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The Paschal Triduum

We are called to fast from Holy Thursday night through Good Friday and through Holy Saturday as well. It is not the penitential fast of Lent but a fasting of anticipation, of anxiousness, of yearning. It is like the fast before Sunday Eucharist: a fast of preparation, of readiness, of being so wrapped up in what is to come that there is no thought to meals. Our paschal fast should include a fast from food, work, shopping and entertainment.



The first day of the Passover, from Holy Thursday sunset until Good Friday sunset, is the sixth day of creation, when God formed us from the clay of the earth and the breath of the Spirit. In

dying on this day, the Lord Jesus fell asleep- like Adam- that we might be formed from his own open body- like Eve. In dying, Jesus breathed forth his Spirit to renew the face of the earth. On this first day of the Passover we wash each other's feet in tender humility. We begin the paschal fast, for who can even think of eating during these days? And we come to the holy cross as if it were Eden's tree of life.



The second day of the Passover, from Good Friday sunset until Holy Saturday sunset, is the paschal sabbath, the day of rest. In

burial the Lord Jesus rested, and we rest in him. But this day is also a mysterious image of the timelessness before time began, of the chaos before creation. In burial, the Lord Jesus entered the "formless void." Jesus died the death we fear the most - utter lifelessness, utter nothingness. On this second day of the Passover we continue our fast with the anxiety of separated lovers, with the grief of the newly widowed. We keep watch, learning the lessons of restfulness, silence and darkness.



The third day of the Passover, beginning Holy Saturday sunset, is the great surprise, the Easter surprise! This third day begins with the holiest night of the year, the vigil of Easter leading into the day of days, the "queen of seasons bright." On this glorious night, light is kindled in darkness. Order is born from chaos. Life tramples death by death. The rainbow appears and the Red Sea opens. And a slaughtered lamb rises to become our Good Shepherd.



Rest in Peace

JOHN LONG, 'Mogeely', Glasheen, died recently. His unexpected death was a great shock to his family and neighbours.

Fr. William Shinkwin, who was the principal celebrant at the Requiem Mass, spoke of John's loyalty to his family, his kind nature and his care for all those with whom he met. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Maura, children Fiona and Michael, family and relatives.

GERALDINE HEGARTY, 'Lisheen', Farranlea Park, died during the week after a brief illness. Sincere sympathy to her family, friends and neighbours. She is well remembered as a conversationalist with a great interest in teaching English, from which many young people benefited down through the years. Her daughter Deborah, read the lesson at the Requiem Mass and her daughter Karen travelled from Germany.

THOMAS JONES, London and late of Victoria Cross died recently. Thomas, son of the late Robert and Mary Jones, spent most of his adult life working in London with his brother Jack. Our sincere sympathy to Jack and his sister Nancy Harrington.

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OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Mrs. Jane Murray, Wilton Gardens on the recent death of Brother Albertus Reen. To Robert O'Sullivan, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of his brother John.



Wedding



CONGRATULATIONS to NORMA WHYTE, 'Montrose', Bishopscourt Road, who married Finbarr O'Connor, 7 Ennismore Villas, Magazine Road.



DAVID PIERS McCORMICK, of Fernhurst Terrace, College Road, came first in the Classical Guitar - under 16 section - at Feis Maitiu.

Also CATHERINE HEFFERNAN of Farranlea, came first in the Dramatic Scene, under 16. Congratulations to both!



QUESTION: Why, you may ask, has the box for the questions disappeared from the C.P. Centre and re-appeared on the table in the Church aisle?

ANSWERS: (1) Some people are a bit shy about coming into the C.P. Centre with questions. (2) The box is now accessible at all times.

Do keep the questions coming. They give all of us food for thought.

The Three Days are not a preparation for Easter. They are Easter.

Fr. Bernard

writes.....



I WATCHED "Dear Sarah" recently on T.V. - the story of the Imprisonment and death of Guiseppe Conlon.

It was really harrowing, dramatic, pathetic. But worst of all, it was true.

And he was not the only innocent to be imprisoned - remember the Guildford Four. And the Birmingham Six? And the Winchester Three? Could any fate be harder?

I thought of another man condemned to punishment while innocent. No one believed him either; only his mother and a few friends. And just a few days before, he was acclaimed as a Leader.

You've guessed it. That man was Jesus. Remember the judge who told the Guildford Four they should have got the death penalty. Well, Jesus did.

The evidence was just as flimsy. But public opinion was against him. A very familiar scenario.

It has happened again and again, in every country, every age. It's never right, or just or good.

But Jesus has made a difference. He suffers with the suffering. And by his victory, we all win.

What a mystery it all is! Celebrate that mystery, this Holy Week!

Fr. Bernard

MEDIA COMMENT

"TELL ME about your God", invited David Hanly on T.V.'s HANLYS PEOPLE. "He's the same God as yours, David, replied Sean Mac Reamoinn. Interestingly, Mac Reamoinn spoke about all the death and destruction carried on in the name of God and religion.

ISN'T IT STRANGE how we take so much for granted? We are regularly encouraged to alter our Constitution in order to promote better dialogue with our Northern neighbours. A total separation of Church and State is highly recommended in the same context.

It is interesting, then, to learn of the possibility of Dr. Robin Eames, Church of Ireland Primate of All Ireland, becoming the next Archbishop of Canterbury, provided - among other things - that he meets with Mrs. Thatcher's approval!!

WHAT A wonderful Christian attitude was expressed by Dr. Tiede Herrema on the release of Eddie Gallagher, jailed since 1976. We should surely all join him in wishing Eddie Gallagher a speedy return to a normal life.

THE MATTER of Altar Girls again surfaced during the week. A young Dublin girl who had served Mass for three years was asked to 'stand down' for a Confirmation ceremony. Understandably she was hurt.

It strikes me as strange that a Church which encourages Lay Ministry has such a problem with Altar Girls.

Oh, I know Canon Law can be quoted. But Christ healed on the Sabbath - and the rule book was slung at Him.



HOLY WEEK

Display this timetable in your home so that EVERYONE will see it!

WEDNESDAY

Masses 7.30, 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
No evening Mass. Penance Service 7.30 p.m. (Communal service, followed by opportunities for individual confession).

HOLY THURSDAY

Principal Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 p.m.

- *concelebrated by the priests of the parish
- *containing ceremony of Washing of Feet.
- *Communion under both species
- *followed by procession to altar of repose.

Mass at 5.00 p.m. only for those unable to attend later Mass.

Adoration at Altar of Repose to midnight.

Holy Hour 10.00 to 11.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fast and abstinence (usual conditions). No morning Mass. Stations of the Cross at 12 noon (new format at which all will be invited to participate in the singing.

Celebration of the Passion at 3 p.m.

- *Reading of Passion according to St. John
- *Solemn Intercessions
- *Veneration of the Cross
- *Holy Communion

Taize "Prayer around the Cross" from 8.30 p.m. A different experience of prayer.

Church will close around 10. p.m.



24 hour recorded information this year on Tel. No.343895

HOLY SATURDAY

No morning Masses

Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

- *Readings covering the History of Salvation
- *Liturgy of Light
- *Liturgy of Baptism
- *The first Easter Eucharist

No 7.30 Vigil Mass

Solemn Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m. (fulfils Sunday obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses as usual

Confessions

CONFESSION TIMES

SPY WEDNESDAY Penance Service at 7.30 p.m. Prayer time, examination of conscience, choice of priests for individual confessions)

HOLY THURSDAY 12.00 - 1.00 and before and after Masses.

GOOD FRIDAY 11.00 - 1.00; Straight after 3.00 p.m. Liturgy, and beginning at 7.30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY 11.00 - 1.00 and 4.00 - 5.00; 7.00 - 8.30 pm.

NOTICE BOARD

Aifreann le Caeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach á cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigí agus bígí páirteach linn.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday night at 8 in the C.P. Centre.