



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
9 APRIL 2017



As we enter the final week of our Lenten journey, the Cross becomes a mark of discipleship for us. Jesus says in Luke 9:23, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." It's a declaration that I belong to Christ. The sign of the Cross marks the beginning of our faith journey at baptism when the priest makes the sign on the baby's forehead and stays with us right until we cross from this life into the next. It symbolizes that we belong to the Father, the Son and to the Holy Spirit. In other words, we belong to the Trinity.

During Mass here in St Peter's, the most significant form of the cross can be seen in the wood of our altar table. This representation of the cross brings us closer to Christ in the consecration and heightens our awareness of His sacrifice for us. When we receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, we don't only unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to Christ, dying with Him in the hopes that we might rise with Him.

The cross can serve as a constant reminder of the three Christian Virtues - Faith, Hope and Love. While Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, He saw the enormity of suffering on the cross, He could see the horrendous suffering that He would have to endure at the Will of His Father for the salvation of humanity. Even in this darkest hour, His faith to his Father was exceptionally strong. He accepted every beating, every cruelty, every suffering from the hands of God. When we look upon the cross today, we are reminded of His unconditional faith to God even in the times of suffering. The Cross symbolizes the faith that we have in God and serves as a constant reminder that God will never leave our side even in our darkest hour. So this Holy Week, cross yourself thoughtfully and this prayer will wrap you in God's protective care.

On behalf of Fr Aidan, Fr Ioan and myself we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family every blessing this Eastertime.

**Kirsten Mahon**  
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### Mass Times

#### Sunday

Saturday vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am, 2.15pm (African Mass, 1st Sunday of each month), 4.00pm (Indian Mass, 2nd Sunday of each month) & 6.30pm

#### Monday - Friday

10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### Holy Days of Obligation

10.30am & 6.30pm

#### Confessions

Saturday immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### Readings

Procession: Mt 21:1-11.

Mass: Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2.

Phil 2:6-11.

Mt 26:14-27:66.

## Monday in Holy Week

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday in Holy Week

*St Stanislaus, bishop & martyr is not celebrated this year*

## Wednesday in Holy Week

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Holy Thursday

*St Martin I, pope & martyr is not celebrated this year*

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30am

## Good Friday

*Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30am

## Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30am

## Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

### Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24.

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8.

Jn 20:1-9.

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## Weekly Collections - 2 April

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,328.93

World Families Meeting = € 694.16

Repairs = € 648.69

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

The SVP Sunshine Fund is holding its annual collection this weekend. Each year they provide much-needed holidays for Dublin's less fortunate children. This is the only way they can finance these holidays. It replaces the usual Share collection. As a result of this our local conference of the SVP will not hold their monthly Church Gate collection.

## Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion

*But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were spilt; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead. (Matthew 27:50-52)*

I did not draw back from Calvary and I still wish to pour forth My love... comforted when that love meets the need of a child in failure, or distress of spirit... comforted because My love is being fulfilled.

*There is no greater love than when a person lays down his life for his friends.  
(John 15:13)*

## Loving Memory

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mollie Macken (NCR) and Margaret (Peggy) O'Neill. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



## Do This In Memory

This is the final 'special' Mass which takes place at 11.30am on Sunday, 9 April for the children from St Peter's National School who due to make their First Holy Communion on 7 May next. We wish them every blessing for their special day.

## Easter Penitential Service

There will be one Penitential Service this year for our Grouping of Parishes. This will take place in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road on Monday, 10th April at 7.30pm. All are invited to attend.

## Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, 14 April and Easter Monday, 17 April due to the Easter break. It will re-open on Tuesday, 18 April as usual.

## RCIA

Over the Lenten Season Matt, Ariane, Clarice and Domino have been preparing to become full members of the Catholic Church. On Saturday, 15 April, during the Easter vigil they will receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. On behalf of St Peter's Parish we would like to congratulate them and wish them every blessing for the future.

## Coeliac Hosts Available

Commencing on Easter Sunday, 16 April, coeliac hosts will be available at all Sunday and weekday Masses.

## Meet and Greet

On Tuesday, 18 April sisters from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus will visit us here in St Peter's Church to highlight their upcoming concerts around Dublin. They are looking forward to meeting our parishioners after the 10.30am Mass.



### **Palm Sunday 9th April:**

Blessing of Palms and Proclamation of the Passion at all Masses  
Solemn Blessing of Palms at 11.30am Mass  
Masses: (Vigil 6.30pm) 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am & 6.30pm

### **Monday in Holy Week - 10th April:**

Masses: 10.30am & 7.00pm

### **Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th April:**

Masses: 10.30am

### **Confessions:**

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th April from 11.00am - 12.30pm  
Holy Thursday 13th April from 11.00am - 12.30pm  
No Confessions on Good Friday  
Holy Saturday 15th April from 11.00am - 12.30pm

### **Holy Thursday 13th April:**

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church followed by confessions until 12.30pm  
7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by Procession to the Chapel of Adoration

### **Good Friday 14th April:**

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church  
12.00pm Stations of the Cross (starting at Gt Western Sq., weather permitting)  
3.00pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
8.00pm Prayer around the Cross

### **Holy Saturday 15th April:**

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church followed by confessions until 12.30pm  
9.00pm **VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

### **Easter Sunday 16th April:**

Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am & 2.30pm [Indian, Syro-Malabar Rite?] (No Evening Mass)

### **Easter Week (Monday 17th - Friday 21st April)**

Masses: 10.30am (No Evening Mass on Monday)  
The Church will close at 12.00pm on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April

### **Saturday 22nd April:**

Masses: 10.30am & 6.30pm Vigil  
Confessions: Immediately following the 10.30am Mass

### **Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24.

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8.

Jn 20:1-9.

### **Easter Tuesday**

*St Laserian, bishop is not celebrated this year*

### **Easter Friday**

*St Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year*

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

*St George, martyr & St Adalbert of Prague, bishop & martyr are not celebrated this year*

Readings

Acts 2:42-47.

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R/ v 1.

1 Pt 1:3-9.

Jn 20:19-31.



### **Flowers in Lent**

Donations would be greatly appreciated towards flowers for Easter.

### **Thank You**

To all the volunteers who give so generously of their time here in St Peter's, especially in the run up to Easter, we thank you for your dedication and continued support. On foot of this, we need extra volunteers to join with the ladies and gents who clean the Church. With Easter upon us please give us 2 hours of your time tomorrow, Monday. The group meet after 10.30am Mass. Young adults are particularly encouraged to take part. Light refreshments provided.

### **Good Friday Ecumenical Walk**

Leaving Christchurch Cathedral at 7.15pm, Archbishops Diarmuid Martin and Michael Jackson (Church of Ireland) will once again lead a silent procession on Good Friday evening carrying the Cross of the Taizé Ecumenical Monastic Community from Christchurch to the Pro-Cathedral. This walk of witness, with a moment of prayer, is then followed on arrival in the Pro-Cathedral by a Taizé Prayer around the Cross that lasts around an hour for those who wish to stay. All are most welcome.



 Read the Gospel and Color

 Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

~~Passover~~

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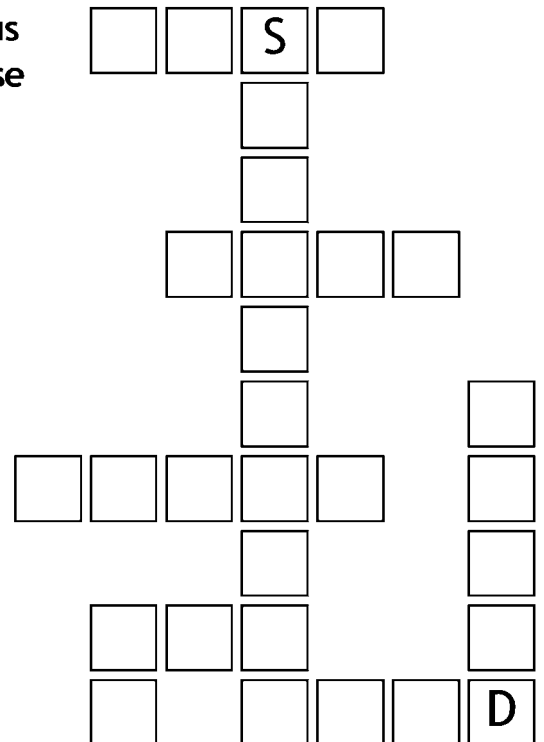
# Read the Gospel and Color

 Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

## The Scriptures

said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.



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Read the Gospel and Color



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## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS  
ARRESTED  
QUESTIONED

KING  
TRUTH  
NAIL

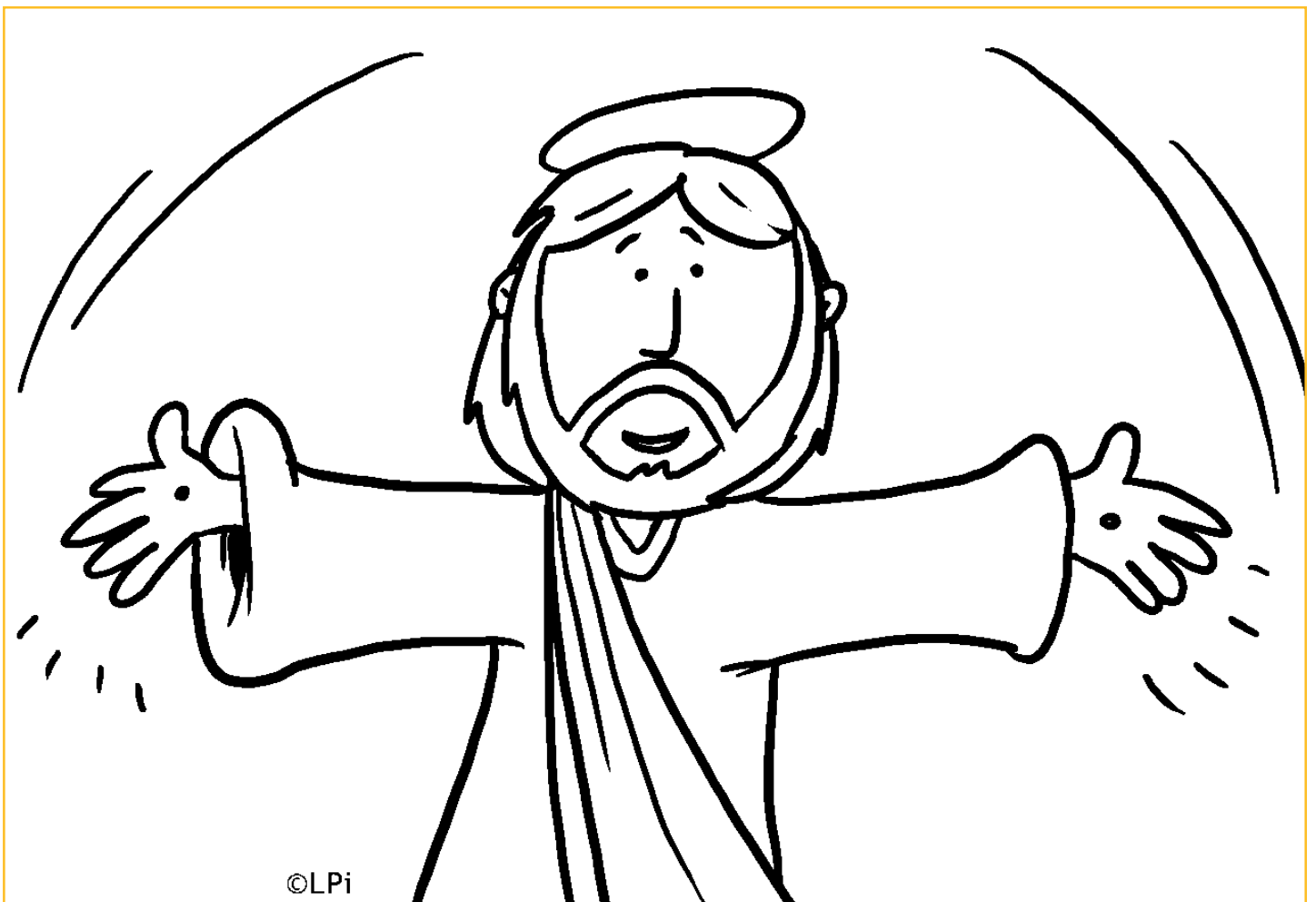
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# E A S T E R   S U N D A Y

# H E I S R I S E N

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Each year, on the first Saturday of May, well over 100,000 people make the 'Darkness into Light' charity walk. They gather before dawn, at venues all over the country, to show solidarity with those who are in mental distress. Many of the participants have lost a loved one to suicide. Of all human experiences, the loss of someone we love is one of the darkest of all.

The symbolism of light and darkness is central to the story of Easter in John's Gospel. He tells us that it was still dark when Mary Magdalene, Peter and John went to the tomb of Jesus. The darkness represented their mood. When Jesus was crucified the hopes of his followers had been shattered. The Gospel presents no simple solution to their grief. Jesus had not simply returned to his old life, but risen to a new one. They believed in the resurrection even though all they had to go on was an empty tomb and some burial cloths.

The disciples' experience of loss acted as a catalyst in their search for God. Eventually their confusion gave way to renewed belief. Each year, those who make the Darkness into Light walk, show that same sense of purpose and hope, despite the gaping void in their lives.

Emptiness is a painful part of life, but it has positive aspects. Our first reaction is to fill the vacuum, just as we reach for our smartphone whenever there is an idle moment. But emptiness can be good. It reminds us that there is more to this life than what we can touch and see. Even the humble Easter egg is built around an empty space: it too is a reminder of the empty tomb of Jesus.

The Gospel that we read on Christmas morning is from the first chapter of St John: God's Word was sent to be the light of the world, a light that darkness could not overcome. Here, in the twentieth chapter, we are told that even death cannot defeat God's beloved. On this day, as we stand before the empty tomb of Jesus, we remember that, through the eyes of faith, all tombs are empty.

**Fr Gerard Condon**  
(taken from 'Intercom')

**The Vincentian Community and Staff**

**at St Peter's, Phibsborough**

**wish you peace and joy this Eastertime**

# ALLELUIA



If then you were *raised* with Christ,  
seek what is above,  
where Christ is *seated*  
at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is *above*,  
not of what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your *life*  
is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life *appears*,  
then you too will  
appear with him in *glory*.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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*"On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer."*

Douglas Horton



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