



Palm Sunday

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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Colin McStay – does that name mean anything to you? It will when I explain a little further. Some years ago when Gay Byrne was presenter of the *Late Late Show*, Colin's parents sought his help. The little boy needed a liver transplant – and he needed it fast, if he was to live: Now liver transplants don't come cheaply. They couldn't afford to take him to the U.S.A. where such an operation could be done. Gay made an appeal to the public on behalf of the little boy – the response was overwhelming. So Colin was sent for his liver transplant. The operation was a great success, thank God, and everybody was very happy indeed.

This was only one half of the story of course. You can raise money to fund a vital operation, but where do you get a liver to suit a little boy? The cold fact is – another child had to die, and this other child's parents had to have the generosity of heart to donate his organs for transplantation. This they did.

During the next week we commemorate an extraordinary event in the history of our own salvation. Jesus Christ, Son of God, and our brother,

gave his life that we might live.
"Greater love than this no man has."

I'm sure Colin McStay and his parents are deeply grateful to the parents of the child whose liver enabled Colin to live. We have good reason too to be grateful to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live for God. Think on this.

Aelis O'Connor

St Catherine's News

On Tuesday last we had Confirmation in our Parish Church for the 58 girls in 6th Class. Archbishop Thomas White officiated. Photographs of the girls were hung in the church, so that parishioners might see who we are, and perhaps "adopt" a girl in their prayers. Some of their artwork also decorated the church walls. The girls had been well prepared by their teachers and all had a role to play. Some led the singing, others brought up the gifts while others still gave a commentary on the significance of each gift. The prayers of the faithful reflected their own thoughts and wishes for the future, and for peace in our troubled world. After the ceremony, as in previous years, our parents' association provided a cupán tae in the newly decorated crypt!

NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL

Time has come to select a new parish pastoral council for a three-year term. The traditional procedure is that each of the twelve areas in the parish appoint a representative. Each parishioner is invited to be involved in finding a suitable and willing nominee or, indeed, coming forward oneself.

Last time around, each area selected a new representative who had not been a member of the outgoing council. The basic commitment of each member is to a monthly meeting, usually on a Monday night, with the opportunity to contribute in your sphere of local knowledge, experience and expertise.

The council has a very valuable role in helping us to be a caring and worshipping community. Some of the highlights of the outgoing council were our millennium celebrations, pilgrimage to Gougane Barra, enriching the Sunday liturgy and upgrading the crypt.

A nomination paper is being distributed to each home with the Bulletin this weekend. Talk to neighbours about the matter, and when you come up with a suitable nominee get that person's consent before nominating. All those nominated will be invited to a general meeting in the crypt on Monday 28th April where each area's nominees will agree on who will represent them on the council.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Coffey Family, Highfield Lawn, on the death of Edel's husband, Denis Foley.

LITURGY LINE

We can often think that when we go to Mass it is something that we do. This is true, but our Mass or our liturgy is God's work more than it is ours. After all, it was Jesus Christ who died on the Cross and rose again. When we decide to come to celebrate the Eucharist, we are responding to what God has done, we are replying to his invitation to come to his banquet. This notion of God fits well with God as we read of him in the scriptures. God called Abraham, Moses, Mary, Peter, Paul... and they responded to his Word. Our getting up in the morning and preparing to go to Mass, driving in the car, is all part of our response to God.

During the coming week we hope to follow Christ in his passion, death and resurrection. There will be lots of processions, carrying of palms and following of crosses. These are external signs, but it is by these signs that our faith is strengthened and sustained. When we walk in procession we show that we wish to follow Christ, not just externally, but with all our lives.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we renew our faith. Over the past number of months we have had a procession from the front door of our church at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. This is to symbolise our responding to God's call, our wish to follow him along the Way, and our gathering to hear his word and celebrate his banquet. Also, our offertory procession, our procession to receive Holy Communion equally show our desire to be at one with Christ. The words of the psalm are very much ours.

"I rejoice when I heard them say
let us go to God's house."



CHRISM MASS

HOLY THURSDAY 10.00 A.M.

AT THE NORTH CATHEDRAL

At this Mass, the Holy Oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and of the Sick are blessed. It is also the occasion when Bishop and Priests renew their commitment. It is a very significant occasion and everybody is invited to attend. Your presence will be appreciated.



Ministers of the Eucharist

A short meeting will take place in the crypt on this Tuesday, 15th at 8.00 p.m. to organise the Holy Week rotas.

Lenten Devotions

At 5.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Easter Dues Envelopes

Envelopes will be distributed next week. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Cork Simon Community

A fund-raising trip to Mozambique will take place from 7th to 18th September. Participants must raise a minimum of €4,000 to cover all costs of the event and provide much-needed funds for Cork Simon. If you would like more information, please contact Rachel or Mairéad at 4321166 or e-mail fundraising@corksimoncommunity.ie.



EGGATHON

St. Vincent de Paul annual collection of Easter Eggs for needy children takes place at Marks & Spencers from 7th to 19th April.

Tuesday Bridge

The following were winners last Tuesday 8th April:

- 1st: Kitty Seward/Mary Lucey
- 2nd: Bernie Nolan/Peggy Twomey
- 3rd: Myra Baker/Phil Power

Bridge again next Tuesday 15th and all are welcome.

Readings for Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 5:6-9

Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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Holy Thursday

7.30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

On the first Holy Thursday night, Jesus washed the feet of twelve of his disciples. In memory of that event, the priest washes the feet of twelve members of the congregation during Mass on this night.

Would you like to volunteer? Please come prepared.
Trócaire Boxes to be returned.

9.00 - 10.00 p.m.

Keeping Watch

Good Friday

11.00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 11.00 a.m. by children for children

12.00 noon

Stations of the Cross for all

3.00 p.m.

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion.

8.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil.

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

Easter Sunday Masses: 9.00, 10.30 & 12.15 p.m.

Easter Week Masses: Monday 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday-Saturday 9.00 & 10.00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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.

Neighbouring Reconciliation Services :

Sacred Heart Tuesday 15th at 8.00 p.m.

Curraheen Wednesday 16th at 8.00 p.m.

The Lough Sunday 13th at 5.00 p.m.

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