



Ballineaspig Easter Bulletin

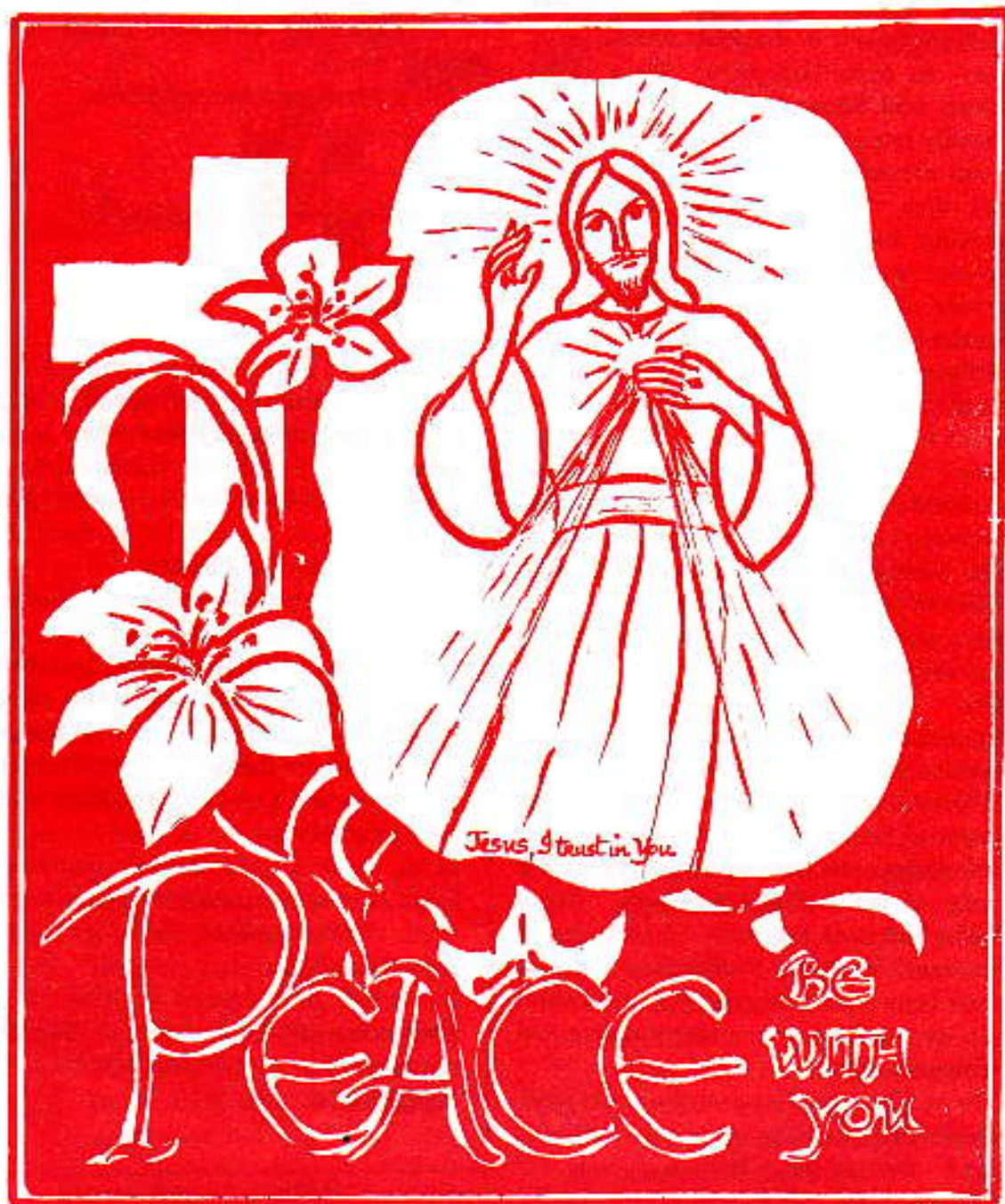
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He is Risen!



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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Easter Message from the Dean

Bishop Murphy was ordained co-adjutor Bishop of Cork & Ross just twenty years ago - on May 23rd 1976. Many of us priests had known him, and enjoyed a friendly relationship from our early teens. I was present at his ordination as bishop, and then returned home. Later that evening, he rang me on the phone and invited me to join himself and other priests at his room in Farranferris. Suddenly he was treated just a little differently. Some were delighted - some a little apprehensive. Nobody ignored the event which had taken place.

Many of you will have had a similar experience - your long time companion becomes Lord Mayor - perhaps Taoiseach. The young lad you taught in school is about to perform your hip operation. You are a guest at the wedding of the girl you had dreamed would be your wife one day. One event can change attitudes significantly, and from now on the relationship can never be quite the same. In the case of Jesus - some saw him as an inspiring preacher - a great miracle worker - or perhaps the one who would break the yoke of the Roman oppressors. Some again looked at him with a beady eye of jealousy. For all - whether their hopes of their fears - the end had come on Calvary. He was dead. It was a lovely dream, but it was all over.

The suddenly the Resurrection broke upon them. He was risen as he said. He was God - nothing less. Now everybody had to take sides. Either you rejected the evidence and saw the whole event as a

fraud, or accepted his Resurrection, and saw him as God. One thing for sure - things could never be the same again. The Resurrection of Jesus challenges each of us in the same way. We cannot ignore it. The grace to accept it with Faith brings blessings beyond comprehension. It also invites us to commit ourselves to Gospel values.

Have a lovely and blessed Easter.

Jesus O'Connor P.P.

Editor's Note

What does Easter mean to people? The end of Lent and all its self-denial, a break from school or work, how many easter eggs you will get. It means different things to all people, but they are all joyful thoughts, and Easter is a time that everyone looks forward to.

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us - by enduring the pain, suffering, and indignation of being crucified, and dying on the cross. Death is something which no-one looks forward to, and because Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, the sorrow and anguish of his death seems very much forgotten.

In the midst of bank holidays and Easter Eggs, take some time out to reflect on the death of Jesus and the life he gave up to save the world.

On behalf of everyone involved in the production of the bulletin, I take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a very happy Easter.

Colm Lynch



Easter Comments by Luke & Thomas

Luke

I wrote last Easter of the need to be hopeful when the Church in Ireland was being rocked by scandal after scandal. We are a Resurrection People, I said, a people of hope.

Thankfully, the number of scandals have diminished - but the hurting goes on. Instead there is a sort of waiting, a wondering :- is there more to come ?

As well, I sense an apathy, a feeling of confusion, even of betrayal and bitterness. We appear to be waiting for a leadership that falls short of what seems necessary. The number of Mass-goers is constantly falling. The practice of the faith is seen as an irrelevancy by many, especially the young.

So, where are we going ? Christ's promise is still there ; I will be with you - always. But who is listening ?

This Easter, let us share the joy of the Good News. Let us proclaim it. We ARE an Easter People. We are lucky. Let us share our luck with those who are not so lucky.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

THANK YOU

Special Thanks

On behalf of the people who braved the early morning elements, a special note of thanks to Sinead and Terence O'Donoghue who ensured that we always had an altar server at the 7.30 a.m. mass during Lent.

Thomas

I like the Easter story of John Ch. 21. Friendship is analysed here and it is a subject too often ignored. Verse 7 reads *"at these words - it is the Lord - Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat"*.

They were still unsure after the death of Jesus and had gone fishing to keep the emptiness away.

I love the openness of Peter, the unashamed expression of joy and welcome at the re-appearance of his friend. Peter might well have been expected to be reticent following on recent experiences of *"the denial"* but he is confident because their friendship was strong.

I've heard our Parish Priest, Dean O'Connor read a poem called *"Tell me now"* which highlights the need to express our love and appreciation before it is too late.

I imagine the other disciples in the boat saying to Peter *"Calm down man, keep your dignity, no need to go overboard - literally !"*.

Jesus has actually used the word *"friends"* early in this chapter when shouting to the lads in the boat. It has registered with Peter.

Later, having breakfasted together, himself and Jesus go for a private walk and a chat. Their conversation proves he was right to assume he would be received with all the burning love and zeal he had previously experienced.

Have no regrets if you're demonstrative of your affections for friends. Wallow, like Peter, in the Joy of Easter Friendship.

BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN **EASTER TEENAGE QUIZ**

1. Who is the star of American T.V. show, *Home Improvements*?

2. What musician recently upstaged Michael Jackson at the *Brits* music awards?

3. What are the names of the brothers who currently play for Manchester United?

4. Who wrote *Robinson Crusoe*?

5. What's the capital of Guatemala?

6. What Irish company recently altered their world-famous logo?

7. What year did Ireland join the E.E.C?

8. What religious leader wears Doc Martens?

9. Who are the current Cork County Football Champions?

10. Who won *Best Supporting Actor* at this year's Oscars?

11. How many Irishmen have won the Nobel Prize for Literature?

12. What Kerry Club won the All Ireland Club Football Championship this year?

13. What is the first Book of the Old Testament?

14. What word can you put before *act, net, sect, cede*?

15. What was the name of the horse who won this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup?

16. Whose beatification will take place in Rome next October?

17. With what musical instrument would you associate Stradivarius?

18. Courtney Cox stars in which popular T.V. comedy?

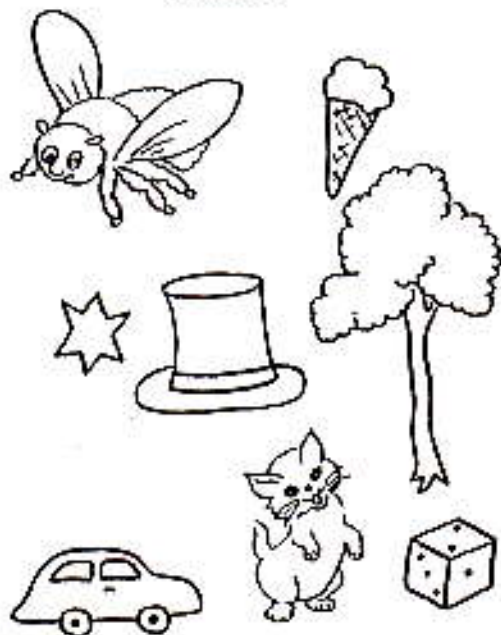
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Sunday 21st April.

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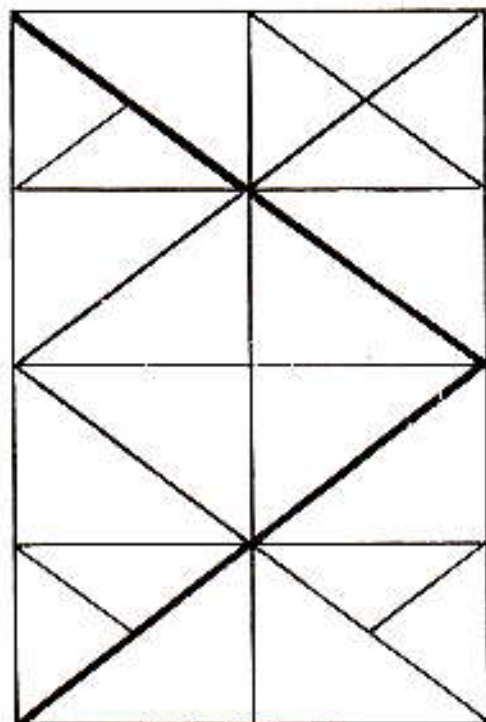


Which Object Rhymes With Which?



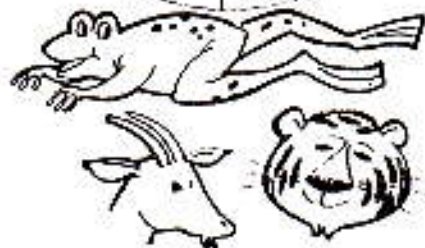
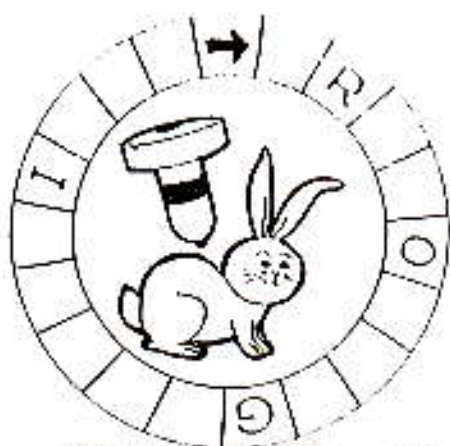
Answer: Bee-Tree, Ice-Tree, Star-Cat, Cat-Hat.

How many triangles can you count?



MEMORISE

LOOK CAREFULLY AT THESE ANIMALS FOR ONE MINUTE. THEN TURN THE PAGE AWAY AND SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN REMEMBER!

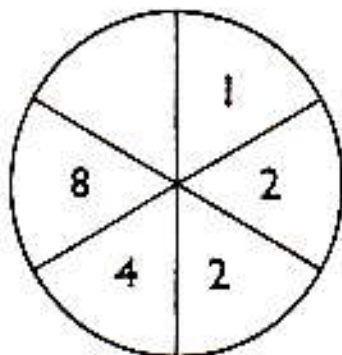


Fit the names of the pictures into the circle

- 1) Find the missing number :
7, 10, 9, 12, 11, ---, ---
- 2) Insert the word that completes the first word, and starts the second :
(Clue : Leave)

IN (.....) TER

- 3) Insert the missing number :



- 4) Which of these is not a famous composer :

ZOTRAM
SATSURS
REVID
MALESO

- 5) Which of these towns is the odd one out ?

Canberra	Washington
London	Paris
New York	Bonn
Ottawa	

- 6) Complete the following :

SCOTLAND	27186453
LOTS	7293
LOAN	8367
AND	—

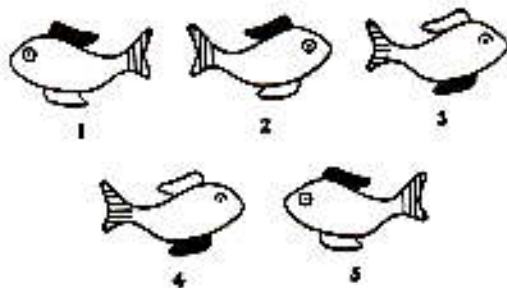
- 7) Which name completes the fourth line ?

Hero loves Leander
Darby loves Joan
Juliet loves Romeo

Whom does Joan love - Tom, Dick or Harry ?

- 8) I was supposed to meet my girlfriend at noon every Sunday. The first time she came at 12.30, the next time at 1.20, then at 2.30, then at 4.00. When did she turn up the time after that ?

- 9) Which is the odd man out ?



- 10) Insert the missing number :

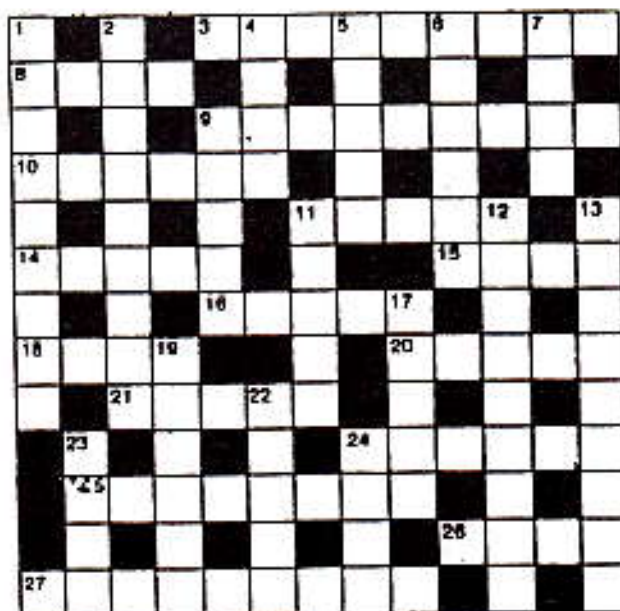
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Entries to the C.P. Centre by Sunday
April 21st.

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EASTER CROSSWORD



E.H.

Across

3. Remember what he told me when he was still ... Luke 24.V.7. (2,7)
8. Just a notion. (4)
9. Elastic tissue resulting from cage trial. (9)
10. This hamper must be held back. (6)
11. These are wild guesses if in the dark. (5)
14. End of all the letters. (5)
15. O.K. I was right the first time. (4)
16. Who cares about these events? (5)
18. Tall stories, but they don't sound so high. (4)
20. Could the pan I cooked in contain such terror? (5)
21. They blossom with cows. (5)
24. Mr. Barry's clique? (3,3)
25. Different pose used for being so engaged. (8)
26. The devil might own it, but we'd still like to have it. (4)
27. No building here! A leprechaun might wear it. (5,4)

Down

1. High fliers from the Late Late? (5,4)
2. Sounds like nice people in bad weather, but they have four legs. (9)
4. Almost there. (4)
5. Not a G.I., something in between. (5)
6. Waterways that are otherwise silent. (6)
7. Try cracking this one. They're seasonal. (4)
9. Raced around - from the Lebanon, biblically. (5)
11. Has the sound of a shortened wind instrument, but fires. (5)
12. Doesn't sit inside, it's obvious. (6,3)
13. Normal business procedure, or is it to steal the cattle? (9)
17. A bad habit hogs get into. (5)
19. Please change to let time pass. (6)
22. Dig down for this one. (5)
23. If you're out of this you're not in working condition. (4)
24. With a kiss and it's mean. (4)

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Message of the Cross

Our age of affluence strives to avoid pain and discomfort at all costs.

We can begin by asking ourselves what meaning the cross has for an age of affluence.

I do not think that the fundamental message of the cross is suffering.

Christ does not suffer because suffering is in itself a value

but because love without restraint requires suffering.

It is not a love for suffering which Christ reveals

but a love which prevails in suffering.

It is not the physical death of Jesus which is redemptive

but the love of Jesus for us even unto death.

If the fundamental message of the cross is not suffering

but absolute and communicative love,

then the Cross speaks compellingly to an age of affluence.

It reminds us that Christianity is not a choice of suffering or of deprivation

but the choice of a new type of love.

Anthony Padovano - Who is Christ?