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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## *Christ is Risen!*



### EASTER SUNDAY 2009

For Christians, Easter is the greatest Feast of all. This is the day Jesus broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is truly the "Day of the Lord." But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of all that he has done.

Today we read about the first witnesses to the Lord's resurrection. In the early hours of the morning after the Passover Feast a courageous woman on her own, Mary Magdalene, made her way through the streets of Jerusalem to perform a final act of love for Jesus, to come to the tomb that the others, who had run away, had never seen. She would make her way past the shopkeepers, eager to open up after the Passover closing, and past the soldiers who patrolled the streets. To get to the tomb she had to leave the protection of the city walls and go to this cemetery of caves in an abandoned rock quarry. (I have never been to the Holy Land and so I am only imagining what it was like). Once safely there, she saw only an empty tomb. What could it mean? What could have happened to Jesus?

Next John and Peter came along in haste, past the same shops, past the same early morning crowds, past the same soldiers they so feared on Good Friday. They too look in and see nothing. No body rests there, only the clothing of the grave. John looks into the empty tomb, and, like Mary Magdalene, sees nothing. But he believes. The empty tomb confirms for him that Jesus was right; death could not contain him; he had risen from the dead. Death would never be the same again. The world would never be the same again. Today we make that same journey to the tomb of Jesus, each in a different way. Some of us see the empty tomb and understand. Others see only emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, Peter and John returned to their friends and told them what had happened. In awe and wonder they came to understand all that Jesus had done, all that he had said. His promise to them came to pass, as it will for all of us who make the pilgrimage though life; first suffering, then new life; first, Good Friday, then Easter Sunday; first death, then resurrection. It is the pattern set for all time in Jesus.

Our faith in the Risen Christ will not make life any easier. It won't make the pain disappear. But it will help us to face with confidence and courage whatever trials and difficulties we meet in this life.

Come let us rejoice on this Easter Day, for death has folded up his tent and gone away. As we pray that everyone will share in the graces and blessings of the Risen Saviour, and move a step nearer to the lasting peace of our Divine Redeemer.

We wish all our parishioners every grace and blessing for a happy Easter.

Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan, P.P.

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#### God's Word

Readings for Sunday 19th April  
First Reading: Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 117  
Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6  
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

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neighbour

## Stations of the Cross by Students

On Friday 13th and 27th March Transition Year students from Mount Mercy College and Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh conducted the reflections on the Stations of the Cross as part of the Lenten reflections within the parish. The girls gave us a wonderful understanding of the many issues that affect their lives today and how they cope with the challenges and pressures of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They signposted for us the stresses and pressures of being a young woman, highlighting the temptations and pitfalls in their young lives and but through it all they have great hope and belief in their power to do good and make a difference in the world.

The boys gave us an insight into how they are making a difference in practical ways to the lives of the vulnerable and marginalised in the world. They gave us a very well rounded and healthy perspective on the world, emphasising the importance of taking action at the local level by working with SHARE (a charity that focuses on the elderly and homeless in Cork city) and also on the global level by learning about the work of Trócaire around the world and generating support for this work in their school and local community.

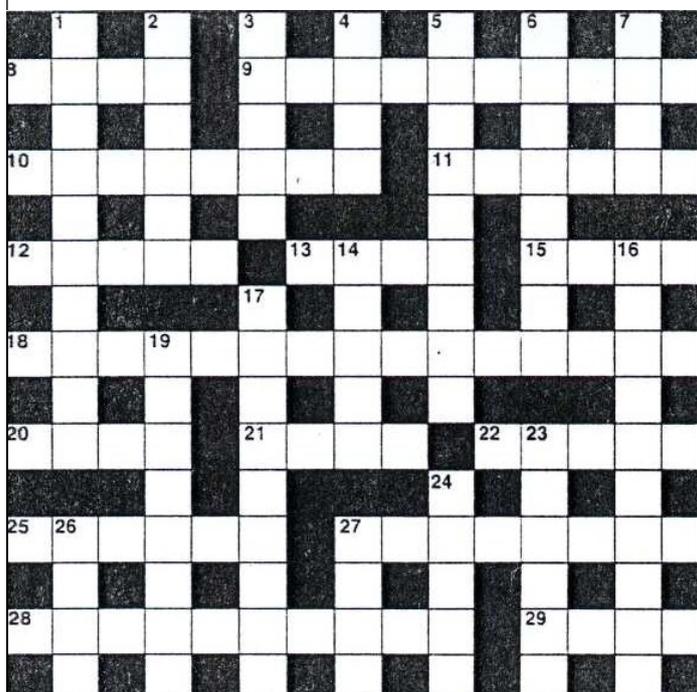
To all the students involved and to their teachers we offer our sincere thanks for sharing your wisdom and insights with us. Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir.

### SOUL 4 U ?

Prayer 4 Young Adults... Silence... Reflection...  
Trinity Gospel Choir... at SMA Hall, Wilton on Friday 24th  
April, 7.30-9.30m. More info: Eileen 086 8135589

## EASTER CROSSWORD

by Portia



### Across

8. Yearn for a type of wood. (4)
9. Take time off (maybe with a popular chocolate biscuit). (4,1,5)
10. It's rare to be so posh. (8)
11. Only those with partners were allowed on board here. (3,3)
12. Group of speed boats? (5)
13. Mark this. A point more and it would frighten. (4)
15. Peel so and discover slippery creatures inside. (4)
18. The centurion...gave praise to God and said this... (3,2,7,3)  
Lk 23 (*New Jerusalem Bible*).

## NOTICE BOARD

**Bulletins** will be delivered to homes in the parish next weekend. Details of the forthcoming Pastoral Council elections will be included.

**The Creation** by Joseph Haydn will be performed by East Cork Choral Society on Saturday 18th April at 8.00pm at the North Cathedral in aid of the Cathedral Renovation Fund. Tickets €20 available from Pro Musica and Cathedral Office.

### Divine Mercy Sunday 19th April

Celebrations will take place at the Church of the Real Presence with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2.00pm followed by confessions and talk on the Divine Mercy, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Chaplet and Mass.

**Seminar for Older Residents** in the City Hall on Thursday 16th April from 2.00 to 4.00pm. The theme is safety in the home with special emphasis on how to deal with bogus callers and those who target older and vulnerable members of our society. Speakers from the Crime Prevention Unit, Fire Service, Bord Gais, ESB and Citizen Information Centre. The seminar will be hosted by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Brian Bermingham and Mr. Billa O'Connell. It is free of charge and we look forward to a large attendance.

- Trevor Laffan, Community Policing, Cork City Division

**Alzheimer Society** meeting of the Saturday Club, from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at Bessboro Day Care Centre. A musical afternoon with a local Brass Band. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome

20. Smile broadly, it's a plank. (4)
21. Sounds like a wager to encourage wrong-doing. (4)
22. Paddy is instrumental in bringing this to life in our church, resoundingly! (5)
25. Fuss with a communist, much loved. (6)
27. Can't fit any more in, this is it. (8)
28. Did a somersault. (10)
29. Not only have we the highest regard for him here, but now being honoured by the City of Cork ! (4)

### Down

1. See can milk be all stirred up for a traditional Easter treat. (6,4)
2. Not really about the speck in the other man's eye - far from it. (6)
3. This might give you a lift, digitally. (5)
4. With tide it's a bit late in the day, of old. (4)
5. Another seasonal treat. (6,3)
6. As the most distant fields are. (8)
7. A liar can twist into a hideaway. (4)
14. Might feel a bit cut up with this. (5)
16. Could be responsible for someone's downfall! (4,6)
17. Not in, twice, absolutely. (3,3,3)
19. Members of the fan club. (8)
23. Diminish - as might a man's hair. (6)
24. Dig with this card. (5)
26. Peaceful symbol of our own church. (4)
27. A hundred and one, comes to a point. (4)

Entries to Parish office by Sunday 26th April, please

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