

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Mourn Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. **Easter 2024**

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*The angel spoke; and he said to the women,
'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are
looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here,
for he has risen, as he said he would.'* (Matthew 28:5-6)



HE IS RISEN

EASTER MESSAGE

“Why look among the dead for someone who is alive”.

Fr. Dan and I wish all of Our Parishioners a very happy holy Easter, and every blessing of this sacred hopefilled season, as we rejoice in the Risen Christ.

I have had so many memorable Easters in this community serving the people of Drimnagh and this will be my last, as the Archbishop has asked me to take up a new posting. It has been my privilege and joy to be part of such a unique special community. Though there is a modicum of sadness leaving, my overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude, for your kindness, support, and care towards me over the last 14 years.

In some ways with the ongoing situation in Gaza, Ukraine, Israel, and regions where war has torn communities apart, should we even be celebrating Easter, when so many of our brothers and sisters are in distress.

Of course we should. Christians are called to be born optimists. Where as the world deals in facts, we are called to deal in faith. The world is stuck in an imperfect now, whereas Christians filled with the dreams of God for his children strive to see beyond the now, to what will be, if only we surrender all to God’s will and trust in Christ.

A world ravaged by war can become the New Garden of Eden if we get back to basics and find our belief in God once more. If we do on this Easter Sunday we will see Creation with the eyes of God full of hope and promise, and endless possibilities. For this is what the Risen Christ brings to all who heed his call, and are activated by the Holy Spirit to be more.

When a football team loses its way, it finds its identity again by going back to basics, and the world influenced by the darker side of social media, AI and other competing distractions has lost its way, and will only find it once more when like the sunflower that turns to the warmth of the sun, we turn to the all illuminating light of the Risen Christ, in this Easter Season.

Remember the beautiful words of Pope Francis which he calls, ‘The call of Lent’,

“In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.” Pope Francis.

As we celebrate this Easter Season, we draw strength in St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians 2:10.

“We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.”

Each of us are that work of art with an imperfect beauty because the Creator hasn't finished his masterpiece yet.

Lastly a huge thank you to everyone who brings so much to the Parish, Fr. Dan, the girls in the Office, the Leadership teams, all the Volunteers, our Wonderful Choir, those who beautify and maintain the Church, Our Sacristans, Sacramental teams, Our Parishioners and all who call Our Lady of Good Counsel their place of Worship too. Mother McAuley, Bosco, Good Counsel, Our Lady’s Hall, all who bring life to the Community.

I think too of so many wonderful people gone before that I had the privilege to know, like water that drips through the fingers, name after name comes to mind, but will forever reside in my heart.

Once more a huge thank you to everyone and a very Happy Easter to all our people.

Fr. Dave & Fr. Dan.

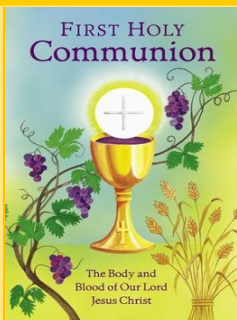


A particularly joyous occasion for our parish is the celebration of the Sacraments each year so please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**Celebrating
80 years**

**1943 to
2023**



First Holy Communion 2024

First Penance for Girls & Boys
Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm.



First Holy Communion Ceremony for Girls & Boys
Saturday 11th May 2024 at 11.00am

Devotional Candles
in Thanksgiving to Our Lady for 80 years watching over & minding our parish, available at all Masses & from the parish office, finishing on Easter Sunday. *Offering €1.00*

Confirmation 2024

Ceremony of Light for Boys & Girls
Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm



Confirmation Ceremony for Boys & Girls
Friday 24th May at 11.30am

Church Collections

w/e 16th/17th March 2024

1st Priests: €852

2nd Collection: €686

Envelopes: €617

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 5, 12, 13, 27

Jackpot €16,500

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes. The next draw takes place on Tuesday 26th March and envelopes must be put into the safe in the church by 11am on Monday 25th.

On the Easter Bank Holiday, the Draw will take place on Wednesday 3rd April 10a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd morning. All are welcome to attend the draw.

Every Thursday after Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. Rosary beads are free for anyone who wants to take them home to pray.



We remember **Peter Nolan** who died recently and whose Funeral Mass takes place on Monday 25th March at 10.00am
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Archdiocese of Dublin

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 27, 2024



11AM
Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive

12 NOON
Workshops on 'Nurturing Parish Volunteers - Serving in a Fragile World' and 'Laudato Si' with prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3PM
Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Farrell

For more information, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

MASSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m. & 12 noon.
(Schedule for Holy Week and Easter on back of newsletter)

Morning Mass Monday—Saturday at 10.00a.m.

Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

All Masses can also be viewed on the Parish Webcam via the Parish website
www.mourneroad.ie

Parish Office—Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.15am—1.00pm.
Closed in the afternoon.

Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter - Monday in Holy week to Holy Thursday from 9.15am-1.00pm. Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Thought for the day...

Imagine, Jesus said 'Everyone who says a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven'. In this week of repentance & forgiveness is it time to go to the gift of confession?

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

24th March

Masses on Palm Sunday:
Vigil Mass Sat 23rd at
6.30pm, Palm Sunday 24th:
9.00am & 12.00noon.

Procession with Blessed Palms.

Holy Week begins on Palm or Passion Sunday. It celebrates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem while the people cried Hosanna. We will bless and distribute Palms and invite you to take a small piece to your home to signify that Christ is a welcome guest there.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week, Mass at 10.00am & 6.30pm Stations of the Cross after the 10.00am Mass, if there is no Funeral Mass.



WE INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY WITH THE PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE SACRED DAYS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday

28th March

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Mass of Chrism, Pro-Cathedral at which our Parish will be represented by Pat Conway and Mary Burke
7.30pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper, *Procession to the Altar of Repose* followed by 'Watch and pray' for an hour.

On this day the Lord instituted the Priesthood and the Blessed Eucharist. His command is "Do this in memory of me." At the Last Supper he shocked his disciples by doing the job of a servant - washing their feet - and in so doing left an example of love that he invites his disciples to imitate. At the end of our Solemn celebration, with which we begin the Easter Triduum, we carry the Blessed Sacrament through the church in procession, to the Altar of Repose remembering Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.



Good Friday 29th March

Mass is not celebrated today.

10.00am Morning Prayer

12.00noon Children's/Family Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8.00pm Taize Prayer around the cross.

What a strange name for such an awful day. Today we journey with Christ on the way of the Cross, a path of suffering and of pain that leads him to the hill of Calvary and death.

How it must have broken his mother's heart to see her Son abused and tortured, jeered at and slapped and finally nailed to a cross. His disciples ran away, and who could blame them, they were in fear of their lives. Today we can sit at the foot of his cross and grieve for our own sins, the sins he took upon himself for our salvation.

Holy Saturday 30th March

10.00am Morning Prayer "and they laid the body of Jesus in a tomb" Today we wait in silent prayer at the resting place of Jesus.

Confessions 10.30am-11.30am
& 2pm-3pm

Mass of the Easter Vigil 9.00pm.



Easter Vigil

9.00pm Holy Saturday

This is the night when Jesus broke the chains of death and opened the gates of life to all who believe. This is the final piece in the jigsaw of salvation history.

Our readings tonight take us through that great history celebrating the mighty deeds of the Lord in ancient times. We listen to the great promise of a Messiah, one who would change everything, and we celebrate the fulfilment of that promise in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through Baptism.



Easter Sunday 31st March

Mass at 9.00am & 12.00noon

This is the day the Lord has made. Resurrection Day. Humankind had done it's worst, they had seen Jesus off and as far as they were concerned that was the end of the Jesus story. Little did they know that the story was just beginning. The power of the resurrection was unstoppable and soon his word would be heard in every corner of the earth.

It has even found a home in us! Alleluia!

We wish all our Parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter, Fr. Dave, Fr. Dan, and the Parish Pastoral Council & Staff.

