

Pope Francis recently elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said at the time:

*“Saint John Paul II paid great attention to the particular role of Saint Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord’s resurrection to the Apostles.”*

Saint Mary Magdalene role on the first Easter Sunday morning made her the first witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Season of Easter lasts for fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost and is slightly longer than the Season of Lent which has just concluded. In the coming weeks, let us celebrate and share our Easter joy with those we meet who may need inspiration and encouragement.

Speaking on Palm Sunday last weekend, Pope Francis said: *“On Calvary, two ways of thinking collided. In the Gospel, the words of the crucified Jesus are in sharp contrast with the words of those who crucified him”*.

He encourages us to always seek forgiveness from God:

*“Brothers and sisters let us cling to the certainty that God can forgive every sin. He forgives everyone. He can bridge every distance and turn all mourning into dancing (cf. Ps 30:12)”*.

Pope Francis invites us to *“Take courage! Let us journey toward Easter with his forgiveness. For Christ constantly intercedes for us before the Father”* (cf. Heb 7:25). He concludes by saying that *“gazing upon our violent and tormented world, Jesus never tires of repeating: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. Let us now do the same, in silence, in our hearts, and repeat: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”*

Our Easter joy is based on the fact that we believe that the Risen Lord, who stood among his disciples on that first Easter morning, is also present with us today. I would like to wish you, your families, friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon

in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes



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**17th April 2022**

When she made her way to the tomb on that first Easter

Easter encourages us to make new beginnings, to turn over the page and to break out in new directions. Blessed John Henry Newman said *“to live is to change”* and this time of the year, the new growth of Springtime, encourages us to turn over a new leaf and to start afresh.

Easter offers hope to all who are oppressed, broken and hopeless. God’s grace and mercy can bring new life into any situation no matter how difficult it may seem.

We are also called to share our Easter joy with those in need. Jesus said *“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.”* Our calling is to inspire others so that they in their turn can put their gifts and talents at the service of those in need in our community.

In our Gospel today, we are told about the dramatic discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala.

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. We are told that: *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.’*

She has been called the “apostle to the apostles” as it was her role to tell St. Peter and the other apostles about the Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Both apostles then arrived at the tomb and St. John (speaking about himself) said: *“He saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.”*



### Building Hope

*"The Church is continually changing and adapting. The people of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is; never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context."*

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

### The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,

in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and a new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,

bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us

do much more than we dare to imagine

As we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us

St. Kevin, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

### Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.



### Recently Deceased:

You are asked to

remember in your

Prayers:

Patrick Joseph Kelly

John Kelly



*May they enjoy*

*perfect peace and reconciliation*

*in the presence of God.*

## CHRIST IS RISEN

*Walk with us Lord on the road of Resurrection.*

*Explain to us the things the Scriptures say of you.*

*Break the Bread of the Eucharist with us when we gather in your name.*

*Stay with us when night approaches and remind us that we are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song*



### Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 6 7 11 30 2nd Jackpot 4 21 25 26

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: G. Murphy: A. & M. Meehan:



B. & L. Devine: M. Mullery: P. Fannin: C. Byrne Devine: B. Mahon.

Next draw will take place on Tuesday 26th April 2022

Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning.

#### W.A.R.A. Bowls

Next Monday Bowls

**25th April 2022**

2p.m. to 4p.m.

Main Hall, Parish Centre

#### COPD Support Group – Exercise, Socialise, Education

COPD Support hold weekly exercise classes every Thurs. in the Parish Centre from 11.45a.m. – 12.45p.m. Fully qualified trainer. Suitable for all fitness levels. The group meet 10.30a.m. for coffee and chat before class. All very welcome.

#### Mass Intentions for the coming week

##### Church of the Holy Child

Holy Saturday 16th April 9.00p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th April 10.30a.m. Mass for all parishioners living and deceased

12.30p.m. For all parishioners living and deceased

Mon 18th April 10.00a.m. Gerard & Bernie O'Sullivan – Anniversaries

Tues 19th April 10.00a.m. Mary McDermott – Anniversary

Wed 20th April 10.00a.m. Available for Intention

Thurs. 21st April 10.00a.m. Val Harte – Anniversary

Fri 22nd April 10.00a.m. Available for Intention

Sat 23rd April 7.00p.m. Albert Ray – Month's Mind

Eileen Kenny – Anniversary, John Kenny – Remembrance

Patrick Farrell – Anniversary

Margaret Blayney – Anniversary

Sun 24th April 10.30a.m. Christopher Rafferty – Anniversary

Deceased members of the Rafferty & McMahan Families

Peggy O'Neill – Anniversary

Peggy & Michael Kearns & daughter

Teresa Doolan – Anniversaries

12.30p.m. Thomas Moore – 1st Anniversary

Christy Hanley – Anniversary

Timothy O'Sullivan – Anniversary

Bridie Morrissey – Anniversary & husband

Vincent – Remembrance

#### Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Holy Saturday 16th April 8.00p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th April 10.00a.m. Mass for all parishioner living and deceased

No Mass on Wednesday