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Easter Sunday



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DEANEVYS CHOICE, CORK



Let us share

with each other

the **JOY** the

**RISEN  
CHRIST**

has won for us

~Easter Liturgy~

Courtesy of The Poor Clares



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

### An Easter Message

"This is the day the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be glad."

After our long, wet and dreary winter the signs of new life are everywhere. Daffodils are dancing in the breeze, lambs in the fields, all evidence of young life, and a new spirit.

But the real cause for confidence at this time is the fact that Jesus died and rose again. Death is not the end after all. And not only did He guarantee us a new life after death, but the power of his Resurrection bursts into our world right now:

When those who were bad friends are reconciled;  
When grief is eased, and a new way forward is found;  
When the darkness of depression is lifted by friendship and affection;  
When those who are oppressed find justice and freedom;  
When a sinner (each of us) finds pardon and peace;  
When an alcoholic conquers dependence;  
When a drug addict breaks the chain of addiction;  
Then a new day dawns.

May you be filled with the joys of Easter. This is my prayer for you today.

Happy Easter.

*Denis O'Connell P.P.*

## From the Editor

Dear Bulletin Readers,

Coming to the end of my fourth year as editor, I ask myself where does the Bulletin stand now?

Someone asked me the question recently, what is the purpose of the bulletin? Is it to inform to educate, to entertain, to give spiritual guidance, or what? We try to do some or all of these. But the real question is - do you find it INTERESTING? Do you rush home from Mass every Sunday eager to read it before the other members of the family tear it out of your hands? Or does it get lost under the bundle of Sunday papers and end up in the bin, sadly, unread. Your comments would be welcomed.

On behalf of the Bulletin Team it is my privilege to wish you a very happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

*Blair Burns*



# ANY ANSWERS



This is a questionnaire with a difference. The questions posed are pertinent to the age we live in. It is agreed that there is a wave of mass questioning on every topic; an age also where great wealth and shameful poverty are very evident. The ever problem of high unemployment and emigration is now taken as an accepted way of life. This questionnaire presents a chance to our readers, young and old, to air their views and it would be appreciated if you could indicate your willingness to have your scripts published in the Bulletin. Group submission will be also very welcome. We all may benefit from this little exercise. Unfortunately, there will be no prizes on offer.



**The All-knowing Age**

It's too bad all of life's problems can't hit us when we're 18—the stage of life when we know everything.

1) Why is there a gradual falling off in attendance at Sunday Masses, especially among the young?

2) The Secular and Regular Clergy have all reported a drop in vocations for the priesthood. Is this a temporary phenomenon or is it a definite trend?

3) Due to the lack of members among the clerical teaching orders (male and female), schools are closing down, or in some cases there is a transfer to lay control. Will the future education of boys and girls change for the better or the worse?

4) Is the continuous criticism of the Pope by the media and other liberal organisations when he pontificates on matters such as homosexuality, abortion, birth control, justified?

5) In a country such as Ireland where unemployment is very high and poverty rampant, is there any justification for the high fees paid to some professionals in the legal and medical professions?

6) Do we take out of our Catholic faith what really suits us and do our Catholic parents really make a big effort to pass on the faith to their children?

7) Considering the changes which have taken place in the Catholic Church over the past twenty years, how will the church be viewed in twenty years' time?

8) Should our legislators demand high standards of morality from all members of the Cabinet?

9) How can our Catholic legislators proceed with the legalising of divorce, abortion, etc.?  
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**CHOCOLATE CRUNCH CAKE**

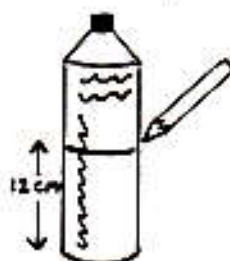
- 4 ozs. Wholemeal Biscuits
- 2 oz. Icing Sugar
- 5 ozs Plain chocolate
- 4 ozs butter or Margarine
- Smarties

Crumble biscuits into mixing bowl. Sift icing sugar and add to biscuits. Break chocolate into small pieces and put into small bowl with the butter. Partly fill a saucepan with hot water. Stand the small bowl in the saucepan and put on a low heat. Stir until chocolate has melted and is well blended with the butter. Pour mixture over biscuit crumbs and mix thoroughly with wooden spoon. Grease a square shallow tin with butter getting well into the corners. Press mixture firmly into the tin. Leave to set in fridge for one hour. Turn out of tin and cut into squares with knife. Decorate each square with smarties.

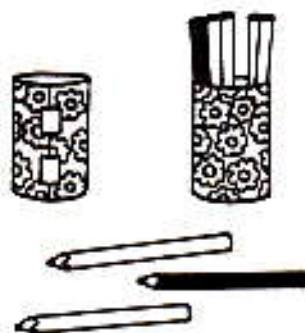
**Pencil holder**

You will need: a clean, empty washing-up liquid bottle, a piece of wrapping paper, sticky tape, round-ended scissors.

1 Draw a line round the washing-up liquid bottle about 12cm from the bottom.



2 Ask a grown-up to cut the top of the bottle off following the line you have drawn.



3 Cut a piece of wrapping paper to the right size and wrap it around the washing-up liquid bottle. Stick it down with sticky tape.

Now you have somewhere to keep your coloured pencils and felt-tip pens.

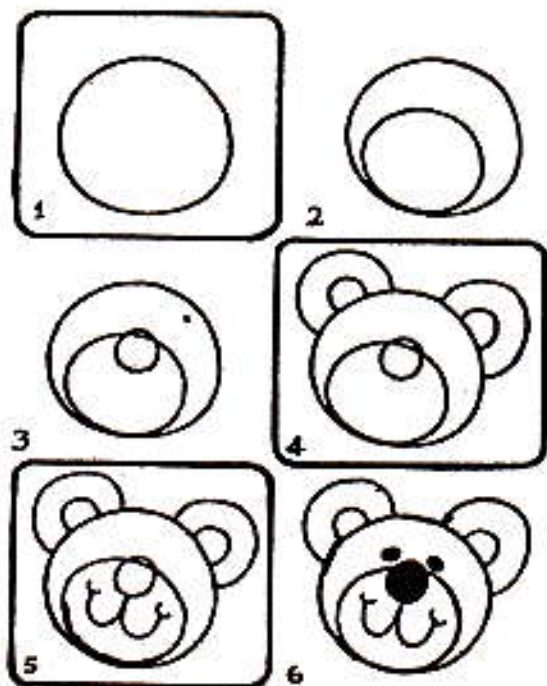
**the mouths of babes**

by Roy Mitchell





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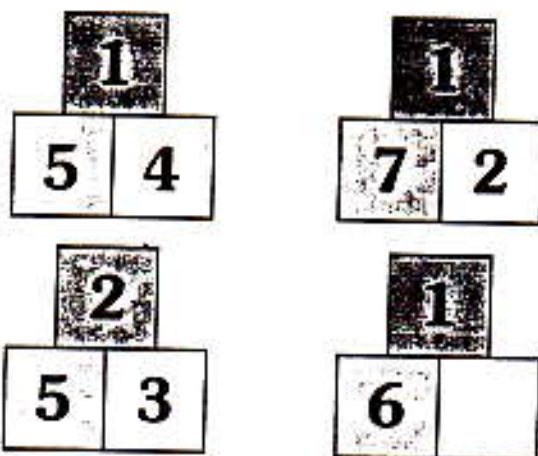


Happy  
Easter



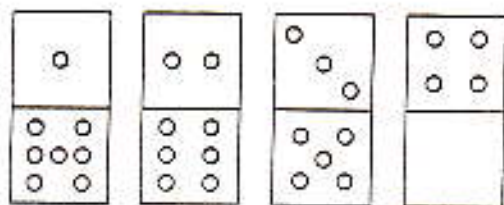
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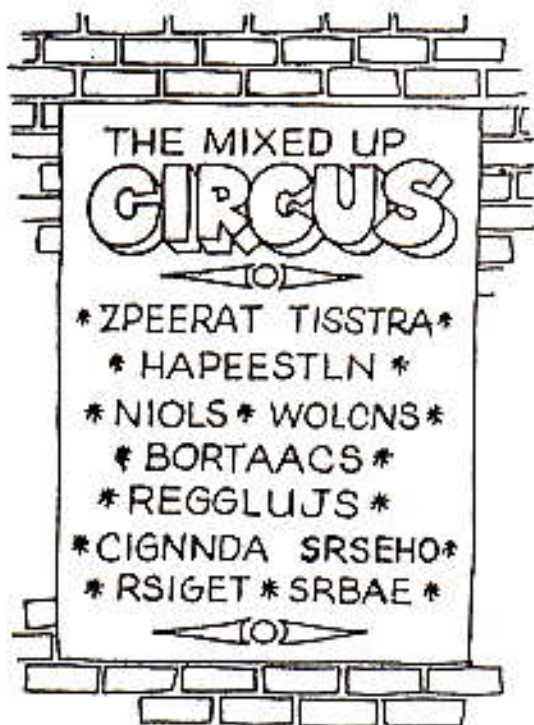
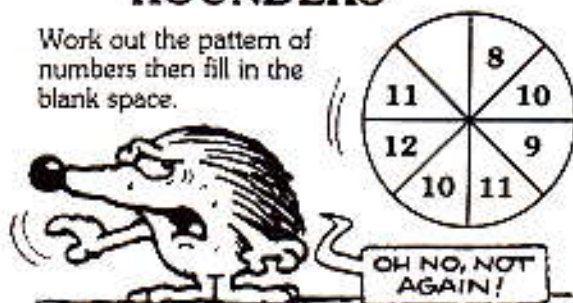
## DOMINOES

What should appear on the last domino?



## ROUNDERS

Work out the pattern of numbers then fill in the blank space.



*Easter  
Comments  
by  
Luke & Naomi*

**SPIRITUAL DONKEYS?**

We think of Easter as Resurrection time, a time of renewal. But so often our renewal runs out of steam instead of being constant in our pilgrim journey.

Professor Ivor Browne, interviewed recently, referred to himself as "a slow learner - a bit of a spiritual donkey." Aren't we all?

Renewal means opening up to others. After the resurrection, Christ appeared first to Mary Magdalen. At Jacob's Well, He broke with convention by asking a Samaritan, and a woman at that, for a drink to quench His thirst. Was He telling us something?

As followers of Christ, why do we have such a preoccupation with side-lining women and preventing them from actively participating in church, especially in our liturgical functions?

It is surely time to acknowledge our exclusiveness and to welcome women in to full membership and to all-embracing participation in church.

Happy Easter.

Luke

**OUR CELTIC CROSSES  
- A REFLECTION**

In the recurring pattern of human life, the Cross, in its joy and sorrow is always present. Today, we joyfully celebrate that Christ is risen. Darkness becomes Light, Death gives way to Re-birth and Creation is redeemed.

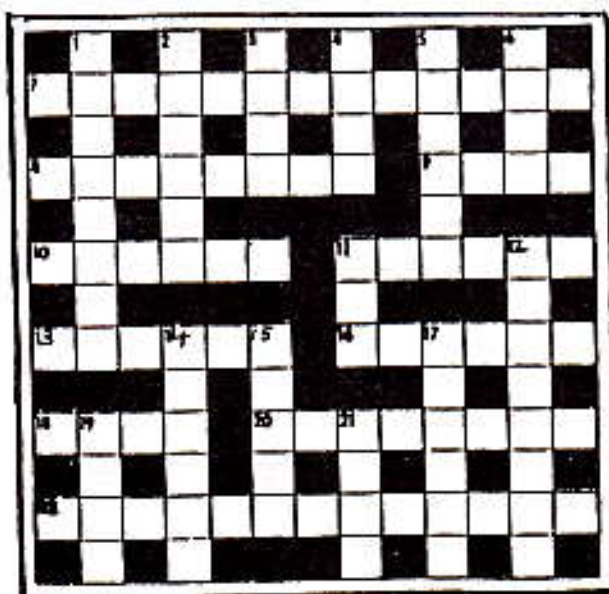
The two hundred or so high crosses scattered throughout the country are a prominent legacy of our Celtic Christian ancestors. They are decorated with biblical scenes, carvings of birds and animals and interweaving patterns suggesting the continuous and roundabout journey of Faith. At this focal point are scenes of the Last Judgement or Christ in glory on the cross. The distinctive shape of the Celtic cross is the circle surrounding the cross of redemption, representing Eternity, Creation in the shape of earth and sun and Christ, the Beginning and the End.

While rich in symbolism, their main message is one of joy: Christ is risen and eternally present in our midst.

Naomi



# Easter Crossword



NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

## Clues Across

7. ... and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb. Mt.28.8 (6,4,3)
8. Mixed up Len surrounded by weight, but supremely blessed. (8)
9. Sounds a bit coarse, but their leaves enrich the stew. (4)
10. Not THAT triple crown! The popes' ones. (6)
11. Now is the time. (6)
13. Sounds like instruction not to have it empty. It's a help. (6)
16. A luminous beetle, or a dirty look. (6)
18. An indispensable type in our parish. (4)
20. Come early and have a ball. (8)
22. Items of furniture that have you going around in circles. (7,6)

## Clues Down

1. They only exist to be knocked. (8)
2. Dwell within the alternative, poor boy. (6)
3. They say it's vanished. (4)
4. It surpasses Solomon and it's seasonal. (4)
5. It's an opportunity if missed. (3,3)
6. Goes with a will. (1,3)
11. Symbol of new life, but today's one must be chocolate. (3)
12. Greed demands it, for the rest of one's life. (8)
14. This "little person" is of the olde variety. (6)
15. These sayings were attributed to Him. (5)
17. Fled from the house and exceeded the limits. (6)
19. This thing is negative to the United Nations. (4)
21. A hurtful expression. (4)

Answers to C.P. Centre by April 10th.

**NEW MASS TIMES**

In response to the Bishop's Pastoral concerning Mass times, the Parish Council has decided that the most suitable times are as follows:

**SUNDAYS**

Vigil	6.15 p.m.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.
	10.30 a.m.
	12.15 p.m.

**HOLIDAYS**

Vigil	7.30 p.m.
Holiday	9.00 a.m.
	10.30 a.m.
	12.15 p.m.
	7.30 p.m.

These new Mass times will be commence on 9th/10th April.

**N.B.** All Evening Masses in this Church are at 7.30 p.m. except the Saturday 6.15 p.m. Mass.

*N.B. Please cut out the above notice and keep for reference.*

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.**  
Monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 7th in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

**Charity Gala**

A Gala Race Night at Cork Greyhound Track on Monday, 4th April, at 8 p.m. in aid of Cork Spina Bifida Association and other Bishopstown Lions' Club Charities. Admission £3 including a free draw.

**EASTER CUSTOMS**

The traditional greeting of Russian and other Eastern-rite Christians when they meet at Easter, is: "The Lord has risen", to which the reply is "He has truly risen." This is certainly a more expressive exchange of greeting than the banal "Happy Easter!" It is only in the liturgy that we find appropriate expressions of the joy of Easter. The refrain for the invitatory psalm at the morning office corresponds to the Russian greeting: "The Lord has truly risen, alleluia."



One Easter custom in Irish tradition deserves attention. It was the practice, especially in rural areas, for people to get up early on this Sunday morning to see the sun "dancing". This idea and the customs attached to it can be given a Christian interpretation, namely, that the whole of creation has a share in the joy of the resurrection. This is borne out by St. Paul: "Creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God". The redemption, won by Christ, extends to the whole universe.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER: 271551**