



Palm Sunday

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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

I remember once seeing a floral arrangement depicting Passion, Death, Resurrection. A piece of knarled driftwood was a reminder of pain, grey stones and blood red flowers of death. A sheaf of snow white lilies were a beautiful reminder of the glory of resurrection.

Lent is a time of preparation for the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ our Saviour. Sometimes we focus so much on the Passion and Death that we pay less attention to the Resurrection and the wonderful hope and joy it brings.

This happens too in our own

lives. When we are in mourning, when we suffer the pain of loss - be it by death, separation, loss of a job, loss of health, or even loss of our belief in someone we loved and trusted, we believe that we have reached the end. There is no further hope. We are caught up on our own experience of passion and death. We cannot see resurrection. Yet our Christian hope is that we too will rise from our sorrow just as surely as Jesus from the tomb. There are many "little resurrections" in our lives and often we fail to recognize them. They are little reminders of the sure hope of our final share in the resurrection of Jesus, which is the greatest truth of our Christian faith. St. Paul reminds us very forcefully of this in 1. Cor. when he says, "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is useless and your believing is useless."

SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Organised by the Liturgy Group and presented by the Dean, a Penitential Service will take the place of the 7.30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, April 12th.

We will have selected readings from Ministers of the Word, Taize music and congregational singing led by a cantor.

With visiting priests supplementing our own Parish Team, it is hoped that the Penitential Service will conclude within forty minutes.

Hosanna!



Parish Council

The Pastoral Council members continue to meet every month. Area Meetings are currently being held, the purpose of which is to establish Council member contact and communication with various parishioners with commitment to the vitality of our parish community, i.e., Bulletin Distributors, Dues Collectors and Contact Persons.

Fr. John Manley, O.F.M.Cap. and Fr. Joachim Little, O.F.M.Cap. will conduct a Week of Prayer in the parish from 20th to 26th May. Fr. Manley attended the March meeting and with the Council members discussed a format for the Week. It is hoped that each day will be dedicated to a particular theme, commencing with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 20th.

Sean O'Connor gave a very detailed report on the various Ministries working in the parish. Some of the groups would be delighted with new members who are willing to be of service to the community. Anyone interested may give their name to their Pastoral Council Representative or to the Parish Team.



SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to CARMEL STONE, Wilton Avenue, and to FR. NOSSIE KELLEHER, S.M.A., Wilton, on the death of their father.

A LIFE REDEEMED

The Polish army sergeant who survived for five years in Auschwitz after a Franciscan priest volunteered to give up his life in his place has died in Poland at the age of 94. Sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1939, Sgt. Cajowniczek was condemned to die of starvation with nine others in an underground cell known as the "hunger bunker" in punishment for another inmate's escape. When he asked for mercy, pleading that he should live for his wife and children, Fr. Maksymilian Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take his place. Kolbe survived for ten days in the dungeon, leading the other doomed men in prayer; In the end, he and three others were killed by injection.

Kolbe was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Cajowniczek dedicated much of the rest of his life to speaking about Kolbe and helping to dedicate churches in his name. His widow said after his death, "Now he has gone to Kolbe."

- The Tablet, March 25



CATHEDRAL REFURBISHMENT

On display in the Cathedral at present are some plans, artist's impressions and a model of what the 'new-look' Cathedral will be like. You are welcome to call in to study these items and to visit the Cathedral which is open Monday - Sat. 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.



Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday at 9 a.m. Holy Oils used throughout the year are blessed at this Mass and the laity are invited to attend.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation on College Road this week.

Easter Dues

The priests of the parish would like to thank the collectors who distributed the Dues envelopes, and the parishioners who have returned them.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Ministers who would normally be on the 6.15 Mass on Easter Saturday are asked to come on duty for the 9.00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

We would appeal to Ministers to make an effort to get a replacement if you are unable to attend for duty on Sunday and the Saturday Vigil Masses.

EASTER TRIDUUM AT THE POOR CLARES

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by a Holy Hour before the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. Celebration of the Passion 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil at 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday and Monday

First Mass at 8 a.m.

Tae Kwon-Do

Beginners classes for self defence, sport and fitness at Highfield Rugby Club on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. and Saturdays at 12 noon. Everyone welcome!

Hall Available

In Glasheen area, suitable for gard games, keep fit, etc. Phone 542313.

Congratulations



LOCAL SCHOOLS WIN

Congratulations to the Junior Hockey team at Mount Mercy on winning the Munster Junior A Hockey Cup recently. Parishioners on the team were Gene FitzGerald, Kenley (Capt.), Joanne Murphy, Kenley, Susie Harte-Barry, The Manor and Barbara Wixted, College Road.

Congratulations also go to the Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh U-16 Soccer team on winning the Munster Schools Cup, and the semi-final of the All-Ireland Schools Cup. Parishioners on the team - Kevin O'Riordan, Bishops court (Capt.), Greg Fitzgerald, Leesdale and Kieran O'Mahony, Bendemeer Park.

PRIEST ON DUTY: 088-519940



SPY WEDNESDAY

MASSES: 7.30, 9.00, 10.00. No Evening Mass.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: 7.30 p.m.



TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

CONFESSIONS: 4.00 p.m. and after 5.00 p.m. Mass
7.00-7.30 p.m. and after 7.30 p.m. Mass

MASSES: 5.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bring your Trocaire Box)

HOLY HOUR: Keeping Watch 10.00-11.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

CONFESSIONS: After Ceremonies & 7.30-9.30p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 11.00a.m. for children
12 noon for all

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion

Continuing the Watch - Taize Hour 8.30-9.30p.m.



BY THIS
HOLY CROSS
THOU HAST
REDEEMED THE
WORLD



HOLY SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS: 12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, 7.00-8.30

9.00 p.m. THE EASTER VIGIL

N.B. No Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.