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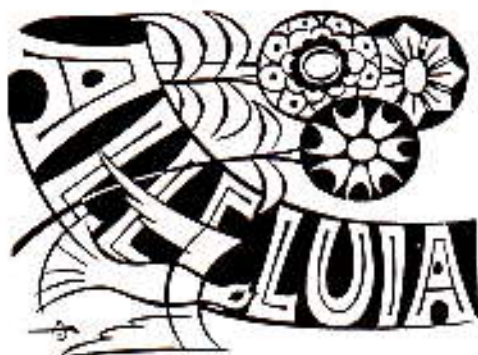
"Shalom - Peace be with you". These were the first words of Jesus to his friends after his Resurrection. Then he added: "Do not let your hearts be troubled - trust in God always, and trust in me." "Peace I leave you, my own peace I give you - peace which the world cannot give - this is my gift to you."

There are so many people in the world who live with bitterness, prejudice, loneliness and fear. The message of Jesus today is - There is no need to worry any more, we are forgiven, accepted, and loved by God.

We, Sr. Ursula, Fr. Finbarr, Fr. John and myself are deeply grateful to so many people in this Parish who make things happen in our community, and do them so well.

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be yours this blessed Easter Day.

*Denis O'Loannon P.P.*



## From the Editor

Dear Bulletin Readers,

We have just come to the end of a week of meaningful liturgies. To the parish team and all concerned we offer our appreciation. These Holy Week ceremonies didn't just happen. Behind the scenes was much planning and organizing.

So it is with the Bulletin. To the ten of us on the Bulletin team compiling the Bulletin is interesting and challenging. But to all the other (approximately 140!) people who do the donkey work - typing, folding, distributing, delivering, etc. it can be pretty boring. However, without them the whole Bulletin operation wouldn't work. Our thanks to all of you, to Fr. Finbarr for his support, to our regular contributors and to all who have taken the trouble to write in and comment.

Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely,

*Elsie Harris*

God Bless  


 You  
at  
Easter

# Easter Comments

by Luke & Naomi

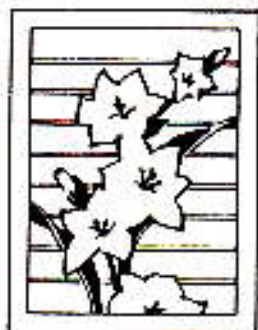
## EASTER MEDIA COMMENT

### ALLELUIA

The past year has been a traumatic one for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Sex abuse allegations within the clergy and religious and the abortion and divorce debates have put the Church on the defensive. All these circumstances have saddened some and given rise to apathy and cynicism in others. The media have had a field day.

Go back two thousand years and what do we find? An embryonic Church in total turmoil and disarray. The founder in prison. His chief deputy denying he ever knew Him. His followers running for cover. The media didn't exist.

But Christ overcame it all. He rose triumphant from the grave. His promise? I will be with you always. We are a Resurrection people. Let us be hopeful and excited by His promise. Alleluia!!



### NAOMI'S WRITES:

Never did Spring's arrival seem more blessed than this year, after five Winter months of relentless rain and drab greyness. If the soul echoes and reflects the natural world of its Creator, then it is not surprising that it is downcast in Winter and brightened and revived in Spring. A longer span of bright daylight, the sound of bird-song and a resurgence of growth all uplift and invigorate the spirit.

"What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet-being in the beginning  
In Eden garden."

- wrote the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins. It is appropriate to celebrate Christ's resurrection and the affirmation of our re-birth at this life-giving time of year. I'm glad Easter is a movable feast which coincides with Springtime. Rejoice in it!



# Teenage Quiz



1. Who had the original hit with "Don't Fear the Reaper"?

A \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who wrote the book "Misery" which was adapted into film?

A \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the unit of currency in Poland?

A \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which letter is at the far left of the bottom of a 'QWERTY' keyboard?

A \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which element has the symbol Ag?

A \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was known as the Dark Continent?

A \_\_\_\_\_

7. What Rugby League side is nicknamed "The Lioness"?

A \_\_\_\_\_

8. In 1987 and 1990 British Summer Time began a week earlier to prevent it beginning on which day?

A \_\_\_\_\_

9. Recite the shortest verse in the Bible?

A \_\_\_\_\_

10. In what position does Irish Wing Forward, Anthony Foley, play for his club?

A \_\_\_\_\_

11. What were the first hair springs made from?

A \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who was called the Scourge of God?

A \_\_\_\_\_

13. How many standard time divisions are there in the U.S.A.?

A \_\_\_\_\_

14. Which Austrian body-builder starred in "Pumping Iron"?

A \_\_\_\_\_

15. What day follows Shrove Tuesday?

A \_\_\_\_\_

16. What are crampons used for?

A \_\_\_\_\_

Try to answer as many questions as possible. Completed entries to the C.P. Centre by April 30th.

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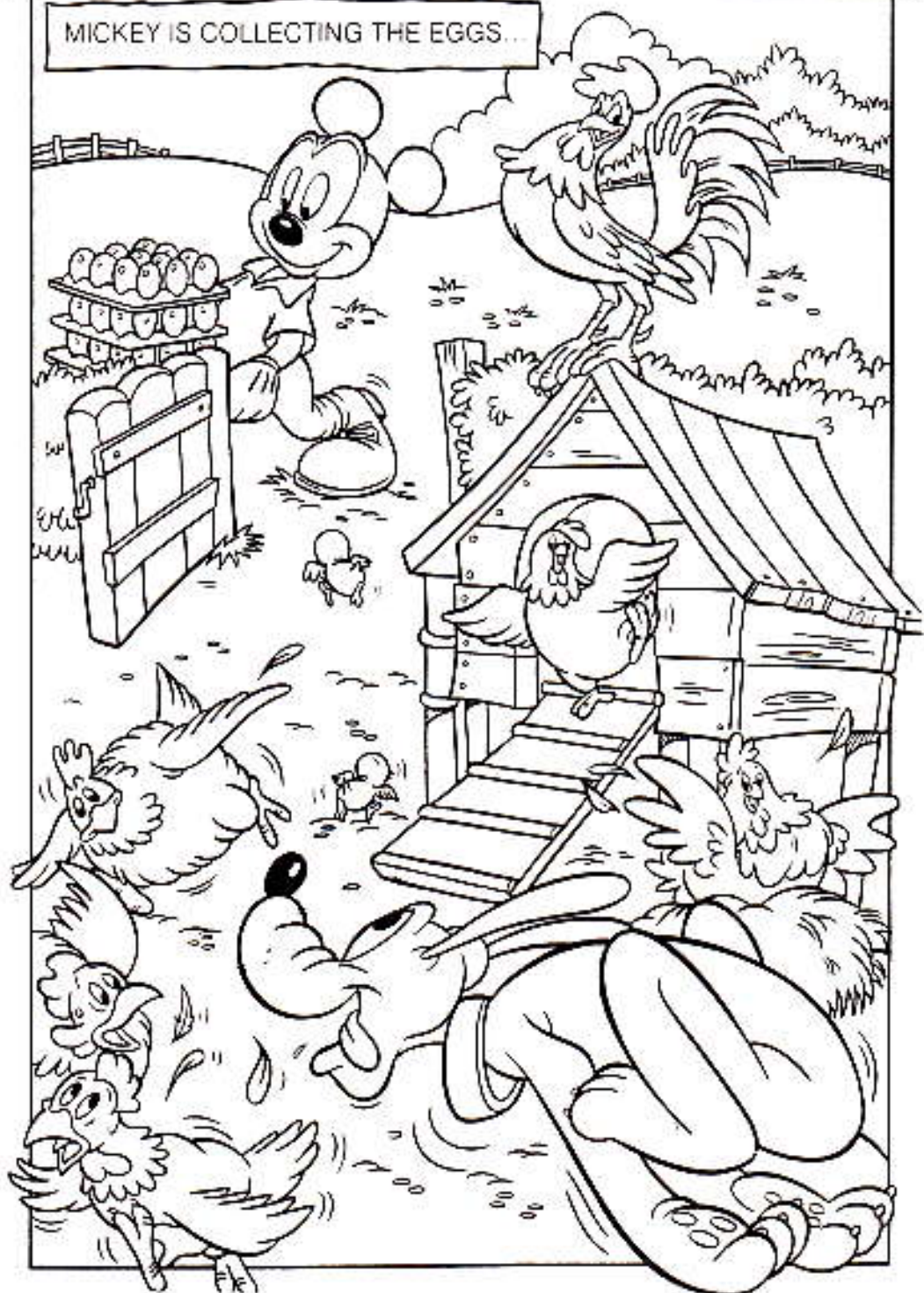
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COLOURING COMPETITION FOR UNDER 12's

MICKEY IS COLLECTING THE EGGS.



Entries to C.P. Centre by Sunday, 30th April

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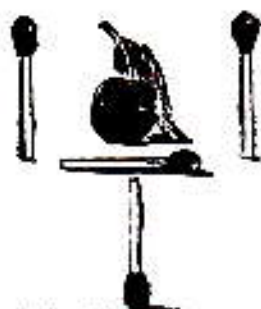
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(1)

A Professor of Logic in a well-known University was on a travelling holiday in Ireland. He arrived in a small town and to pass the time decided to get a haircut. There were only two Barbers in the town each with their own Barber's shop. The Professor decided to look at both shops before deciding where to go for the haircut. He looked into the first shop and saw that it was very untidy. The Barber himself needed a shave, his hair was badly cut and his clothes were unkempt. He went to the other shop and he saw it was extremely neat. The Barber in this shop was freshly shaved. Which Barber's shop did the Professor go to for the hair cut and why?

(2)

How do you move only two matches to new positions so that the glass is reformed in a different position and with the apple on the outside.



(3)

In a certain West Cork town there are 800 women (married and single). Three per cent (3%) of them wear one earring. Of the remaining 97% half of them wear two earrings, and the other half wear one earring. How many earrings all together are being worn by the women?

(4)

Two brothers who were joint owners of their farm decided to sell their herd of cattle and the amount they got for each animal was the same as the number of cattle in the herd. The sale money was given in £10 notes, except for an excess amount less than £10 that was in £1 coins. They divided the amount between them by placing all the money on the table and alternately taking a £10 note until there was none left.

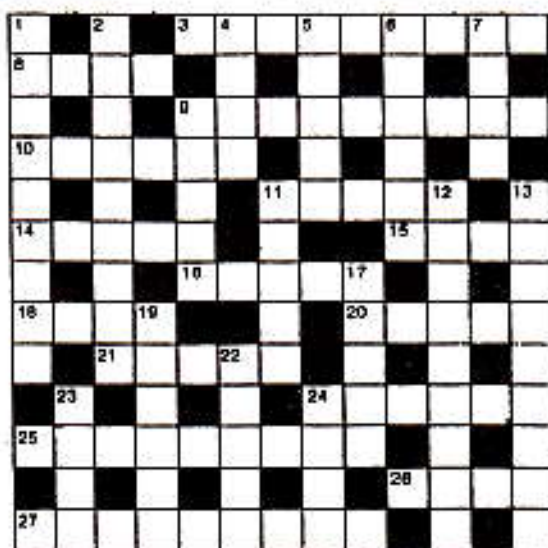
"This is not fair", said one of the brothers. "You drew the first and the last £10 note, so you have £10 more than I have." To even things up the other brother said, "All right, you can have the £1 coins." The other brother was not satisfied. "You still owe me money." "I agree," said the other brother, "I will write a cheque payable to you so that we both end up with the same amount." They both agreed.

What was the amount of the cheque?

(5)

Mr. McCarthy, a Sales Representative, when on his calls was in a particular town for one day. He called to the hotel where he intended to stay and paid £15 (commercial rate) for the room for one night. The Desk Clerk immediately realized that the correct commercial rate was £10 per night. He therefore sent the Porter with five single punts up to Mr. McCarthy's room. The Porter was not too honest and he gave only three punts to Mr. McCarthy who has now paid £12 for his room. The Porter has got £2. So £14 is accounted for. Where is the missing £1?

# EASTER CROSSWORD



E.H.

## Across

3. Still weeping she stooped to look inside and saw... in white. Jn.20,v.12. (3,6)
8. Greedy mixed up diva. (4)
9. Such proximity derives from scene loss. (9)
10. It's about a phone message, Remember? (6)
11. Our Great Constructor. (5)
14. This can be very powerful, yet is said to fit in a cup. (5)
15. Thrilling, but just a rut without a thing around. (4)
16. Ally with this for an overworked word. It's fundamental. (5)
18. These times made a wise man turn. (4)
20. Biblically, easily shaken by the wind. (5)
21. Regular events to test our resistance. (5)
24. Here is the perfection of youthful manhood. (6)
25. Sounds like being told to improvise a vest! (9)
26. Yahweh caused to spring up from the soil every kind of ... Gn.2,v.9. (4)
27. Don't attempt to set out for this place without a full tank. (9)

## Down

1. The indispensable Charles (9)
2. Record doesn't win to reveal all. (9)
4. No human, animal or vegetable but has ears, so they say. (4)
5. If you are all here, then you've lost your bearings. (2,3)
6. The story bird that went all over the place. (6)
7. Remove a leg from a strict observer of rules and he will keel over. (4)
9. Definitely not to be done socially. (5)
11. There were nine of them in Greece, one thinks. (5)
12. What we are celebrating. (5,4)
13. It's a cover up! (5,4)
17. Underground location of many events. (5)
19. Let Eva sup a cocktail and be thrifty. (5,2)
22. Three transcend to the clear upper air. (5)
23. Wise, but out of season. (4)
24. Everyone knows the greenest fields can be seen from here. (4)

Entries to C.P. Centre by April 30.



Only those who know they have sinned can understand the Resurrection. Tradition has always had it that Mary Magdalen was a great sinner. On Easter Sunday morning Mary Magdalen was the first at the tomb and the first to see the Risen Christ.

Magdalen at Michael's gate  
Tirled at the pin;  
On Joseph's thorn sang the blackbird,  
"Let her in! Let her in!"

"Hast thou seen the wounds?" said Michael,  
"Knowest thou thy sin?"  
"It is evening, evening," sang the blackbird,  
"Let her in! Let her in!"

"Yes, I have seen the wounds,  
And I know my sin."  
"She knows it well, well, well," sang the blackbird.  
"Let her in! Let her in!"

"Thou bringest no offerings," said Michael,  
"Nought save sin."  
And the blackbird sang, "She is sorry, sorry, sorry."  
"Let her in! Let her in!"

When he had sung himself to sleep,  
And night did begin,  
One came and opened Michael's gate,  
And Magdalen went in.

Henry Kingsley

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## The Triumph of The Cross

There is a very important aspect to the cross that we often neglect, namely the element of triumph or victory. The cross, as well as being a reminder of the pain and suffering which Christ endured for our sake and a reminder of the consequent suffering that we too must endure in life, is also a symbol of Christ's triumph and victory over death and evil.



The triumph of the cross is this great truth: after death comes the resurrection, after night comes the day, after winter comes the spring. It is the assurance that flowers can bloom even in the snow. It is the promise that, despite the apparent hopelessness of our situations, and the difficulty and sheer weight of our lives, we shall not be overcome!