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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

'Christ is risen, alleluia!' This is the ancient Christian greeting of this day of great joy and happiness for all. 'Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts". The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him.' (CCC,169).

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 10am Mass

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 11:30am Mass

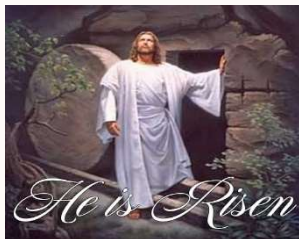
Tuesday 7th April Eucharistic Adoration 10am - 7pm

Sunday 12th April 11:30am Mass Anniversary: Hugh Foy, Ely Lodge

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 12th April 10am Mass Months Memory: Tom Jones, Kilnamadoo Anniversary: Bernie Miller, Tullycreevy - James Hoy, Drumcorban - Deceased of the McKenna and O'Brien Families

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of Mai Flanagan, Enniskillen formerly Main Street. May she rest in peace.



Prayer to the Risen Christ

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taken the sting from death and robbed the grave of its victory.
In holy Baptism, you have given us a share also in your risen life.
We thank You for the good things we have received from your bountiful love.
We bless you for the courage to carry our daily burdens.
We praise you for the salvation you have won for us.
When we shall have finished the work which the Father gave us to do here, be to us a gentle saviour.
May we seek you eagerly, find you surely, and share in your unfailing triumph for all ages of ages.
Alleluia Alleluia

Easter Greetings: as we celebrate the joy of Easter and the gift of life through Christ's resurrection, I extend the blessing of this Easter to all. Welcome to all who are spending the weekend with family. Thank you to everyone who attended the commemoration of the Easter liturgies. A sincere thanks to everyone that has been involved in the ceremonies of Holy Week and to those who have prepared our churches. Thank you also to the sacristans and members of our Altar societies. I acknowledge the valuable contribution of everyone involved in music and choirs in the parish, which enhances the celebration of liturgy.

In my absence from the parish I acknowledge the effort of Fr. Raymond, who has supported ministry in Botha in recent weeks, who along with Mgr. O'Reilly, have celebrated the Easter ceremonies.

The Easter story is one of hope, and in a world that is so divided, we need hope as much today as ever before. Let us be mindful of all who long for hope at this time - especially those who suffer the effects of war and civil unrest, the many who are hungry and thirsty, not only for food and water, but for truth and justice too. We think of those in our parish who have died since Easter last year, and for all who are grieving them. May the message of Easter find a home in each one of us, so that we may have hope, comfort and peace. Fr. Cathal

Visitation of the sick: The elderly, sick and housebound will next receive a parish visit at the beginning of May.

Mass Cover: as Fr Cathal is presently unavailable to the parish there will be no daily mass this week.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral and in St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen next Sunday 12th April at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image with a relic of St. Faustina. A number of priests will be available for individual confession. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: **"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy"**. Everyone welcome.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Stephen Sherry: on **Sunday, 26 April**, at 3pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. The ordination to Priesthood is a significant moment of grace for Stephen, for his family, for his native parish of Tullycorbet, and for the entire diocese of Clogher. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ordination ceremony on the day, and to join in prayer for Stephen, as we celebrate this joyful occasion for the Diocese of Clogher.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary at Easter

Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter!
You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen,
who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame
of hope burning, teach us also to be, amongst the
incongruities of passing time, convinced and
joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life
and love brought to the world by the Risen
Redeemer.



Pope St John Paul II, 2005

Envelope Collection: Week ending **29th March** – Weekly offerings £2025.00 and €22.60. Development Fund - £1705.00 and €2. Thank you for your generous support.

Trócaire: Please forward your donations in support of Trócaire as soon as possible. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

Parish Envelopes: New boxes of parish envelopes are currently being distributed for use from **Sunday 12th April**. Anyone who would like a box of envelopes and has not received one, please contact the parish office on 02868641889. If you are a taxpayer, would you please consider joining our Gift Aid Scheme. This incurs no cost to you and is greatly beneficial to the parish.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4700. £20 Eileen Keown, Cashel, Matt O'Sullivan, Belleek, Mark Cassidy, online player. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. Condolences to the McHugh family on the recent passing of Agnes McHugh, Trillick and the Flanagan family on the passing of Mai Flanagan.

Points to Ponder

The editor of a leading religious newspaper was walking along some cliffs one Easter morning. On his walk he met an old fisherman, and during their conversation together, the editor was struck by the simple faith of the old fisherman in his risen Saviour. 'How do you know that Christ is risen?' he asked. 'Sir,' came the reply, do you see those cottages near the cliffs? Well, Sir, sometimes when I am far out at sea I know that the sun is risen by the light that is reflected by yon cottage windows. How do I know that Christ is risen? Why, Sir, do I not see the light reflected from the face of some of my companions every day, and do I not feel the light of his glory in my own life? You may as soon tell me that the sun is not risen when I see its reflected glory, as tell me that my Lord is not risen.'

This story echoes the memorable statement of the great second century theologian, Clement of Alexandria, on the significance of Christ's resurrection: 'Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawn'.

Pope Francis encouraged us to welcome the Risen Christ into our lives as a friend, with trust and confidence: 'If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk. You won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for, and the strength to live as he would have you do.'

Michael McCabe SMA

"He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message."

— St. John Paul II, 2000