

The Resurrection is not just a past event, it is something which can grasp our lives today and change them and the world around us for the good. This is the Good News. We are called to share and participate in that Good News and to spread it, to make it known and to share it with others *especially* our children and young people so that the new life of the resurrection will enable them to realise their talents and bring them to fulfilment.

We rejoice this day in that our Christian community will be led into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' living giving death and resurrection.

May the Lord continue to bless and protect these new Christians received in baptism today (Babies: Fraya Molloy; Dylan Bernard Tighe; Liam Brendan Doherty; Saoirse Marie Moriarty), and to bless and protect the People of God in our Parish of St. Colmcille's Swords and Our Lady of the Visitation, Drynam. **Fr. Michael Carey Adm**

Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

Mon 10.00am Donors of Easter Bouquet Cards

Tues 8.00 John Lynch

Tues 10.00am Peter Gannon

Wed 8.00am Anne Murphy

Wed 10.00am Tony, Madeleine & May Jennings

Thurs 8.00 am John Mullane

Thurs 10.00am Terry Moles

Fri 8.00am Kay Taylor

Fri 10.00am Ann & Patrick Walsh

Sat 10.00am Mary O'Donoghue

Sat 6.30pm Gwen & Jason Glynn

Sun 8.00am Bridie Russell

Sun 10.00 am Marian Browne

Sun 11.30am Anthony Moans

Eileen & Andrew Dowmey

Sun 7.30pm Mary Ryan

Church of the Visitation Drynam **The Visitation of the BVM**
Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am
(Irish) & 12 noon (NO Morning Mass Mon 21st April - Fri 25th April)

Happy Easter to all and congratulations to Amir and Rahim Nazarali who complete their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Mass.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Brian Doyle

Castle Grove

Fundraising Concert in aid of St. Colmcille's Church will take place on **Friday 9th May at 7.30.p.m.** in St. Colmcille's Church, An Evening of Traditional Music and Song with Garry O'Meara International Soloist and Special Guests. Tickets €10 can be purchased from the Sacristy, the Parish office, Paddy Gerrard, 087 4170075, Susan Kenna, 086 8152255, Maria O Connor, Drynam Parish, 087 6771374, and from a list of ticket sellers at the back of the Church.

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Easter Sunday

He is risen as he said

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity’ alleluia, alleluia”



Newsletter Easter Sunday 20th April 2014

The feast of Easter is a feast of life. In a culture where death is so dominant, we need to savour this feast of life. At Easter we renew our faith in a living God who transforms death into life. If the death of Jesus, reveals a God of love, the resurrection of Jesus reveals a God of life. At Easter we celebrate not only what God had done for Jesus, but what God can do for all of us. Because of Easter we can face our own personal death with hope

What all the Gospel accounts make clear is that the resurrection was totally unexpected. They all expected the ‘huge stone’ to be covering the entrance to the tomb and discovered to their amazement it had been ‘rolled away’.

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead affirms that death is not the end of us. We are meant for more than this present life and are not anchored to this world. Human life is no longer limited by the cycle of birth to death.

Easter is the turning point inviting us to live in an entirely new way that goes beyond the limitations of this world. We are challenged to become part of a new creation, inspired by the life of God, which is poured into our souls at baptism.

We receive this new life of the Resurrection in Baptism. Baptism is not simply a ceremony of welcome and enrolment into the Church; it is not just a rite of purification. Baptism is truly death and resurrection; it is rebirth and transformation to a new life. In baptism the new life of Jesus enters into our lives and transforms us into witnesses of his love, that love which created us and which now opens a new path for us to follow and a new future of hope.

Through baptism our life takes on a new dimension. Already, as we live out our day-to-day life, we can live that new life. Day by day we are called to enter into the sacrament of baptism and allow it to become a sort of driving force for the way we live our life day by day into the future. We are here to celebrate the light and the joy of Easter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - "Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia."



Resurrexit sicut dixit

Risen Lord, kindle again in our hearts the fire of faith. May we be bearers of the light and joy of Easter faith to all we meet. The Lord is risen – he is risen indeed, alleluia!

Easter Blessing

On behalf of myself, the Priests of the Parish, the Parish Sisters, the Parish Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to extend to all Parishioners of St. Colmcille's Swords and Our Lady of the Visitation, Drynam and readers of this newsletter, the grace and blessings of the Easter Season. Happy Easter – the Lord is Risen. Alleluia!!

Thank You

Thank you to the many Ministry Teams and Parishioners who volunteered their time and energy to help prepare the Church's for the Easter Ceremonies and to all who exercised a Liturgical Ministry during these self same ceremonies. Thank you also to all who attended the ceremonies during this Easter/Paschal Triduum

Easter Sunday

We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead. Yes, indeed! This is the fundamental core of our profession of faith; this is the cry of victory that unites us all today. And if Jesus is risen, and therefore alive, who will ever be able to separate us from him? Who will ever be able to deprive us of the love of him who has conquered hatred and overcome death? The Risen One goes before us and he accompanies us along the paths of the world. He is our hope, He is the true peace of the world.

Easter Cards

Thank you to all who helped with the packing and the distribution of the Easter cards.

Easter Dues

If you did not receive an Easter Card from the Parish containing a dues envelope, there are some available at the back of the Church. If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or Parish Office.

Holiday

There are still a number of places available for our Parish Holiday. As I said it's a lovely and safe way of travelling for anyone who hasn't holidayed anywhere in a while and we are going to a lovely part of Italy. The hotel has a swimming pool and a private beach. See box in newsletter.

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE: I am not dying; I am entering life. (St. Therese of Lisieux 1873-1897)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Details in today's Gospel encourage us to think of the resurrection as the gift of God's love. The cloth around Jesus' head – so carefully mentioned – takes us back to the raising of Lazarus and the words of the witnesses, "See how he loved him!" (Jn 11:36). It is the disciple whom Jesus loved who first comes to faith. In a word, coming to resurrection faith is a movement of the heart, that is, letting ourselves be so loved by God and loving in return.

Prayer - Compassionate God, love stands at the heart of all you do for us in Jesus. Open our hearts, that we may truly rejoice in your love for us. Lead us to newness of life by loving even as we have been loved.

Date of Easter

Easter is the major moveable feast of the liturgical year. It may fall on any Sunday between March 22nd and April 23rd. The date of Easter accords with the date of the Jewish festival of the Passover which is based upon the old lunar calendar. By this method of calculation the date of Easter is the Sunday nearest the first full moon following the spring equinox. The spring season in which Easter occurs, with its renewal of life following winter, harmonises with Jesus' death and resurrection.

Death overcome

As long as the sun comes over the hills,
scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light;
as long as the fields get green again,
and the primroses and violets return;
as long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.

So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring,
for the snow has melted,
and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.
Come, let us ascend the heights
and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.

O come, let us rejoice this Easter Day,

For death had folded up his tent and gone away. *(Source: Flor McCarthy)*

Parish Office

The Office will be closed for Easter Week and will re-open on Monday 28th April