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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Declan writes*

## POST-EASTER HIGHS?

Regular readers of this Bulletin may remember that after Christmas, I wrote about that awful annual disease - Post-Christmas Blues - which strikes several victims in most families when all the hype is over. I am happy to report no symptoms in the Parish yet of **Post-Easter Blues**. Isn't it great that Easter has escaped all the commercialism and hype of Christmas! At Easter, there are no cards to be sent. No presents to be bought. No turkey, ham, spiced beef and plum puddings to be cooked. No endless shopping sprees. No Santy! Easter may be a chocoholic's dream come true, but eggs are easier to buy!

Easter is much easier to take seriously as a time of faith. You'd miss the Carols, but that is about all. The Halleluiahs Chorus by Handel, sung by our excellent choir at the end of the Easter Vigil, would raise anyone's spirits, just as much as their 'Popule Meus', or 'Tenebrae' on Good Friday would move one almost to tears. We thank them and Paddy Killeen for so much hard work. It is deeply appreciated. Easter is really special.

The Children's Stations of the Cross, acted out by young people were solemn and special. So too was the Prayer Around the Cross on Friday night, with the participation of students from Mount Mercy and Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Our thanks to so many people who help to make it so special, from ministers to fire-makers, servers to cantors, flower-ladies to collectors.... The list is endless.

Easter is a season of the Church's year - from now until after Pentecost. But in a sense, all of the seasons of the Liturgical year are one seamless event, since the Jesus who was born at Christmas, and who suffered died and rose at Easter, lives on in us, His Church, His Christian communities. We are an Easter people. Every Sunday is Resurrection Day, every Mass is Holy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter Saturday.

My favourite Easter Gospel story - which I chose for my First Mass - is the Walk to Emmaus. Two downhearted disciples, in mourning after the collapse of their dream, and the death of their hero, are joined by a stranger. He walks with them, explains the Scriptures to them, and shares supper with them. They recognise Him in the breaking of bread (the oldest term for the Eucharist), and remember that He made their hearts burn as He spoke to them. But this happens for us each time we celebrate the

Eucharist. The Easter Season is a graced time, a blessed time. Let the budding of the trees and the flowers of Nature remind us that God's love surrounds us. 'The risen Saviour shines upon you' (Easter Exultet hymn)

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We offer our sincere sympathy to **PADDY HARRIS**, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his mother, Mary Ellen.

To **MICHAEL** and **NUALA DOHERTY**, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of their son, Kieran.



### Can You Help?

Wanted volunteers for hospital play schemes in CUH and the Mercy. Just 2-3 hours per week can make a difference. If you are mature, enthusiastic, caring and reliable, over 18 years of age, love children and have one morning or afternoon a week to spare, find out more about becoming a volunteer by contacting 4211822 or email: [info@childreninhospital.ie](mailto:info@childreninhospital.ie).

## Bible Corner



### UNCHANGING ESSENTIALS

Good summaries are long enough to cover the essentials and short enough to be interesting. The first sentence of the first reading this weekend describes the four key activities of the first believers.

Firstly, they remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles about the life and message of Jesus.

Secondly, they took their responsibility of caring for each other seriously, remaining faithful to the bond between them.

Thirdly, the weekly Eucharist was central to their lives.

Fourthly, regular prayer nourished their faith and practice.

This fourfold summary must be reflected in how we as a parish live out our Christian vision. Maybe, there is one aspect in particular that needs our ongoing attention.

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### EASTER CROSSWORD ENTRIES

Entries for the Easter Crossword should be handed into the Parish Office (across the yard from the Church) on or before Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. The solutions and the winners' names will be printed in the Bulletin of 17<sup>th</sup> April.



## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### MOUNT MERCY

#### International Women's Day

On Saturday March 6th, the Hope Foundation celebrated International Women's Day in the Silversprings Hotel with guest speaker Nell McCafferty. Second year students entered the English Essay Competition and the following four students were chosen to read their essays on the day: Cliona Fehily, Aisling Heaney, Caroline Winters and Margaret Perry. Congratulations to Caroline Winters who was the overall winner in the Literary Competition Senior Section.

#### German Scholarship

Congratulations to Transition Year student Megan Mulcahy who was awarded a German Scholarship based on her excellent Junior Certificate results in 2004.

#### Form and Fusion

Congratulations to the following Transition Year students, Karen Walsh, Una Shiel, Olivia Breen, Kate Flannery and Aine Lane who were successful in the recent regional heats held in Dublin with their creation "Lady Narcissist". The girls will now go forward to represent Mount Mercy in the final which will be held in The Point in Dublin.

#### Kate Russell All-Ireland Finals

Well done to Mount Mercy Senior Hockey Team who were Munster representatives at the Kate Russell All-Ireland schools finals held in Omagh. The girls won 3 out of 4 games putting Mount Mercy in second place which was an excellent achievement.



### COLÁISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Congratulations to the Senior Football Team on winning the Corn Uí Mhuiri Championship (Munster Senior Football), defeating St. Brendan's Killarney, 1-11 to 13 points, in an impressive team performance, capped with great individual displays from Denis Maher, Denis Crowley and Neil Collins, to name but a few. It was the first time Coláiste won the championship, and their fifth ever final.

This year they also won the Cork Colleges Cup. Well done!

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN!

1) Cork College of Commerce will hold an Adult Information Morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. Information on a wide variety of courses will be available on the day. Come along and have a chat with our mature students and staff. Refreshments will be served. Admission Free. All welcome.

2) Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa is running an Access to Education Course in May. This course is three mornings per week and runs for five weeks. It is specifically geared to adults who have been out of education for a period of time. For further information there is a public meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. in the college or phone 4961020.



**Feast of the Annunciation**

As Good Friday fell on 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society**

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road, Celebrations will include: 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 pm. Confessions followed by Stations of the Cross, Divine Chaplet and Mass. There will be Solemn Blessing of the Divine Image and Veneration of First Class Relic of St. Faustina. Everybody welcome.

**Annual Pioneer Mass**

The Annual Pioneer Diocesan Mass will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. in Christ the King Convent Chapel (rear of the girls' school). Refreshments will be provided.

**Table Quiz**

In Highfield Rugby Club on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards building a house in Nepal for the family of a handicapped little boy. Table €40 per four persons. For bookings phone 087 6988264.

**Wilton Gardens Residents AGM**

Will take place on Thursday next, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. The Association has been particularly active over the past year, the Wilton Road traffic and the new Bus Lane being the main problems. Light refreshments will be on offer after the meeting.

**Bishopstown ICA**

Will resume meetings on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. New members always welcome. Recently the Guild had great success in the Federation Variety Show in which they won best actress, best costumes and came second overall.

**Celebrating Life, Remembering our Past**

As part of Cork 2005, St. Patrick's Hospital/Marymount, in conjunction with the Church of Ireland community of St. Anne's Shandon, invite you to a Service of Remembrance at 7.00 p.m. in St. Anne's Church on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**First Reading:**

Acts 2:14, 22-23. What kind of sermon did Peter preach? The first reading gives us a famous example.

**Psalm : 15**

**Second Reading:**

1 Pet. 1:17-21. In the second reading, Peter gives us a glimpse of our worth and the price that was paid for our salvation.

**Gospel:**

Lk. 24:13-35. The gospel takes us on a journey with two disappointed folk on the road to Emmaus. Jesus joins them and everything is changed.

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