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Easter Sunday

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Our Parish Priest writes:

EASTER SUNDAY is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself, but for all of us. The joy of Easter fills the world because death has been overcome. We should open our hearts today to receive this great joy.



ST. PETER gives a summary of the ministry of Jesus which ended in his death. But it didn't end there - God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses. He goes on to say that Jesus is the one that all the prophets spoke about, namely, the Messiah. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the linen clothes lying about) wouldn't be enough to prove that Jesus had risen from the dead. Nevertheless, it was a step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples for their meeting with the risen Lord.

Many of the Readings of Easter were meant to instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life. Today's Second Reading is a good example, and it gives us a good opportunity to think about the importance of our own baptism which makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church.

Every Easter Sunday tens of thousands of pilgrims gather in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope's Easter Blessing. It is a wonderful occasion as the successor of St. Peter proclaims the Easter message: 'Christ has Risen, Alleluia'. He is doing what St. Peter did on the first Easter - he is confirming the faith of his brothers and sisters. And there can be no doubt that it does confirm the faith of those fortunate to be present.

Peter was doing what the Lord asked of him at the Last Supper when he said: 'Simon, Satan will sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers'.

It was Jesus himself who confirmed the faith of St. Peter. The same Risen Lord confirms us in our faith. We are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of other people.

AT EASTER TIME we can look back with great satisfaction on the efforts we have made to do something really special for Jesus. It is not so much what we gave up for Lent. It is rather what we did for Lent. The attendance at Sunday and daily Mass was a great comfort to Jesus as he recalled the moments of his bitter passion and death. The Resurrection was his reward. Great reward awaits God's people.

MANY THANKS to all who contributed so generously to the Trócaire collection; to all who prepared and carried out the Easter Ceremonies; to the Collectors, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Choir and all of God's people.. God's House looked good. The people are God's House. It is he who gives thanks and rewards.

WE WISH YOU ALL every blessing and grace of the Risen Saviour and to all who have come to live among us grace and blessing, success and happiness.

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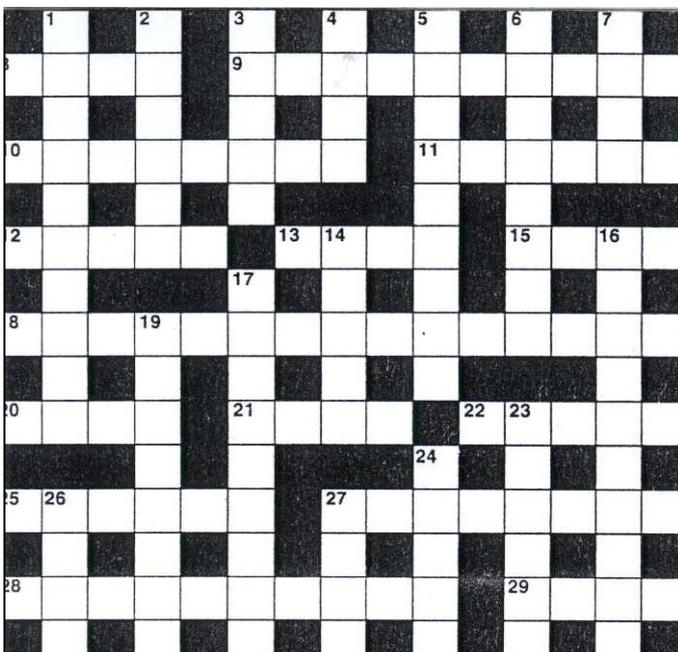


PRAYER AT EASTER

Lord Jesus,
 at our baptism we were marked for you
 with the sign of the cross.
 May your cross inspire us
 to act justly and love tenderly.
 May the crosses in our lives
 be for us invitations for growth and new life
 as we place our trust in you.
 Renewed by your love,
 may the way we live proclaim you as Lord:
 you who are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
 Amen

EASTER CROSSWORD

by Portia



Across

8. It's the first clue, but it's the last word. (4)
9. To go this, you might get mixed up with the bad guys, but keep warm anyhow. (10)
10. It's anguish, as if to trim the curls. (8)
11. Wouldn't like your home to be compared to this animal dwelling-place. (6)
12. If this military division goes to the east, it's dead. (5)

13. Wise sort of condiment. (4)
15. Don't open the door gypsy, there's excessive behaviour within. (4)
18. They offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate... Lk.24 (6,5,4)
20. What an eyesore! (4)
21. Throw these people on the stage. (4)
22. For people and books, it's the backbone. (5)
25. Can red be reformed to become such an accomplished person. (6)
27. Frequented by people like 25 across. (8)
28. Could just mean coming home, but also be something more intrusive! (5,5)
29. Seat turns in a particular direction. (4)

Down

1. Mint open to change to become so powerful. (10)
2. It's over one foot. (6)
3. Being a victim of deception. (5)
4. With ends, these are miscellaneous articles. (4)
5. Fell down at home, or just called by. (7,2)
6. Something for this clever animal to keep his paw warm. It's a bloomer. (8)
7. Went away - that's not right. (4)
14. Chase around, and get pains for your trouble. (5)
16. Blooming well cosy place. (10)
17. Racer dept. adapted for VIPs. (3,7)
19. Threw the line out too far, could be too cloudy. (8)
23. Does he carry the black stuff? (6)
24. In which 21 across can display their talent. (5)
26. Bravo nations! The Bard lived inside. (4)
27. Or with these, and it's going around in circles. (4)

Entries to Parish Office by Sunday 6th April please.

NOTICE BOARD

Easter Week

Mass On Easter Monday at 10.00am only. For the remainder of the week Mass at 9.00 and 10.00am.

Easter Dues Offerings

As Easter arrived so early this year, we have postponed the collection of Dues until mid May.

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th March. First Reading: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; Second Reading:: 1 Pet 1:3-9; Gospel: Jn 20:19-31