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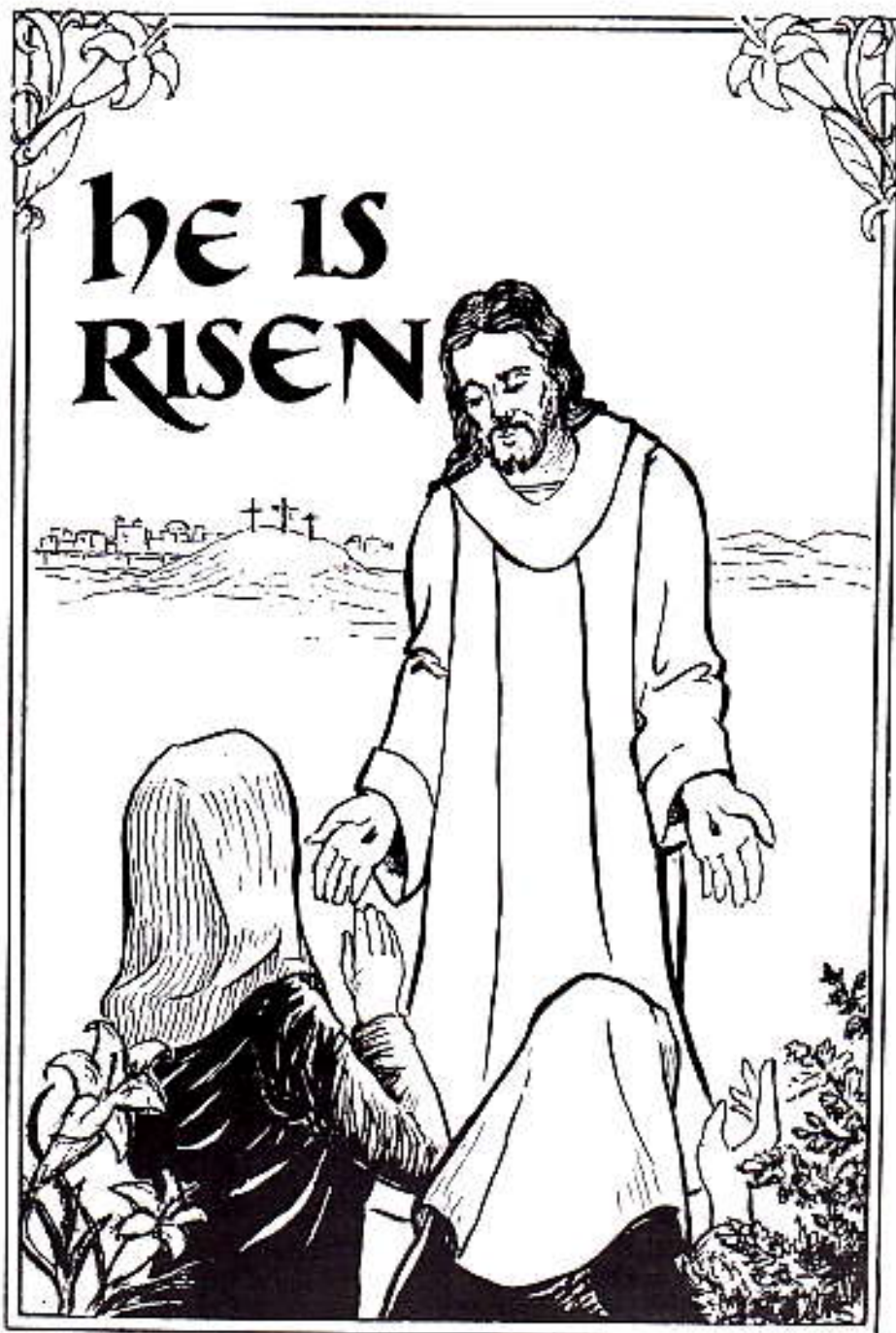
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Easter Sunday.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

The Meaning of Easter

"IT WAS very early on the first day of the week, and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

No matter how often we hear the story of the Resurrection it still conveys a message of hope, joy and peace.

Nobody really expected this extraordinary turn of events. They could not grasp the references made by Jesus. When it did happen, the apostles thought

they were seeing a ghost. The reassuring words of Jesus were, "Look at my hands and feet. Yes it is I. Touch me and see for yourselves. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." "Shalom - be at peace".

Jesus turned many of our pre-conceived ideas on their head, but the most extraordinary of all was that life came from the Cross - life from death. And the Good News is that - We all share in this new life - we too shall live forever.

Let us rejoice, and be glad, and thank the Lord - Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers the special blessings and joys of Easter.

Editorial

AS I come towards the end of my second year as Editor, I ask myself, "How are we doing?"

Bishop Murphy, speaking to bulletin producers from all over the dioceses at a recent seminar, said that the church newsletter is a way of bringing people together through the written word, one way of knitting the community together. If that's so (and who would doubt the Bishop?) then let's hope we're going about it the right way.

One of our own editorial team regularly insists that our Bulletin is too predictable. Does that mean boring? Or do our readers feel comfortable with a fairly regular format? You can let us know if you wish, although

I may be asking for trouble!

Bishop Murphy also said that the Newsletter gave the parishioners the chance to have their say - through the letter page. So, if you have something to say, write to us.

I wish you all the joys of Easter. And what a joyful season it has become in recent years. Many of us will remember when the gloom of Holy Week stood out and Easter merely brought it to an end. The Easter Mass took place some time early on Holy Saturday behind closed doors, I believe, when most of us were in our beds. Now we can all share in the joy of the beautiful Easter Vigil together.

Happy Easter to our readers from all of us on the Bulletin Team.

Elsie Harris



IT'S EASTER! It's Resurrection time, a time to celebrate LIFE, new life, ongoing life. Yet, for so long, the media has been full of questioning on the abortion issue.

The 'right to life' of the unborn child is being yet again looked at. Must this 'right to life' be subservient to the 'right' of the mother is the question being asked.

I READ again, recently, Psalm 139 and it is so beautiful to read of the God 'who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb', a God who 'watched my bones take shape when I was being formed in secret, knitted together in the limbo of the womb'. We read of a God who knows 'my every action ... even before the first of them occurred'.

WHAT RIGHT have any of us to contemplate playing God in the light of such creativity?

The closing lines of the Psalm are so challenging: 'Make sure I do not follow pernicious ways and guide me in the way that is everlasting'.

Luke

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I'M A little frightened that we're on a sinking ship and are not launching the lifeboats. A friend asked me lately if I really believed Catholicism would survive the next forty years. I also read an article by Father Tony Flannery, Redemptorist, who writes about the disillusion and huge organisational problems the declining numbers of religious will face in the next thirty years.

I'm sorry to sound notes of death at a time of resurrection, but this season should focus us

more sharply on the problem. Christ will still be present in the early twenty-first century, but the present institutional church is not going to be able to manifest Him. Lay ministries and parish sharing are not keeping pace with the speed of changes occurring, and we will be found wanting if we are not more radical. We are nonchalant assuming the church can live on its history, losing an opportunity to form a totally different church and thereby losing an entire generation. Shouldn't we start talking about it, at least?

Thomas

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EASTER BRINGS the same message every year: Jesus died and rose again to redeem us from our sins and gain for us the right to a place in Heaven. While this is great news, I seem to be taking it for granted more and more over the years.

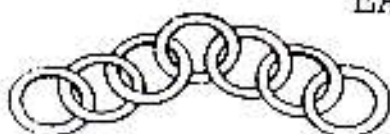
So I began to think, wouldn't it mean so much more if I could have my own little reason to make the celebration a bit more meaningful. Some of the good that lies within me could do with a bit of resurrection too.

If there's somebody at work who drives me mad; there's room for tolerance to resurrect itself. If there's always too much housework and never enough time for a quiet moment with God; it's time to re-adjust my priorities. If I tend to be judgemental, maybe I could go to work on the plank in my own eye first.

Throughout Lent I've been working on these things, with many a pitfall! For Holy Week, it's almost traditional to make one last big effort, so that by Easter Sunday there'll be a resurrection of the good in my soul.

✠ Ruth ✠

EASTER QUIZ

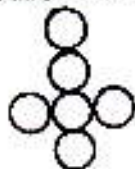


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The Seven Link Chain

Charlie was a student at the University. He was in trouble financially. He would not get any money from home for another week. He had to pay his landlady for the next seven days or he would be thrown out. He explained his financial situation to the landlady. She always admired a small chain of seven links (precious) he wore around his neck and told Charlie that she would give him free digs for seven days if he gave her the chain. Charlie did not trust that the landlady would give him free digs and meals for seven days. So he suggested that he would give her one link per day for seven days. The landlady agreed but said that she would only allow him to cut away one link. Charlie thought up a solution that gave the landlady one link per day. How did Charlie do it?

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Shown are six coins. By moving one coin, have four coins in each row (horizontal or vertical).

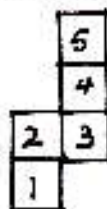


3 The Cigarette Quiz

John had a horrible addiction. He could not go $\frac{1}{2}$ hour without having a cigarette. When he was short of money he would collect cigarette butts and make cigarettes out of them. Over the years he found that seven butts made a full cigarette. One day he gathered 49 butts. If he smoked one cigarette every $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour, how long would this supply last?

4

Make five squares with matches as shown. By moving just two matches, form four squares each touching another.

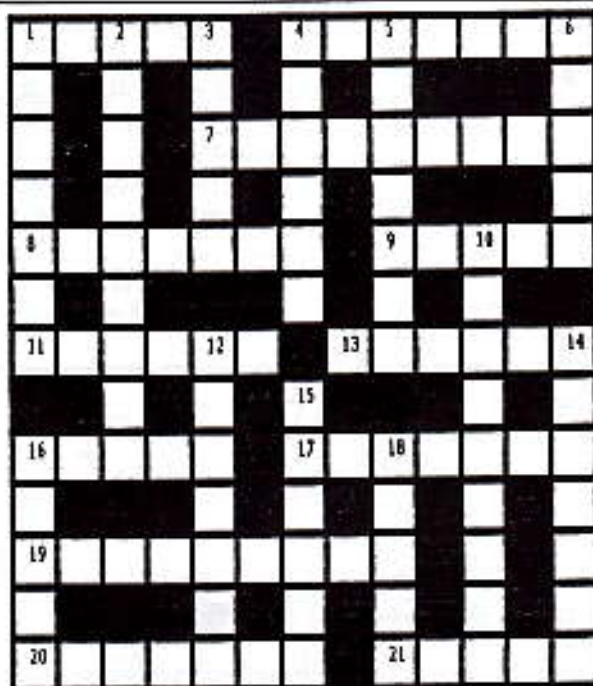


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Cut a circular cake into eight pieces by making only three cuts. You are not permitted to cut the cake in layers, and you also cannot cut the cake in half and then put one half on top of the other before making the next cut.

This quiz is for all age groups of every gender. A prize will be given for the first correct solution submitted.

Easter Crossword



NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Clues Across

1. One of the minor Prophets (5)
4. Disciple who went to Emmaus (7)
7. King of Macedon known as 'The Great' (9)
8. A rainbow resembling this jewel is mentioned in Rev.4:3 (7)
9. Book of the Old Testament (5)
11. One who helps at the celebration of Mass (6)
13. Land occupied by the twelve tribes, now a Middle East state (6)
16. Type of weapon used to pierce Jesus' side at the Crucifixion (5)
17. Plant described by Solomon, Song of Songs 4:14 (7)
19. Region of E. Libya bordering Egypt (9)
20. Birthplace of John Wesley (7)
21. A Publican was the official collector of these monies (5)

Clues Down

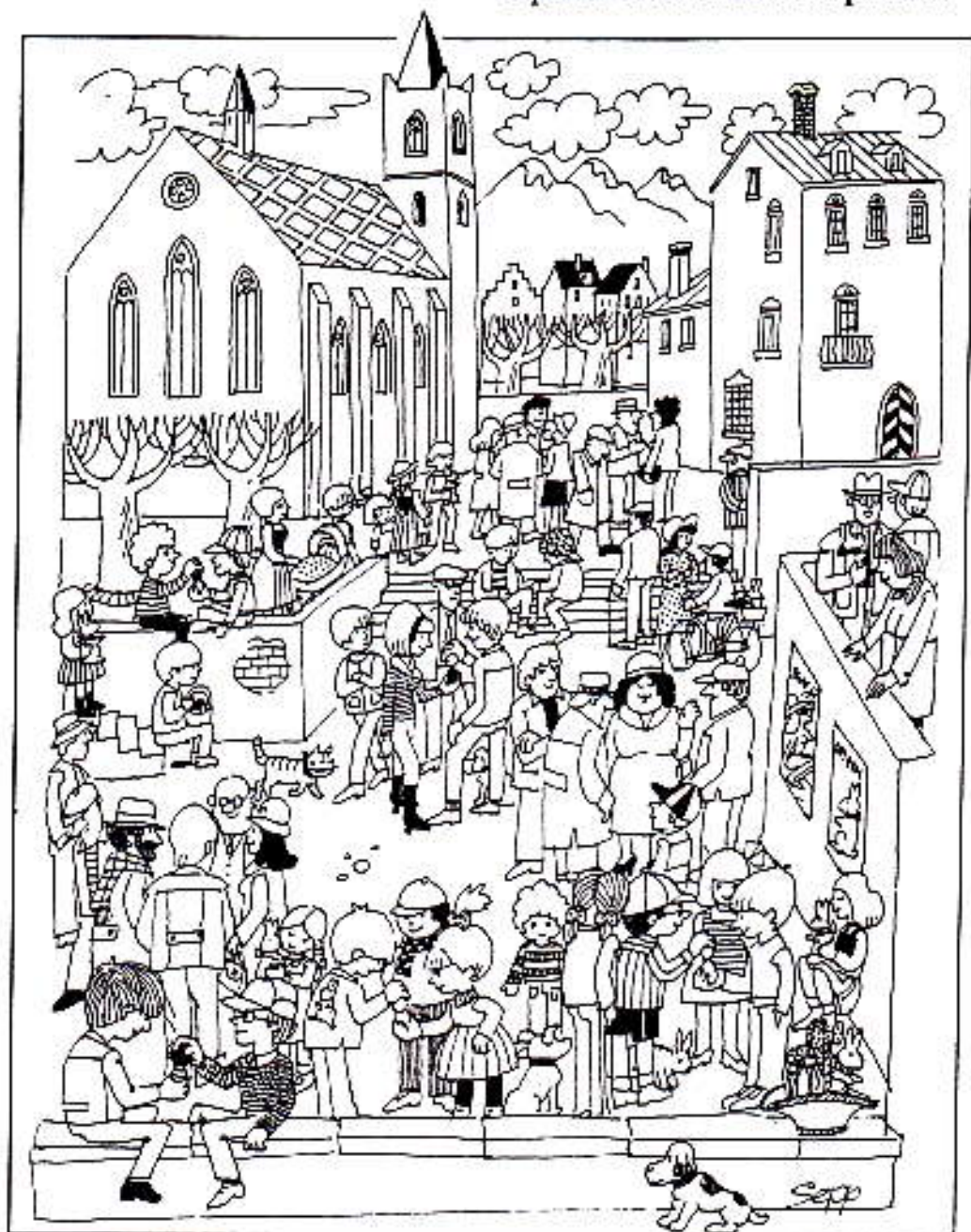
1. Epistle of the New Testament by an unknown author (7)
2. Highest court of the Jews which met in Jerusalem (9)
3. Nephew of David, 1 Chron.2 (5)
4. Nicene and Apostles for example (6)
5. Christian writer, B.1466, who translated the Greek New Testament (7)
6. Wife of Abraham (5)
10. Cistercian monastery founded by St. Bernard (9)
12. Wife of Edward 1, who erected Crosses in her memory (7)
14. Food brought for David, 2 Samuel 17:8 (7)
15. Old Testament prophet, son of Amoz (6)
16. Description of riches used by some Bible translations (5)
18. Day of festival in the Roman Catholic Church (5)

Answers to C.P. Centre by April 26th.



Easter Time

As you can see, a lot of people have gathered in the town square after Mass. Here's what you have to do: guess how many Easter bunnies are in the picture. And, to make it harder, take a guess at the number of people in the square. Then colour the picture.



Solution: There are fifty-four people and ten bunnies in the square.



Chaplaincy Team

Cork R.T.C

UNIQUE AND SPECIAL

James McSweeney, a Team member, has given us an account of this extra-ordinary Chaplaincy. We were so impressed by it that we are introducing it in this Easter Bulletin and will continue it in further Bulletins.

The Chaplaincy Team in Cork R.T.C. is unique and very special. It is unique because you can travel the length and breadth of the country and you won't come across anything quite like the Chaplaincy as it is in the Regional College.

It is very special because it is at the heart of college life, not in a strong/forceful way or hidden away somewhere, but rather a gentle presence on campus that is felt by all. I will try and explain to you what the Chaplaincy Team is all about, when it was set up, what sort of work we do, the results of that work and a look at young people today.

The Chaplaincy Team is now in its eighth year and was set up in 1984-85. It all started when a group of students volunteered to work in the Chaplaincy. It is important to note that it all started from the students themselves.

Over 50 students have served on teams over the years and most have found it satisfying and rewarding. Each person has

his or her own reason for serving on the team, these are accepted and respected. There is a professional training and skilling process built into the team programme for the year and opportunities for the further development of particular aptitudes or skills are also provided. Its present form is a team of seven graduates (4 men, 3 women) in partnership with the two full-time chaplains. A significant development since it started has been the appointment of a full time lay chaplain in 1990-91 who is now the anchor for the chaplaincy in the R.T.C. The priest chaplain works in partnership with him and along with the graduate team (which changes each year) all make up the Chaplaincy Team.

The main purpose of the Team is that we are there for the students, to promote peer care on campus and to be supportive of the academic, personal and social wellbeing of the student. As a team we respond to the meeting of felt needs and we help students link with one another as they get on with college life. We support them in any way we can and create opportunities that promote friendship and care. By working together as a team, we help students to feel less isolated in college and that there is always someone there to help, listen, support and encourage. There is something very important in all of this, and that is working as a team.

The chaplaincy does not accommodate any volunteer who would prefer working on an





Chaplaincy Team

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individual basis rather than part of the team. The foundation that the chaplaincy rests on is Christian, based on the beliefs, values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. When the volunteers are accepted on to the team, their beliefs are not questioned, but each know that christianity is the driving force behind everything we do.

Each team member has the responsibility of a specific project during the year. I will give you a brief insight into each of these.

INFORMATION DESK. This is located in the main corridor of the college. It is open three hours each day and is a useful contact point for students where all kinds of information is available. For a student, it may be as simple as change (or a phonecall, where a classroom or department is, or enquiries about certain events that may be happening. It is also used to promote important events, such as carol singing, the distribution of kidney donor cards, and the recent Daffodil Day.

WHAT'S ON. This is a weekly news-sheet that has now been running for three years. It comes out each Monday morning and contains everything that will take place during the week, such as meetings, discos, all sporting activities and any item of news that may be of interest to students. 1700 copies are distributed weekly and are picked up at the Info. Desk. It helps build a sense of community which is of vital importance.



*Risen Lord,
Thank you for
your gift
of a new day,
of a new life,
of a new forever.*

*You give hope to
us,
and you give
meaning to us.*

*We know that
nothing can
stop us
from loving you,
from serving
you,
from following
you,
from listening
to you.*

*Whatever happens
to us,
we know you
are with us,
and you
will give us
your gift
of a new day,
of a new life,
of a new forever.*

*Thank you for
Easter!
AMEN.*