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Easter Sunday – 20 April 2025



Easter Morning

"On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have. We don't realise all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning."



Mass

There will be no 10am mass on Monday 21st April in Meath Street or James's Street. **There will be 10am Mass in Francis Street.** There will be no 10am Mass in Meath Street or James's Street on Saturday 26th April. **There will be a Eucharistic Service at 10am in Francis Street.**



A Happy, Holy and Peaceful Easter to all.

Penitential Rite

As we begin, rejoicing in our risen Lord, let us remember God's goodness and faithfulness.

You raise us to new life. Lord have mercy

You are the source of our joy and hope.
Christ have mercy

You ask us to trust your love and witness to it in our world. Lord have mercy

May our gracious God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sin, and bring us to life everlasting.
Amen

Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia

John 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still

dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.



Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, we rejoice in your love which never fails us. Lord hear us

Lord Jesus, you are the Living Word, risen from the dead, the compassionate presence of God in the world. We rejoice. Lord hear us

Holy Spirit of God, you are the spirit of healing, drawing us together into one unified but diverse people. We rejoice. Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died and especially those who have died through violence, hunger and war. Through the risen Lord we hope to be united again in the Kingdom of God's love. Lord hear us

For all in our society who are experiencing difficulty, those threatened with losing their homes, those who are unemployed, those who experience prejudice & discrimination. May we be their support and hope, and ensure that they are not forgotten or abandoned. Lord hear us

In silence we remember all who need our prayer and supportLord hear us