

Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of Easter - 14th April 2024

This Weekend Apr 13th / 14th

7.00 p.m. 1. Seamus and Anna May Hannon,
Pat Molihan and Margaret Brady.
2. John Coyle, Corlcaragh.

11.00 a.m. William (Bill) Mulryan (Months Mind).

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed Apr 17th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Apr 20th / 21st

7.00 p.m. 1. Deceased members of the Hughes Family,
Lisnagrish.
2. Gerry and Josie Carroll, Gretta and Barney
Dunne and their deceased family members.

11.00 a.m. 1. Eamon Harte (Anniv).
2. Patrick Slattery (First Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Apr 6th / 7th - €1,385 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

"We know that God is everywhere but certainly we feel his presence most when his works are on the grandest scale spread before us. And it is in the unclouded night-sky where his worlds wheel their silent course that we read clearest his infinitude, his omnipotence, his omnipresence".
- Charlotte Bronte

Thought for the Day

Risen Jesus,

We thank you for your greeting, 'Peace be with you.'

The shalom of God, deep lasting peace; peace that brings inner calm.

That keeps a person steady in the storm;

That faces the persecutor without fear and proclaims the Good News with courage and with joy.

This is the peace that reconciles sister to brother, black to white, rich and poor, young and old.

But not a peace that is quiet in the face of oppression and injustice.

This is peace with God, the peace that passes understanding.

- John Johansen-Berg (Bread of Tomorrow)

Sunday Scriptures First Reading - Peter lays the blame for the death of Jesus fairly and squarely on the Jews. Nevertheless, he excuses them on the strength that they did not know who Jesus really was.

Second Reading - In spite of everything, Christians are still open to sins. If we sin, Christ will come to our aid if we have recourse to him.

Gospel - The risen Jesus appears to his apostles. As in all his appearances, words and gestures are needed to help them believe that he is real and not a ghost.

Third Sunday of Easter

Take the Risk for Christ

In our Gospel passage today, we hear of the two disciples leaving Jerusalem and heading to Emmaus. It was only that evening at the breaking of bread with Jesus that they recognised him. They immediately set out to return to Jerusalem to tell the disciples. We pray for those who recognise the call of Jesus in their lives will have the courage to set out to minister the good news to others as a priest, deacon or religious.

Availability

It came to me as an arresting thought: 'What God wants of you is not your ability but your availability'. It is not primarily what one man can do for God in any particular situation that counts, but what God can do through one man or woman who is fully available and responsive to him. Paul's words to the Ephesian Christians remind us still that 'By his power within us' he is able to do infinitely more than we ever dare to ask or imagine. Experience proves, often dramatically, that it is not our ability or lack of it, but our availability to God that is the clue to all effective Christian action whether by individuals or by groups.

- John Sayers

"I used to ask God to help me,

Then I asked if I might help him,

I ended up asking him to do his work through me"

- Anon

CHANGE - "We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing". - RD Laing

CHURCH - "The Church is not made up of people who are better than the rest, but of people who want to become better than they are". - Anon

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donohoe.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -