



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection: 20 April 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20th April

Elizabeth & James Connors (SI)
Andy, Anne & Family (SI)
Luke, Lizzie & Family (SI)
Paddy, Mary & Family (SI)
May Brennan (A)
Alice Halpin (A)
Ann Keogh (A)

Monday, 21st April

Jomini Jose (D)
Sean Kearney (D)
Patrick, Mary & William Nolan (D)

Tuesday, 22nd April

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 23rd April

Josie Gleeson (A)
Annie Dalton (A)
John Anne O'Doherty (A)
Paddy & Thomas Maguire (A)
Annie McKeogh (A)

Thursday, 24th April

Thomas M. Moriarty (B)
Danielle (Lynch) McCann (MM)
Marie Connaughton (1st A)
Bernadette Connaughton (A)

Friday, 25th April

Sr Maria Mortell (1st A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 26th April

Danielle (Lynch) McCann (MM)
Philomena Doddy (A)

AN UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

The resurrection of Jesus is an uncomfortable truth for everyone, believer and unbeliever alike. The women who arrive at the empty tomb are bewildered and when they go back to the disciples they think their story is nonsense. Even though Jesus had told them several times that he would be put to death and rise again. That shouldn't surprise us. Many Catholics today doubt the resurrection of Jesus. Why is this?

Our world is a material world, our lives are very caught up in material things. Death seems so final. It's hard to get past these facts. But is there something else at work in us? The resurrection is an uncomfortable truth. It opens up all kinds of vistas, e.g. that there is more to us than this life. That what lies ahead might be the real truth of who we are and what we may become. That this here and now is only a small part of the bigger picture. That the here and now is but a path to the fullness of life. And most of all that what we do in this life might determine what lies ahead in the next. These are uncomfortable thoughts. We like to be in control. We think of ourselves as the sum of what life is all about and what we do as the reward we win for ourselves.

The risen Jesus completely upends our comfort zone. He calls us to follow - that's discipleship: He calls us to have faith: that's what makes the unimaginable possible: He calls us to serve: that costs everything. He beckons us to follow Him, the way, the truth and the life: an uncomfortable truth indeed, but the only truth that sets us free.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP



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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

“You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary; say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when 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.*’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 13th April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = €1,418.70

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Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 357.30

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