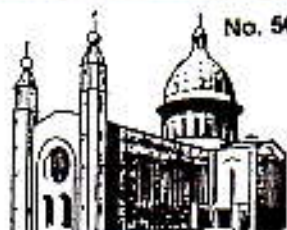


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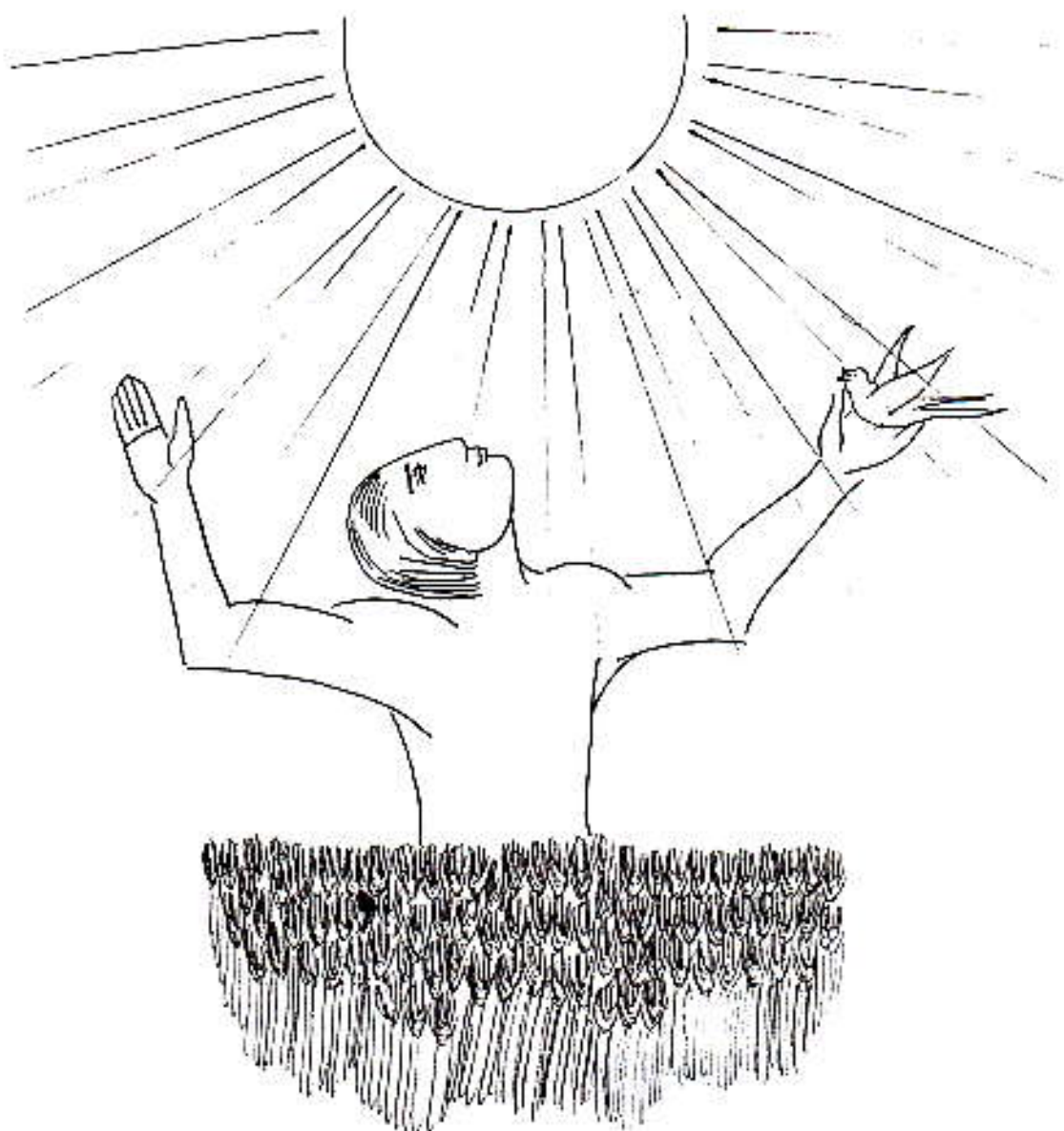
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A message from The Dean

AN EASTER MEDITATION

The single most extraordinary event that ever took place in the history of the human race is undoubtedly the Resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate at Eastertime.

St. Paul wrote to the people of Corinth quite emphatically: "If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of men. If Christ was not raised, your faith is worthless, you are still in your sins, and those who have fallen asleep in Christ are the deadest of the dead. But as it is, Christ is raised from the dead. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again."

As far as the Roman authorities and the Jewish religious leaders were concerned, Good Friday evening saw the end of Jesus. Even those who stood around the cross had witnessed his cry of dereliction and total desolation: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The whole scene presented a picture of total failure - the prophetic and often challenging voice had been silenced. Yet, the extraordinary truth is that two thousand years later - in spite of all attempts to stifle that voice, and repeated betrayals by many from whom he might have expected better - the teaching and person of Jesus are more alive in more hearts than ever before.

The wonderful fact is - that apparent

failure is not the last word. With God on our side we are never alone. In the ups and downs of life we cannot hope to be always on top. Too often we find ourselves at the bottom of the heap. But it's right there that the power of God is often most effective - so we can face the future walking tall - our heads held high - because the Resurrection of Jesus gives us a reason to live and a reason to die.

To all, I wish the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

Happy Easter.

Denis O'Donnell

Easter Message from the Editor

With the pace of modern life with all its pressure, it's nice to have a few days off to relax and think about where exactly you are going with your life. When I look back on what Lent and Easter meant to me as a child - giving up sweets, going to Mass every morning or what ever form of penance I did, and now compare it to my life today, it reminds me to make time for God to touch my life. It's very easy to forget the importance of God in our lives, but at times like this I reflect on his input into my life, and try and bring myself closer to him. During this Easter period, take some time out to think about how you can be a better person, and be more like the person God would like you to be.

On behalf of all the Bulletin Teams, I wish all parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter.

Colm Linehan

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Easter Message from Luke

The pull is on the traces, it is March
A cold black wind is blowing from Dundalk ...
No worry on Maguire's mind today
Except that he forgot to bring his matches
From every second hill a neighbour watches
With all the sharpened interest of rivalry
But sometimes when the sun comes through a gap
These men see God the Father in a tree
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap
And Christ will be the green leaves that will come
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb.

With hints of that Celtic Spirituality which we have largely lost, Patrick Kavanagh (in this extract from "The Great Hunger") sees God's hand in the great rebirth that is Spring. In recent months, we have experienced "the cold black wind" that Kavanagh talks about. But this penetrating wind isn't the only one that we have been exposed to. The media have conveyed to us only too well the cold black wind of suspicion and mistrust and violence that blights this beautiful land of ours that Kavanagh loved so well.

Yet, Patrick Kavanagh portrays these very ordinary people observing God the Father in a tree, the Spirit in the rising sap. Christ in the "green leaves that will come at Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

Is it too much to hope that we might all recognise God's hand in the budding trees and in the "bits and pieces" of everyday life? Then, perhaps, violence might give way to reverence for life which is God's inestimable gift to us all.

I wish you all a Scene and a Holy and Happy Easter.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 8.00pm. in the C.P. Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses on week-end of 5/6th April.

First Friday

Friday, 4th April, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

On First Friday, 4th April, from 10.30am. to 7.30pm.

Special intention this month: We pray for our priests and ask God's blessing on their work.

1. Who was the last person to win the Eurovision Song Contest for Ireland ?

2. Which popular form of entertainment translates from Japanese as "empty orchestra" ?

3. How many yards are there in a mile ?

4. Which European capital hosted the Olympic Games in 1900 and again in 1924 ?

5. Which children's writer created Peter Rabbit and Squirrel Nutkin ?

6. Who wrote the thriller "Murder on the Orient Express" ?

7. Incheon, Pusan and Ulsan are cities in what Asian country ?

8. The Spice Girls made history recently - why?

9. The Seattle Mariners are a leading side - at which sport ?

10. How many counties border Tipperary - is it 4, 6 or 8 ?

11. The name of which river is also used to describe a tribe of ancient female warriors ?

12. By what name is Robert Allen Zimmerman better known ?

13. In which TV Bar would you be served a drink by Woody Boyd ?

14. What is the last word in the New Testament?

15. In the TV series, how much was the character played by Lee Majors worth ?

Answers should be submitted to the CP Centre on or before Wednesday April 9th 1997.

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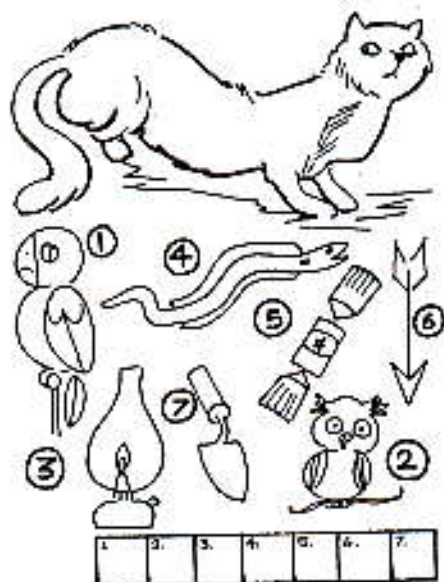
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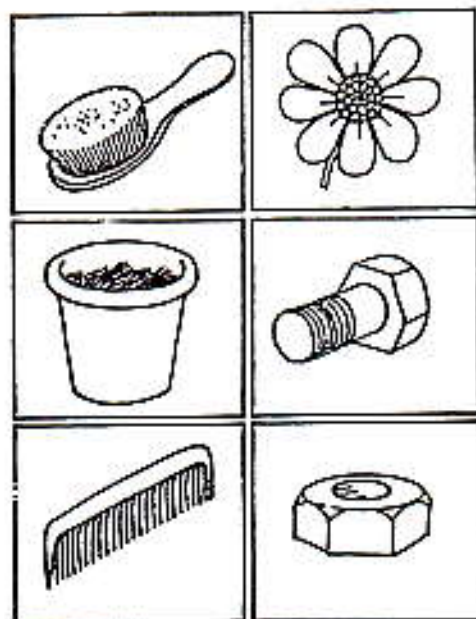


A RARE ONE !

The initial letters of the small pictures will name it !



MATCHING PAIRS

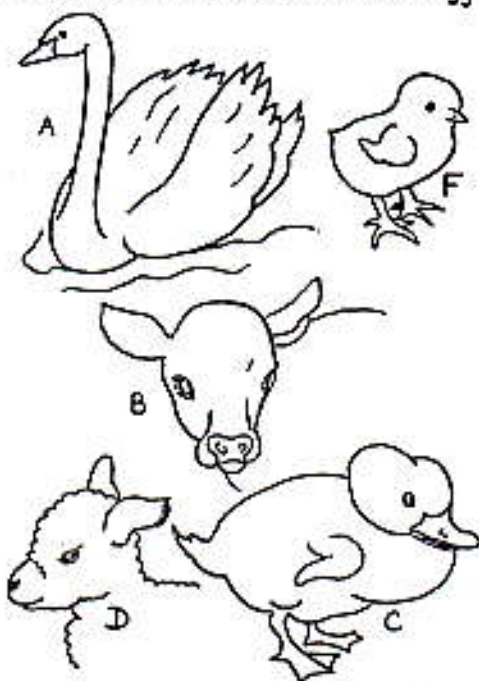


Rabbit Hitch



HOW CAN THE RABBIT GET OUT OF HIS SNOW WAREDS?

Which of These Creatures Come From an Egg?

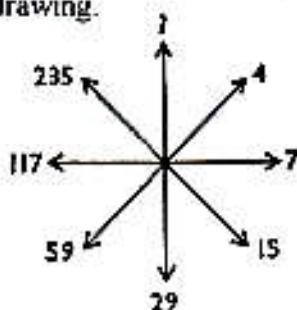


Answer A.F.C.

1. Underline which of these animals is the odd-man out.

herring	porpoise
shark	ray
sole	plaice

2. Insert the number missing from the top of the drawing.



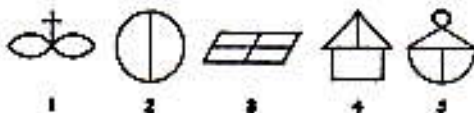
3. Find the words which mean the same as the words inside the brackets.

N + (exit) = (female)

4. Insert the missing number.

3 7 15 31 ----

5. Which of these is the odd one out ?



6. Underline the word that completes the sentence.

Palimpsest is to palindrome as erase is to :
 repeat reverse retire relive reduce
 resell

7. Insert the missing number :

14	9	5
21	8	13
28	9	

8. Which of these jumbled words is not a boys name ?

TEBORR
 TEENBICD
 LAWMILI
 SEVUN

9. Which of these cities is the odd one out ;

Shanghai	Lhasa
Delhi	Cairo
New Orleans	Quebec

10. Underline the word from the bottom line that goes with the three at the top.

PLANE	SHORE	BREEZE
rot lily	cat able	dog fool

Entries for this competition to the CP Centre on or before Wednesday April 9th 1997.

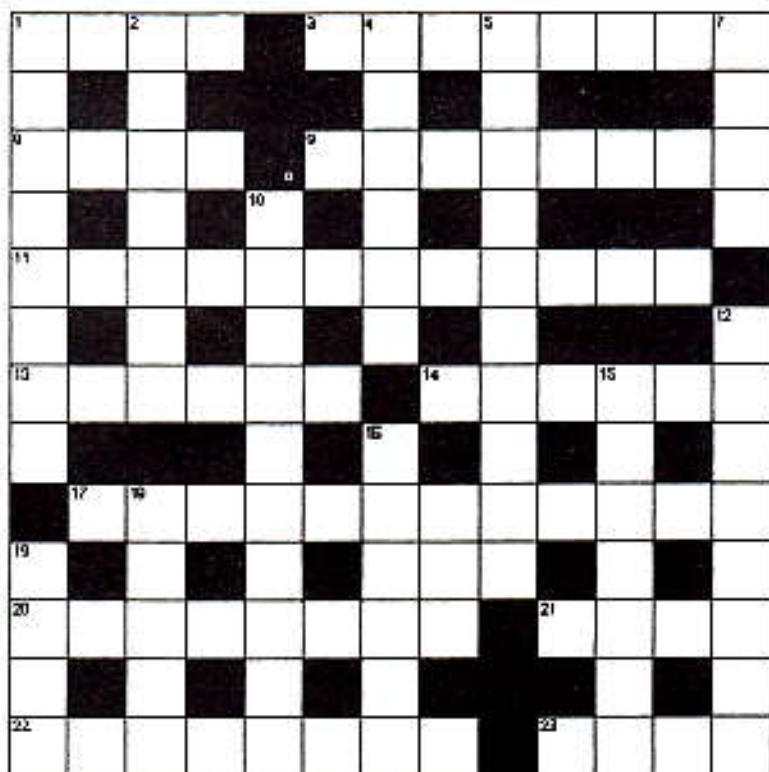
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Easter Time

EASTER CROSSWORD



Across

1. Trains, planes, films have them. One can be found in the buffet. (4)
3. I am the and my father is the vinedresser. John.15. (4,4)
8. Sounds like you can't eat out of doors in such places. (4)
9. Showed up and copied with fruit inside. (8)
11. Only people suffer from it - not for the birds. (4,2,6)
13. First rays of light contain these lost ones. (6)
14. Give up one of these and you're finished! (6)
17. Clue No. 9 showing up again. (12)
20. Purser is coming apart to reveal something nice. (8)
21. Don't hit the nail on it, or lose it, or bury it in the sand. Just keep it. (4)
22. One must be seen to be under it. (8)
23. Anything that is over this gets worn out. (4)

Down

1. Use beef stir in the shortest possible way. (8)
2. There used to be four, then three, now two. He's one of them. (7)
4. Tear away - it's a swiz. (3,3)
5. This is neither here nor there. (10)
7. Small Edward going around in circles. (4)
10. We constantly visit his house, though he lives with us! (4,6)
12. After all that we are celebrating he did this next. (8)
15. From the Ness rig comes sweet voices. (7)
16. It's the time for a child of the ocean. (6)
18. Sorry about this. (5)
19. Is twice an Egyptian goddess. (4)

Entries in by Sunday, April 13.



Easter Customs *How well do you know your Easter customs ?*

Match the following words with the correct statement.

- Hot Cross Buns
- Easter Parade
- Easter Egg
- Lamb
- Purple
- Paschal Candle
- Shrove Tuesday
- Mardi Gras
- Lent
- Stations of the Cross
- Easter
- Passover
- Easter Garden
- New Easter Clothes
- Ashes
- Spy
- Wednesday
- Maundy
- Thursday
- Carnival
- Easter Lilies
- Cross
- Good Friday
- Ash
- Wednesday

- 1 The Greeks and Romans made these small wheat cakes (representing the full moon) with marks to indicate the four quarters of the moon. For Christians, these became reminders of the crucifixion. They were eaten hot on Good Friday morning and were made with spices as a reminder of the spices in the Good Friday story in Luke's and John's gospels.
- 2 Jewish origins. The animal sacrificed at Passover. Jesus described like this by John the Baptist (Jn 1:29) is the vulnerable, innocent one, sacrificed for all.
- 3 Coming from a word to describe this time of year; to do with the lengthening of the days.
- 4 Meaning to be shaven from sin, associated with Confession and penance.
- 5 French term literally "Fat Tuesday" the day to eat all fatty foods before the fasting associated with Lent.
- 6 A replica of the last events of Jesus' earthly life.
- 7 Symbol of new life. Part of pre-Christian Spring festivals. For Christian, a symbol of Christ breaking out of the tomb.
- 8 The Church's colour of preparation worn during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- 9 Symbol of the Risen Christ overcoming darkness and death. The date of the current year is inscribed on it as well as the letters A.D. (Anno Domini the Year of the Lord).
- 10 Jewish origins. A symbol of our frailty. Poured over the head of one who had sinned.
- 11 Central symbol of the Christian faith, called a Crucifix if the image of Christ is portrayed on it.
- 12 Old English literally "farewell to meat".
- 13 During the Middle Ages in Europe people in their new Easter clothes would take a long walk after Easter Mass, in a kind of procession preceded by the Easter Candle. The tradition evolved and is especially popular on Fifth Avenue in New York.
- 14 In the early Church the annual day when people confessed their sin.
- 15 A Jewish Spring festival celebrating Israel's "passing over" from slavery to freedom.
- 16 Made out of mosses and small spring flowers this contains a miniature sepulchre or tomb, with a stone representing the stone which was rolled away to show the empty tomb. Figures of Peter, John and Mary Magdalene may be placed by the tomb. In the background is a hill on which stand three empty crosses, reminders of the events of Good Friday.
- 17 From Eostre, a Spring festival celebrating the goddess of Spring.
- 18 The Wednesday before Easter Sunday, so called because of Judas' betrayal of Jesus.
- 19 A flower which blooms around Easter time. In early Christian art because of its form and its whiteness, it was a symbol of purity and the resurrection.
- 20 The only day in the year we call "Good"! The word good is derived from the word God.
- 21 From the Latin "maundatum", command. The day when we remember Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper.
- 22 This can be traced back to the new white robes in which those who were baptised at Easter were dressed. They are also symbolic of the newness of resurrection. The custom may have originated in ancient times as part of New Year festivities originally held at the Spring equinox.