



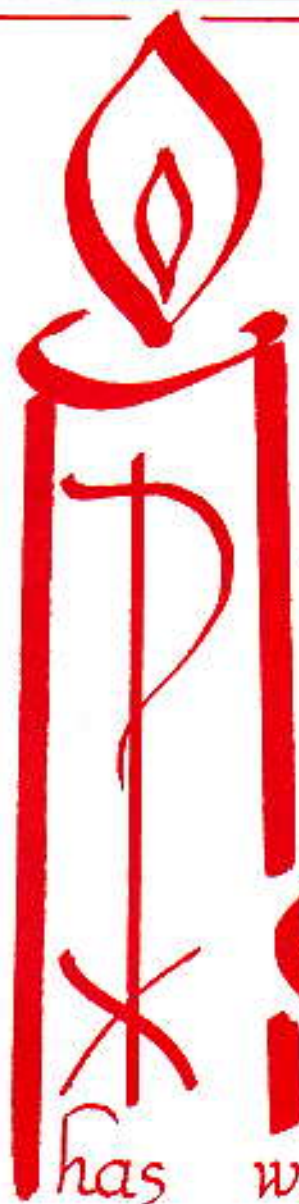
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let us share
with each other

the **JOY** the

**RISEN
CHRIST**

has won for us

~Easter Liturgy~

A DROP IN THE OCEAN

Recently, over 750 people signed the cards in our church asking people who control Brazil to give poor landless people there access to the farmland that is rightfully theirs. The cynical smiled at the foolishness of the project, thinking that a card from an individual in Cork could not possibly make any impact on a powerful State governor in Brazil. They had been similarly aloof when we signed the Jubilee petition about third world debt over a year ago. Yet, as we know now, the jubilee campaign mobilising world opinion about debt cancellation has begun to make a very significant difference. For example, neighbouring Britain has written off millions owed by some of the poorest countries of the world. It is a reminder that every action of concerned generous kindness, no matter how small in itself, contributes to the pool of goodness in our world. Remember there would be no reservoirs of life-giving water without each little raindrop that falls.

Easter time is a time for the reawakening of a living spirit of goodness in our hearts and in our communities. By rising on Easter Sunday, Jesus overcame the hopelessness of unjust condemnation and death. By his resurrection, he awakens new hope in us that evil and selfishness can be overcome. By the gift of his Spirit, he alerts us to our potential to make a difference in our everyday world. He inspires us to build little cells of faith, hope and love, knowing that goodness only thrives when nourished by kindred spirits.

Over the coming weekends, our Eucharists remind us of the vibrant Christian families and communities that responded to the resurrection by gathering together to give thanks, to share the Eucharist and to care for the poor.

Just check where you could make a difference. Where will you leave your

raindrop of goodness today, this weekend, over the coming months? Will it inspire hope in another's heart?

Remember without the raindrops, there would be no ocean of goodness.

Happy Easter.

Thomas Coloney

I recently saw a programme on television all about our vision of Jesus. It showed how during the first few hundred years after the birth of Jesus, there were no paintings or artwork made of him. This was because religion looked with disfavour on the creation of images of Christ.

Early mosaics that survive to this day from that era show him in the form of a deity. He took the form of a god to them, and it wasn't until the last millennium that he began to take on the human form we have become used to. The image on the Turin Shroud has given us the form that most artists to this day still follow. Trafalgar Square in London now has a new statue looking over it, one of Jesus in the form of a clean shaven man, no long hair and still strong even after he has been crowned in thorns before his journey to Calvary. The image has sparked off quite a controversy over what Jesus looked like again. I would urge you to try to find a picture of this statue and see for yourself what you think.

Whatever your vision of him is, he died on a cross to save the world. In this fast moving world, take a little time out to reflect on Jesus and his life 2000 years ago. Say a prayer of thanks for doing what he did for us all and may he bless us all this Easter time.

Colm Louch

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Shorten the Easter Vigil!



Some people find the Easter Vigil very long. "Is it that ye have nothing else to be doing on a Saturday night?" is how one Mass-goer put it to me. To answer her: "It's not!" It's just that we have to cover a lot of ground on that night. For one thing, we have to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. But for the resurrection, we wouldn't have to bother with Mass any Sunday, because if Jesus remained dead, there would be nothing to celebrate.

But he didn't. Jesus actually lived after he died - something never seen before. And more, we who are his can expect no less. If that doesn't make you feel like throwing a party, what would!

The Easter Vigil is a great party to celebrate the resurrection. And more. From the beginning, those converting to the faith made their solemn commitment at Easter. That night, those who wanted to become Christian went from sin and darkness, through the water of baptism, into a church full of light and love.

We do the same. At some Easter vigils, a child is baptised. But at every Easter Vigil, everyone who has kept Lent makes a fresh commitment to their baptismal faith. It's like starting over. The fresh start that began when Jesus rose from death is the fresh start for every other Christian too.

"But what about all those readings," said the dogged Mass-goers to me, "couldn't ye leave them out at least?"

"But if we did", said I, "we might forget why we were there." We might forget that God's love has been ours since the world began. We might forget that Moses leading the people through the Red Sea to safety all those years ago is just like people becoming Christian through the waters of baptism. We might forget that the Spirit was sent to keep our faith fresh and life-giving.

And there's more to the night: the Easter fire, St Patrick's gift to the world; the Easter candle carried in triumph through the darkened church; candles lighting the hands of all, of people making a new start the freshly prepared baptismal water, splashed over us, washing away all that ails us. And more. The best Mass of the year, with the greatest gusto. No Mass is more joyful. And the joy spills over. It's a night for a "hooley", for celebration. Like heaven, where the joy will have no end. The Easter Triduum is just a taste, to keep us going till we all reach our lasting home.

Have a great Easter - be sure to begin the celebration at this year's Easter Vigil!

Fr Bernard

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1. Starting with the earliest, put these Stephen Spielberg films in order in which they were released:

- A: The Colour Purple
 - B: Raiders of The Lost Ark
 - C: ET
 - D: Jaws
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2. Put these words in alphabetical order:

- A: Babyish
 - B: Babier
 - C: Babies
 - D: Babying
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3. Westlife made music history recently. What did they do, and with what song did they do it?

4. What word means to get rid of after use?

- A: Recycle
 - B: Dispose
 - C: Restore
 - D: Create
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5. Who is ranked as Number 1 golfer in the World at present?

6. Ceylon is the old name for what country?

7. If I offered you some Eiswein with a meal, what course of the meal would you be at?

8. What is the 4th letter of the greek alphabet?

9. How many dimes in one US dollar?

10. Which American state is known as the Sunshine state?

11. How is the year 2000 represented in Roman Numerals?

12. Who was the President of Ireland from 1976 to 1990?

13. Where is the book/film Angela's Ashes based?

14. In 1690, William of Orange defeated James II on the banks of which Irish river?

15. In what European country would you find the Guadalquivir river?

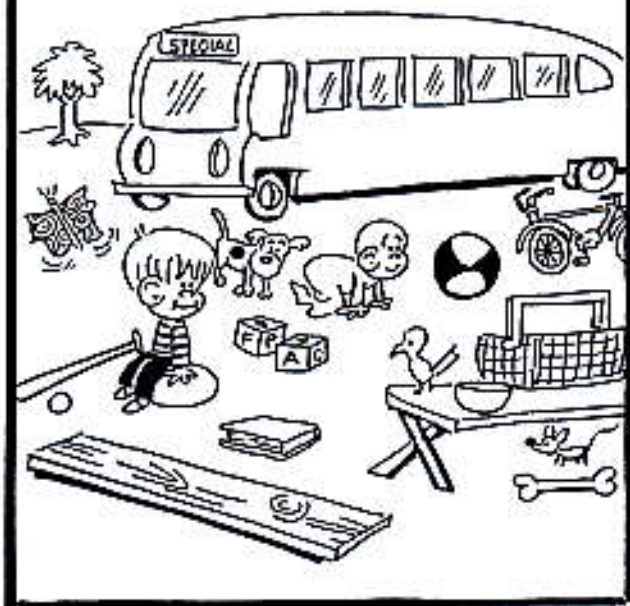
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Entries are open to anyone under the age of 18, and must be submitted to the CP Centre on or before Sunday 30th April.



THE OBJECTS IN THIS PICTURE ...
BEGIN WITH THE LETTER B ALL
BUT THREE, CAN YOU FIND THEM?



THE EASTER BUNNY
HAS A MESSAGE FOR
EVERYONE UNSCRAMBLE
THE LETTERS BELOW
AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

P S
A E
t E
P H a R Y e

Colour in the pictures and make
up a story using as many of the
objects on the page as possible.

MATCH THE OBJECTS IN THE LEFT
COLUMN TO THE THINGS THEY RHYME
WITH IN THE RIGHT COLUMN!



FEBRUARY MORNING

Just eye level
With my pillow
Bare branches soak
The sun's red gold

Yellow catkins
Burst on willows
Like sudden curls
On bald babies

Lemon flavoured
The long tailed tit
Is belly up
And sunbathing

Will the sun shine
The gold buttons
Upon the coat
Of my new day

EASTER PUZZLE

It has been decided that a change of puzzle for Easter is merited. In the solving of this problem it is noted that Ms. X is omitted. In your answer please give the pairing in respect of the listed departments.

Puzzle No. 1

In Cork there has been a take-over of a large firm. The new management have decided to appoint two managers in each of its new five departments. These departments are spread out over the city, some on eastern and some on western sides. The departments are: (1) costing and control, (2) engineering, (3) gardening, (4) haberdashery, (5) sanitary fittings, etc.

The ten recruited managers include Honor and Sam who live on opposite sides of Cork, and Edward who lives in the city centre. The initials of the various departments are all different from the initials of the forenames of the newly appointed managers. There is one male and one female attached to each department, but no male works with a female whose initial is the same as his own.

It is to be noted that Eleanor does not work with Harry and she also does not work in the sanitary services dept. Harry does not work in costing and control, and George does not work in sanitary services dept. Also, it is to be noted that Charlie or Susan do not work in the gardening dept. If Catherine works in the haberdashery dept., who work in the engineering dept?

Puzzle No. 2

By solving the clues fill in the gaps to make five letter words. Then see if you can make up a nine-letter word from the letters you have added.

A. Clues

Royal Female

Place for Theatre

Renown

			E	N
S		A		
	L			Y

B. Colouring matter

Scholarship

Fruit of oak

			N	T
G				T
A			R	

C. Material

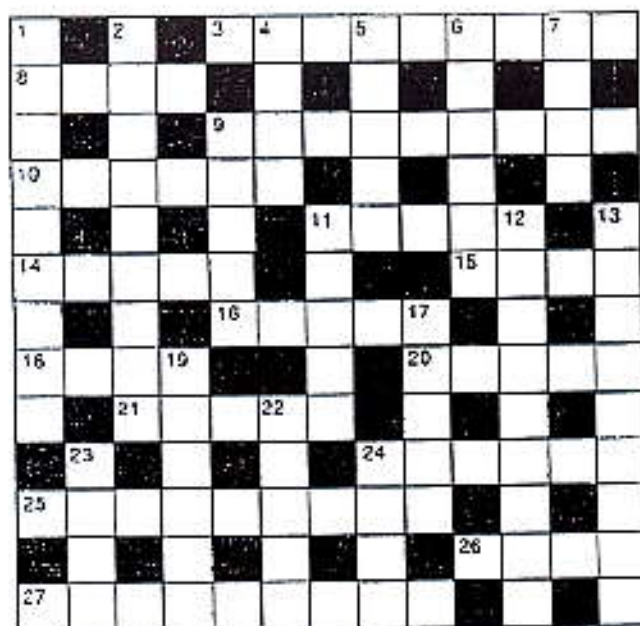
Foodstuff

Girl marrying

		O		H
	R			N
B				E

The closing date is Sunday 30th April. The usual munificent prize is available to the first correct solution submitted. The problem is open to all ages.

EASTER CROSSWORD



Across

3. On the first day... at the sign of dawn, they went to the tent. Luke 24, v. 1. (2,3,4)
8. A painful ingredient in pasta cheese. (4)
9. There is no purpose in being so blunt. (9)
10. Plot is made to kill or maim. (6)
11. The black one the family doesn't want to know about. (5)
14. Up to these the under tens dressed to kill. (5)
15. This will show how it's done, in short. (4)
16. These are against the odds. (5)
18. Pram pushers have an easy way out. (4)
20. Such attitudes are somewhat false. (5)
21. Sounds like an increase in salary to get rid of. (5)
24. No beer can be concocted to cover up. (6)
25. Popular local amenity, near restful waters. (3,6)

26. Where it all begins. (4)
27. In favour of examiner? No, this person is very much against. (9)

Down

1. This trade must surely be the noblest of all. (9)
2. Then I shall go back to the one... John 7, 33. (3,4,2)
4. If this person sends you on a message, don't go - you'd be wasting your time. (4)
5. In women it's tuition. (5)
6. Wished strongly to have left a legacy. (6)
7. eeeeeeeee... so comfortable. (4)
9. Hold it there! (5)
11. Don't make one of yourself, it's part of the play. (5)
12. Nero pines in agitation for a senior citizen. (9)
13. These last little bits need attention lest they fall apart. (5,4)
17. The spider does this best of all. (5)
19. What does... a man if he gains the whole world, etc. (6)
22. Watch these or you'll be in trouble. (5)
23. It's costly to be much loved. (4)
24. It's a nail-biting experience to be on it. (4)

Answers to the C.P. Centre by
Sunday 30th April.

Name _____

Address _____



EASTER

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.' (John 20:2)

We search for you, like orphaned children. But you are not where we had placed you. All we can find is the space in which we had tried to contain you. 'You are looking for me in places of death,' you tell us. 'But I am Life. The Life you can never contain within a fixed idea.'

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen wrappings, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there and the cloth which had been round Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen wrappings but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and he believed. (John 20:3)

Our world seems like a dark tomb too, Lord, and all we can find of you are the wrappings and the trappings of how you might have been.

Yet . . . **We have seen!**

We have seen your resurrection *energy* in a teenager paralysed in a road accident, who perseveres her way back to mobility.

We have seen your resurrection *strength* in the companion who stays alongside us through our darkest hours and carries the hope for us, when our own resources fail.

We have seen your resurrection *joy* in a child's delight over the first bluebells of spring.

We have seen your resurrection *hope* in the amazing ability of our earth to regenerate life year after year in spite of our negligence.

We have seen your resurrection *love* in the eyes of the friend who bothers to reach into our dark tomb with a gleam of caring and understanding.

Lord, we see, and we believe!

May we become, ourselves, the carriers of your resurrection light into our world's darkness.