

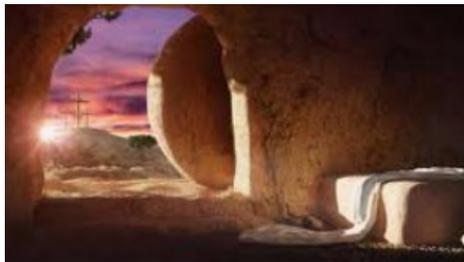


Parish News

Sunday 17th April

Easter Sunday

This account of the first Easter Sunday morning is significant in that it highlights how each of us as believers must come to terms with the mystery of the resurrection. Mary reports to Peter and the beloved disciple that the tomb is empty. They in turn run to investigate and, while the disciple reaches the tomb first, he holds back in deference to Peter, the leader of the twelve. It is only when the beloved disciple enters the tomb that we are told an appropriate response to the event - 'he saw and he believed'. The beloved disciple is unnamed but in John's gospel he is present and close to Jesus at all the key moments: the last supper, Calvary and now the tomb. In a sense he symbolises where all true believers should be, for each of us is called to be a beloved disciple who accompanies Jesus on his way: 'Where I am there also my servant will be' Jn 12:26.



Reflection

Easter is what makes us Christians. The life of Jesus is not put before us merely as a good example of someone who was true to his beliefs. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and it is Easter that demonstrates this. In Jesus God has taken on our life and transformed it. Through baptism we share in the very life of the crucified and risen Christ and so we are made new. It may be that at times we are like Peter, who on reaching the tomb just looks in and wonders, but there comes a point when we are asked to take the risk of faith of seeing and believing that God could indeed love us this much.

To live this life demands patience, a waiting for the good things to be revealed - the practice of the virtue of hope: we must always be of good courage ... for we walk by faith, not by sight (cf 2 Cor 5:6f). Today is our day for rejoicing in the risen Christ, for thanking the Father for his love, and for reminding ourselves of that to which we have committed ourselves: The Way. Death has contended with Life, yet despite tombs and symbols of death all around us, we proceed to commit ourselves to life, confident that as the Father transformed the existence of Jesus, so he will transform the whole creation.



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We the priests of the parish would like to thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a Holy and restful Easter

Please note **new Sunday Mass times** of **10:15am** and **12:15pm** for the Church of the Immaculate Conception and **9:15am** for St Mary's Oratory from Easter Sunday onwards

The Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday

In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) Find out more here [DIVINE MERCY](#)

Rosary at the Grottos -The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

We are seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses across the island. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to info@accordni.com



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Matt Talbot Freedom From Addiction [website](#)

Mass is celebrated on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm and offered for those struggling with addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. In this Mass was ask for the intercession of Venerable Matt Talbot and the names of those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society are placed on the altar. This Mass currently takes place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry and Ennis Cathedral, Co Clare and we hope to have the Mass in every Cathedral in Ireland in the future. We welcome you to attend these Masses to join the prayer for addiction and If not physically then via the webcam. [ENROLL A MEMBER](#) here

Vocations: A recent survey reported that "80% of vocations come from the 20% of the parishes where there is active and ongoing prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life."

With this in mind the Diocesan Vocations Council, with the blessing of Bishop Donal McKeown, are promoting a special Year of Prayer throughout the diocese of Derry. The Year of Prayer, which began on St Patrick's Day 2022, will run until 17 March 2023.

The first step for anyone interested is to speak with their local priest who will put them in touch with Fr Pat O'Hagan, the Diocesan Vocations Director. They may, of course, contact Fr Pat directly at the parochial house in Merville (Tel: 00353 (0)74-9382057) or email pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Lough Derg: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on Friday 24th June - Sunday 26th June 2022. Bishop McKeown will lead the pilgrimage and invites you to join him. Booking is essential so please contact Diocesan Catechetical Centre Tel: + 44 28 71264087 Or Email: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org Cost is £80 which includes return transport from Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

New offertory envelopes came into effect last weekend

Pink envelopes available at church doors Gift Aid envelopes have been delivered If you have not got one contact the parish office New Gift Aid people welcome



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
7:15am (Lent) & 10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Indre Swerdlick, Dunfield Terrace,
Stephen Montgomery, Kilmarnock and Strathfoyle

Anniversaries:

Neil Mellon, Gerard Boyle, Arnold Doherty, Kathleen McGurk, Thomas Grimes, Harry McGurk, Mary and James Hargan, Kerry Neely, John Boyle, William Boyle Sammy Wilson, Sherlie Wilson, Betty Hebden, Michael McMenamin, Noel Bradley, William Muldoon, Margaret Muldoon, Kathleen McLaughlin, Vera McCready, Catherine McCready, Moya Jackson, Damian Lynch, John Douglas, Rosaleen Elliott

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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