. Celebration of the Feast of Mercy Sunday 23rd April – 3pm including Mass at 4pm in the Church of the Holy Child.

Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April - Pilgrimage to Knock -bus from Holy Child at 8.30a.m. For details and to book contact Marie McAllister at 01 8425678

Table Quiz Enjoy a great night out and help raise much needed funds for our **New Church Organ** Fri 21st April at 8pm - Comet Pub, Swords Road -€40 for a Table of 4 people - prizes galore!



Advocate Collection 8th/9th April 2017

The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Church Gate Collection this weekend. Each year the Sunshine fund provides much needed holidays for approximately 1,000 of Dublin’s less fortunate children. The Advocate Collection is the only way the Sunshine Fund can finance these holidays.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2017

Hotel Solitude ****

5 Nights – Full Board – Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney

In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)

To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:: 1st Jackpot: 7 22 27 30

2nd Jackpot: 3 11 12 15 There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: S. & M. Earley; E. Byrne; M. Mullery; U. Kearns; D. Hanlon; M. Conway; G. Rackard. The

winners of the five Special Prizes of €100 were P. Fortune; S. Murphy; J. Clarke; G. Levins; A. Reilly. **Next Week: 1st Jackpot €6,500 2nd Jackpot €2,000 plus consolation prizes of €25**

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 10th April	9.15a.m.	Alfred Coffey (R.I.P.)
	7.00p.m.	Jack Merriman (Anniversary) Nóirín Kelly (Anniversary)
Tuesday 11th April	9.15a.m.	Michael Tully (Birthday Remembrance)
	7.00p.m.	Joan McKeivitt (Anniversary)
Wednesday 12th April	9.15a.m.	Tully Family (R I. P.)
	7.00pm.	Kathleen Coleman (Anniversary)

Timetable of the Easter Ceremonies

Church of the Holy Child

Holy Thursday
10am - Morning Prayer.
5pm – Family Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Followed by Watch and Pray
Good Friday
10am – Morning Prayer
12noon -Stations of the Cross for families
3pm – Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion.
7pm - Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday
10am -Morning Prayer.
Confessions – 10.15a.m. – 12noon
9.00p.m. – Easter Vigil

Blessed Margaret Ball

Holy Thursday – 7.30p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Watch and Pray
Good Friday – 3.00p.m. Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion
7.30p.m. – Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday – Confessions 10.15a.m. to 11.00a.m.
8.00p.m. – Easter Vigil
We invite you to be with us as we celebrate Holy Week in our Parish, particularly if you have recently moved here from other communities or countries. We hope this Easter will bring new beginnings, new hope and new joy to us all.