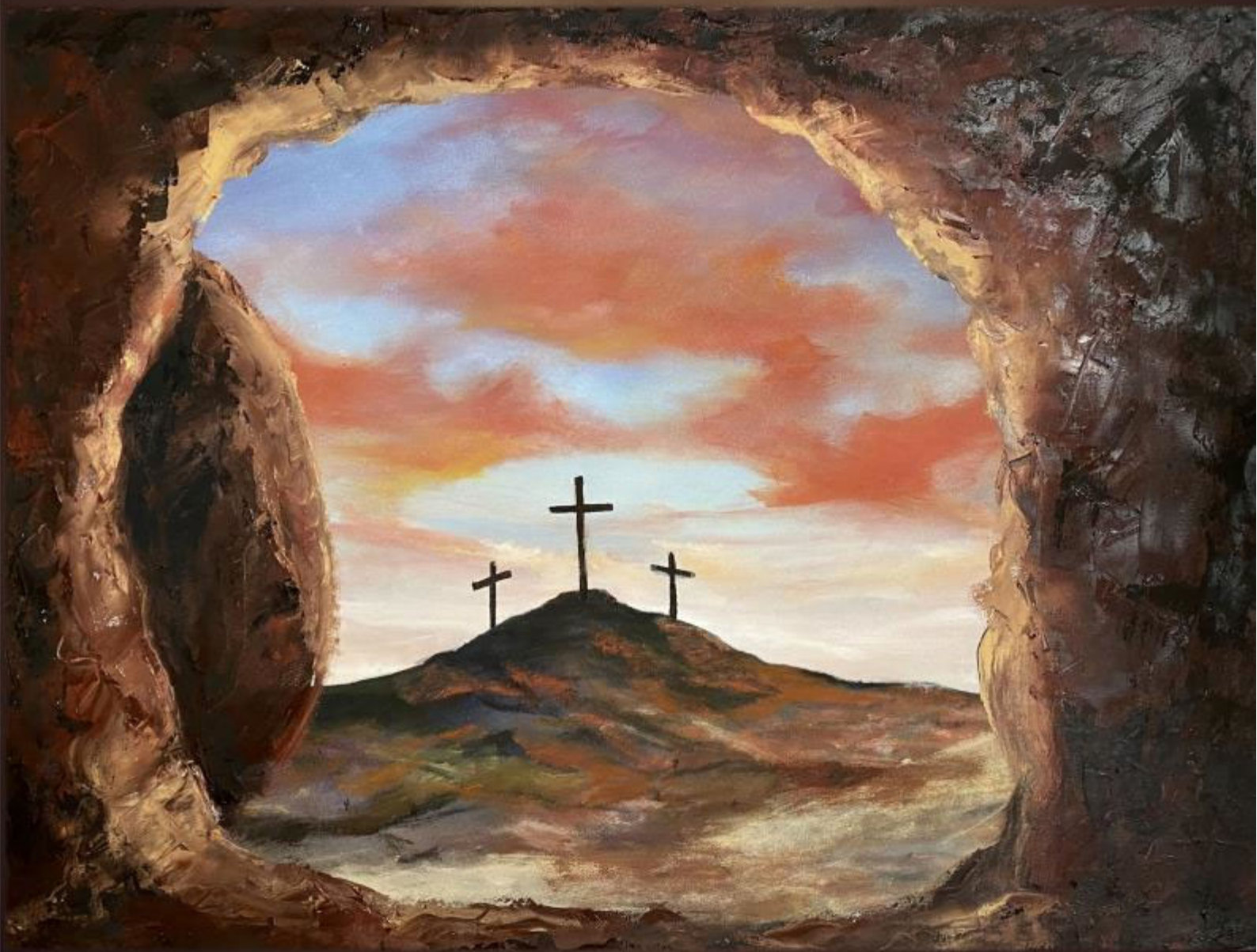


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Easter Sunday



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Never Give Up!

Easter is a good time to reaffirm our faith. The Resurrection is the culmination of Christ's journey on this earth, and the beginning of our journey in faith. Our journey begins with belief in the Resurrection. The Resurrection reminds us that God can lift up what is cast down, mend what is broken and raise what is dead. The Resurrection didn't of course make everything all right for us. We still have a world full of pain, sickness and sin, but now we have a hope that we didn't have before. The empty tomb points to God working in our world. At whatever stage we are in our journey of faith, the Resurrection means that nothing can be the same again.

But what if our journey in faith has faltered or even stopped? What if the account of the empty tomb leaves us with more questions with answers? In our twenty first century, 'belief' sits side by side with lots of other words like 'evidence' and 'measurable or tangible outcomes'. But if we are going to treat the resurrection as though it were some sort of detective story then we are travelling along the wrong path. Our journey of faith needs to rely firstly on a trust that God is working in our world. Trust is a decision and we decide to trust in all sorts of things in life from insurance to wrinkle cream and a million other inconsequential. Yet a decision to trust in God is the most important thing any of us will ever do. A trust in God will lead to observations day by day and those observations will lead to a spiritual relationship. That's an exciting belief. Our spiritual journey leads us to know that God loves us. It might take a long time to know it, so today's advice is 'never give up'.



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Harris Eoin Urquhart
Mountrath Road

Jayden Garreth Foy
Esker Hills

Who were baptised last weekend

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EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

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Msgr. John Byrne P.P.

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Fr. Ciprian Matei

Fr. Theo Tomasik

Easter Message 2021 from Bishop Denis

The card read “*This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter*”. The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas. There isn’t as large of a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.

We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, Facebook live, parish radio etc. to livestream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.

It’s interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of them “*in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were*” (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different “*Peace be with you*” (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.

Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter’s Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection, and from another Easter card I read:

*May the Lord bless you this Easter time:
Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;
Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;
Bless you with love, keep you from fear;
Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble;
Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;
Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;
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Amen.*



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- E** is for **EUCHARIST**, Christian sacrament of the Lord's supper.
- A** is for the **ALTER** which was used to celebrate the last meal for Jesus before he died for us on Good Friday.
- S** is for **SUPPER**, the last supper Jesus celebrated with the twelve Apostles.
- T** is for **TOMB**, Jesus was laid to rest in a tomb.
- E** is for **ETERNAL** which means in dying we are born to eternal life.
- R** is for **RISEN**, Jesus has risen from the dead.

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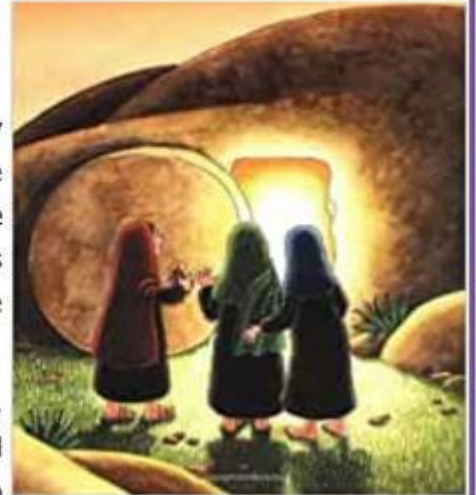
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I've Just Seen Jesus

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.



Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognised Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!



'Alleluia, He is Risen, Alleluia'



Father, we thank you that Jesus, our Saviour, is not in a grave. He is alive!
We serve a risen Saviour! Hallelujah! In Jesus' name we pray.

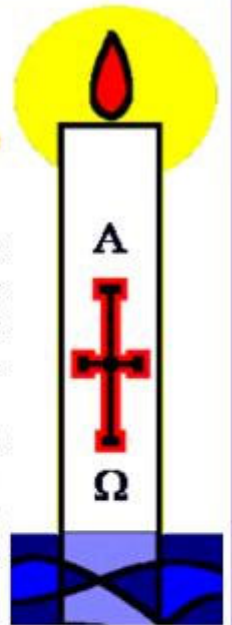
Amen.

Easter Vigil Mass

On Holy Saturday night we gather to celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead. We light our Paschal or Easter Fire as a reminder that Jesus is **the light in the darkness**. From that fire a new Paschal or Easter Candle is lit, placed in a special candlestick and put where we can all see it, usually near the altar or ambo. The Paschal Candle will be lit at every Mass during the Easter Season. It is also lit during Baptisms and Funerals throughout the year. The Paschal Candle is different from other candles because it has special markings or symbols on it that remind us of how much Jesus loved us. Look at the coloured picture and see if you can make your own Paschal Candle.

First draw a **large red cross** on the candle. Now draw a Letter **A** at the top of the Cross and the **upside down horseshoe** at the bottom of the Cross. In Greek, the letter A is called **Alpha** and the upside down horseshoe is the final letter of the Greek alphabet. It is called **Omega**. This is to remind us that Jesus is the beginning and the end of everything.

The current year is placed in the four corners of the Cross, so now put the figures **2 0 2 1** in the corners. Go in a clockwise direction starting with **2** in the top left hand corner. Finally five pieces of incense are placed in the points and centre of the Cross representing the five wounds that Jesus got when he was crucified.



Easter Sunday

Before daybreak Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She hurried to tell Jesus' friends Peter and John, who raced to the tomb. Peter went in and Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead!



*On Easter Sunday
We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.*

*May your
Easter basket be full of
Joy, Happiness & Peace
Today & Always!*

*Happy
Easter*





TIME TO THINK!

EASTER - A TIME TO HOPE

It has been a tough year since last Easter, and many people, Christians and others, have found ways of making the best of a bad job by helping one another in ways that we haven't been used to doing before. We've also found ways to show our appreciation and admiration for people who we don't usually think about. They aren't sports people, or billionaires or even politicians. They are nurses and delivery drivers and people toiling in cavernous warehouses and food factories for very low wages. People who serve the fundamental needs of God's world. And, in its own way their hidden service is a shadow of the resurrection life; the life of Heaven, God's place. Our sure and certain Hope.

Easter Sunday changed everything. On Sunday, Jesus cheated death, so that Friday's apparent failure was now properly seen as a triumph. Jesus, now alive, became a beacon of hope for sinful people everywhere - death was no longer the inevitable sentence they had to bear. His fleeing followers, having seen him risen with their own eyes, stopped running and instead set out to change the world - not deluded at all, but enthralled by a future with Jesus as their Lord.

This is our second Easter in the grip of the pandemic. The vaccines give us some Hope that soon it might end. Our ultimate Hope is not through an injection in our arms, but through the extraordinary act of love through which Jesus said, "Father, forgive them..." The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this great news, spans the centuries and is still a living force for here and now. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story, and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled back from the mouth of the tomb. Is my heart like a tomb awaiting resurrection? Can I identify any "gravestone" that is holding me back from a fuller, freer life?

It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some dark secret I have never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets.

But as pope Francis said, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" If we too discover the risen Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others.

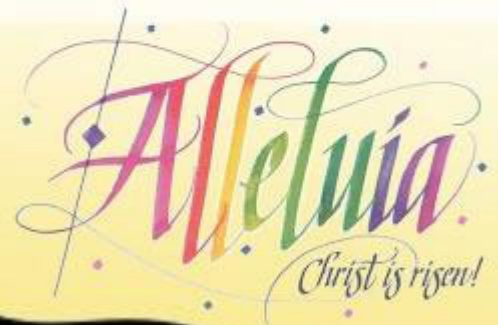


May this new Spring and Easter season, bring a bright and colourful blessing, to our lives. All will be well.

Edna Dean Proctor, in this poem, "Easter Bells" sums up beautifully our Easter Hope,
"I think of the garden after the rain;
And hope to my heart comes singing,
At morn the cherry-blooms will be white,
And the Easter bells be ringing!"

Love Overcame

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travellers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the saviour has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of Heaven and earth is complete.





A Prayer on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life,

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.
We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials
we have renewed our baptism
and proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the world,
with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day
and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith
guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

**If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.
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Thank you to Fr. David and all the Priests of the Parish and to Christopher's carers who looked after him so well.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Christopher's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, at 10am, this Sunday 4th April and can be viewed via the Parish Webcam.

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all,

God will link the broken chain,
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May They Rest in Peace

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Anniversary Masses
included on memorial
notices must be
booked at reception prior to submitting your
notice. Tel. 057-8621142 to book the Mass.

**In Loving Memory of
MARIA MORAN**

*Dr Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 9th April 2021.*



4th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 11th April at 10am.

*Sadly missed by her loving husband
and family.*

May Maria Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
SADIE BOHAN**

*Late of 34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
37th Anniversary occurred 2nd April 2021*



We cannot forget the face we loved or the
memory of your smile or the countless things
you did for us to make our lives worthwhile,
It has been lonely here without you and
grows lonelier everyday,

The world has been a sadder place since
the world took you away, but we know you walk beside us,
and when our lives are through we pray that God will take
our hands and lead us straight to you.

*Always remembered by her sons Billy, John, Michael, Maurice,
Eugene, Dermot and Brian, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.*

May Sadie Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JERRY LODGE**

*'Curradubh', Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 3rd April 2021*



*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.*

Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on
Sunday 4th April at 10am.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal

**In Loving Memory of
PETER & AGNES LALOR**



*Peter's 23rd Anniversary
occurs 6th April*

*Agnes' 37th Anniversary
occurs 14th April*

*Also thinking of their daughters
RITA LALOR & MARGARET LAWLESS
And their Great-Grandchild
SHANE BROPHY*



*Rita's 4th Anniversary occurs 26th April
Margaret's 2nd Anniversary occurred in February
Shane's 2nd Anniversary occurs 29th July*

Life is a beautiful memory, death is a silent grief,
You sleep now in God's beautiful garden,
In sunshine and perfect peace.

I miss you oh so very much, but I trust that
God knew best,

He let us have you for many years,
And then gently let you rest.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all their
loving family, extended family and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

**Cherished Memories of
EILEEN POWDERS**

*9 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 2nd April 2021*



*A special smile, a special face,
In our hearts, a special place,
Memories are a gift to treasure,
Ours of you will last forever,
Although we smile and make no fuss,
No one misses you more than us.*

*Remembered by Eileen's daughters Deirdre and Joan,
sons-in-law Larry and Ger, Grandchildren Orla,
Shona, Adrian, Keith, Lorraine and Sean xxx
Also remembered by Martin.*

May Eileen Rest in Peace

26th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of Our Father & Grandad
MICHAEL KERRY

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Easter Sunday, 4th April at 10am.**

*We hold you close within our hearts and
there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of **EAMONN FARRELL**

115 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 4th April 2021



Eamonn was a husband and father so very
rare,

Content in his home and always there,
On earth he toiled,
In Heaven he rests,
God Bless you Eamonn,
You were the best.

*Loved beyond words and cherished forever
Your loving wife Kim, four daughters, Roisin, Rachel,
Amy & Reiltin and grandson Opie xx*

Rest in Peace Eamonn

In Loving Memory of **HARRY & NANCY GRIFFIN**

Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Harry died on 9th April 2001

Nancy died on 6th April 2004



*If you would indeed behold the spirit of death,
open your heart wide unto the body of life.
For life and death are one, even as the river and
the sea are one. In the depth of your hopes and
desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;
And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your
heart dreams of spring.*

*Missed everyday by your children, grandchildren
and friends.*

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Whoever will go to confession and Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not be lost. I also promise victory over its enemies here on earth, but especially at the hour of death, I myself will defend your soul as My own glory."

Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday begins on Good Friday (after the 3pm Ceremony in the Parish Church)

As restrictions for this year greatly limit our interactions, it is enough to say the Chaplet and the Rosary for end of the current Pandemic, for those who have died with COVID-19, for victims and for front line workers and all their intentions, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Christ's plan for the world. This is enough to attain the indulgences associated with Divine Mercy Sunday this year, as many won't be able to make a good confession or receive Holy Communion. It is very much encouraged to attend the virtual ceremony.

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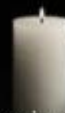
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Ways to contribute to our Parish

Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre

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