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Passion (Palm) Sunday



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

FULFILMENT

You have many needs in your life, the need for food and shelter, the need to belong, the need to be successful and develop your gifts. Perhaps you are happy and you feel that some or most of these needs are met for you, but even if this is the case, which I would doubt, I know that you have one overriding need of all others: the need to be loved. No one on this earth can say that their need for love is perfectly fulfilled.

The days of Holy Week and Easter are upon us. They do not exist just so that we have a nice Spring break from school or work, rather they are a festival of love. We remember the last days of Jesus on earth when he suffered agony in the garden, was betrayed, deserted, mocked, scourged and put to death. Why did he do all this? He wanted us to know that there was no limit to what he could do for us, that in fact his love was infinite. We will never be happy or fulfilled unless we begin to taste of that love which is without end. So in these days allow yourself to be loved and cared for by the Lord who died for you. Taste and see that the Lord is Good!

Patrick Walsh

SHOW SOME CIVIC SPIRIT

We appeal yet again to dog owners – **PLEASE** do not allow your dog to foul the footpaths. The amount of annoyance and frustration caused by inadvertently walking into this dirt doesn't need to be spelled out. Have consideration for people who are visually impaired, children who don't always look where they are going, and the general public who may wish to observe the world around them instead of constantly staring at the ground. The approach roads to the hospital suffer in particular as dog walkers tend to walk their dogs in the grounds.

Surely owners could encourage their pets to the edge of the road if fouling, thus leaving the path clear. Of course this should not be necessary as pooper-scoopers (Fido Bags) are available free from your local authority, and did you know that legally there is a £50 on the spot fine under the Litter Law for this offence.

Think about it.



Mount Mercy News

Congratulations and well done again to the Senior A Hockey team who beat Scoil Mhuire 2-0 in the Coca Cola Munster Final. This is the fourth win in a row. It was a day of celebration in more ways than one, as coach Mr. Daunt celebrated his 75th birthday on the day. Comhghairdeas leo go léir.

Blessing of Holy Oils

Holy Thursday 12th April at 10 a.m.

At North Cathedral

The oils used in Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick are blessed by the Bishop at Mass on Holy Thursday morning. An invitation is extended to all who wish to be present to represent the parish community there on that occasion. At that Mass also, the priests of the dioceses renew their commitment to their calling and to their Bishop. It is a day of special prayer for all priests.

Easter Dues

Parish dues envelopes are being distributed at present with the help of our dedicated distributors/collectors. Your courteous cooperation with them is much appreciated as is your contribution. Thank you.

Reconciliation Service

This Sunday at 5 p.m. Please bring a stone with you!

Peace & Reconciliation

An Ecumenical Service will take place at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday 22nd April at 4 p.m. Rev. Jim Williamson, Methodist Church Belfast, will preach the sermon. All welcome.

Thank You

To all who attended the Lexio Divina sessions.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday week 18th April (please note date) at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church. Dan Murphy will present an afternoon of great music and everyone is welcome.

Alzheimers Society Cork Branch

Carers' support meeting on Monday 9th April in Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 15 April

Acts 10:34, 37-43: Peter's summary of the story of the resurrection of Jesus, and its consequences.

Psalms 117: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Colossians 3:1-4: Paul tells us we can share the glory of Christ.

John 20:1-9: John's description of the resurrection of Jesus.

POOR CLARE MONASTERY

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Ceremonies 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 9.00 p.m.

Easter Eggathon

Donations of Easter Eggs for underprivileged children at Merchant's Quay from 2nd to 14th April.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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Congratulations

Mary O'Keeffe from Glasheen Road won a gold medal at the Toronto Flower and Garden Show last month. Mary is a qualified teacher and demonstrator of floral art. Well done!



Our Father.....

...deliver us from evil

This is where we target our own capacity for wrongdoing and the evil all around us in our modern society. God's protection and God's love are our hope. Times have changed and language moderated since the days when fiery missionaries preached God's anger rather than God's love. The vision of a loving Father to whom we are loyal for reasons of love and the expectation of a future together is much more compelling in today's world.

The evil of sin against God through thought, act or neglect can never change. The Ten Commandments are permanent. But in today's society - and we are all members of that society - there are new evils, most of them preventable.

Father, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil..... as we, or those about whom we care, confront the temptations of drink or the opportunity to get into drugs. Alcohol is a drug that also endangers the happiness and well-being of innocent victims - children, spouses, partners, parents.

There is the terrible evil of the physical or psychological abuse (or both) in the home and which never reaches the courts. The scars of abuse are for life.

What about the evil of adult smoking as it affects innocent children? And then there's the evil of careless gossip and character assassination and those five dreadful words: "I heard for a fact..."

Father, inspire me to be a decent person with the courage to say and do what is right and the capacity to love and care and live up to your expectations of me. Above all give me Your love - all day and every day.

-JOHN ANON.



Rest in Peace

Dr. Olivia Constant-Higgs made a short visit home just four weeks ago to see her mother Ena of Bishopstown Avenue, and her sisters Monica in Court Cairn and Catherine in Midleton. She told her mother she would be back again at Easter for a more relaxed visit, and help with some Spring cleaning. She was taken suddenly ill shortly after her return to England and died on 21st March. Olivia was a past pupil of St. Angela's and U.C.C. The large number of former school and college friends who attended her funeral here bore testimony to her popularity among them. We extend our very sincere sympathy to her husband Andrew, her children Jenny and Michael, her mother Ena, sisters Monica O'Hara, Catherine Jordan, Virginia Murphy (U.S.A.), her aunt, and all her relatives who miss her so much.



Hosanna!





HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Mass: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.
Please bring Trócaire Boxes

Holy Hour: Keeping Watch 9.00 – 10.00 p.m.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 11.00 a.m. by children for children
12 noon for all

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

Taize Hour: Prayer around the Cross 8.30 – 9.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil: 9.00 p.m.

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

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8th : Reconciliation Service 5.00 p.m. Bring a stone.

Good Friday: After ceremonies and 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 12.00 – 1.00; 4.00 - 5.00; 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

Sacred Heart: Reconciliation Service on Monday 9th at 7.30 p.m.
Confessions all day.

Curraheen: Reconciliation Service on Tuesday 10th at 8.00 p.m.
