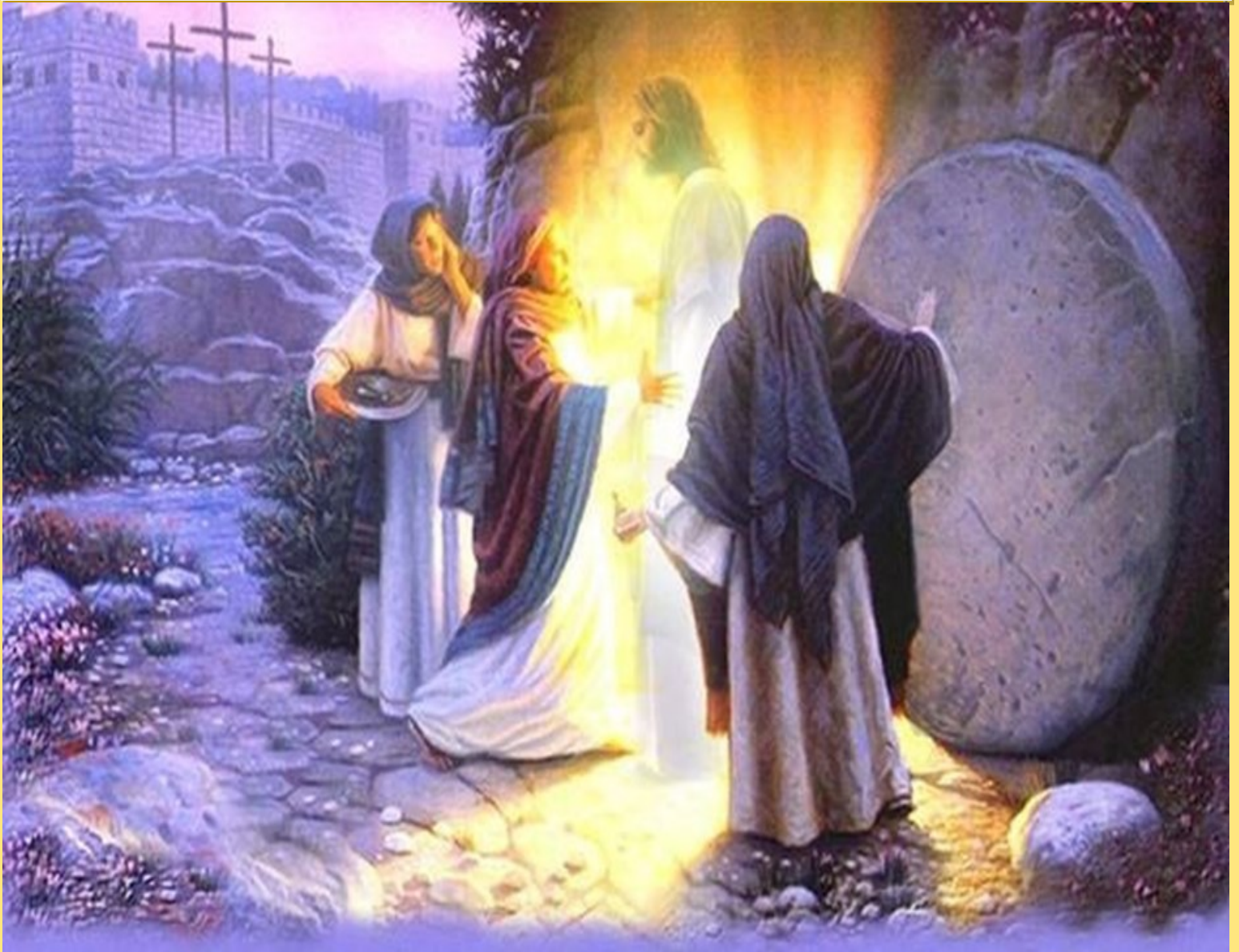


Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Mourn Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. **Easter 2025**

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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.

EASTER MESSAGE

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

Fr. Conleth and I wish everyone a very Happy Easter. We pray that the peace and blessing of the Risen Lord come upon us all and our world, especially among the Gazan people of His own land and the people in Ukraine, Myanmar. May new hope spring up, even among the debris of war, earthquake and the awful reality of human suffering and death.

As I am writing this Easter message for our Parish Newsletter, President Donal Trump's tariffs come into effect in Europe and worldwide. These tariffs will certainly pose a growing risk to Irish economy such as exports, jobs and tax receipts as businesses brace for disruption in food, pharma and tech sectors. This definitely does not sound good for the entire nation.

There's so much violence, so much greed, so much injustice, so much hurt and pain and death in our world. And the story of Easter reminds me of this. Please do not get me wrong or some people may think that I am a negative person or I thrive off doom and gloom, but the story of Easter is a reminder of how broken our world is. The story is filled with violence and greed and injustice. It's covered in hurt and pain and death and yet the story doesn't end there, it ends with Jesus risen from the dead. Death was not, and cannot be, the final story. There are other chapters to be written and to be told.

And so, the story of Easter reminds us that no matter how broken the world is, the Son of God had entered that world, endured that world, and conquered that world. He endured so that we too can endure. He persevered so that we too can persevere. He died so that we can live.

As the Risen Lord's disciples, we have a reason to be hopeful just like Jesus' disciples were struggling for hope when they experienced the cruel death of their master. Today, during this Easter season, we continue to struggle in many aspects, but there is a new sense of hope. It is like the weather has been really nice and warmer after the long challenging winter we had. Isn't that a wonderful good news. And that Easter is all about.

Therefore, this Easter, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, "He is risen." And we rejoice saying, "Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia." Moreover, Pope Francis officially declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee with a papal bull, titled "Spes Non Confundit," meaning "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Let us have hope in our Risen Lord. Through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his disciples. Jesus also charges his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in His.

As we celebrate Easter, Fr. Conleth and I would like to thank and extend a word of appreciation to our office staff Deirdre and Rita, Andy and Oliver who are working really hard behind the scene and to all who have shared their time, talent. Thanks to all the unseen volunteers who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, particularly those who made donations of, or offerings toward our Easter flowers and plants and Easter materials, etc.,. And to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies, as well as those who decorated our church. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and inviting as it has been.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors and newcomers in our Parish. We are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. We extend an invitation to you all to become a regular part of our Parish community if you wish. The Sunday bulletin lists our Mass times and contact information. Please call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Let us not miss this opportunity to enjoy, celebrate, and be inspired by all the beautiful symbols and messages the Easter season offers us.

Finally, this Easter, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, "He is risen." And we rejoice saying, "Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia." May God bless you and your loved ones with abundant faith, serenity and joy this Easter.

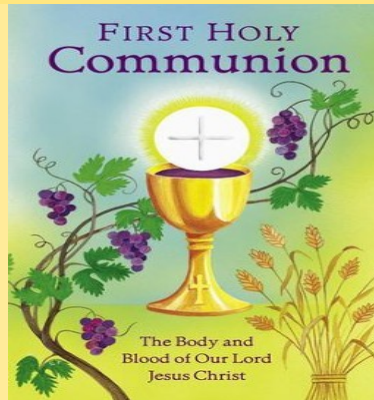
Happy Easter to you.
Fr. Dan and Fr. Conleth





Thought

Alleluia, the Lord is risen. The servant Lamb of God becomes the triumphant Lion of Judah. The Way, the Truth and the Life is with us in all His strength and glory.



Confirmation 2025

Ceremony of Light for Boys & Girls
Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm

Confirmation Ceremony for Boys & Girls
Thursday 29th May at 12.00pm

Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

First Holy Communion 2025

First Penance for Girls & Boys
Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion Ceremony for Girls & Boys
Saturday 17th May 2025 at 11.00am

Please keep the boys and girls and their families in your prayers.



Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' Pope Francis is encouraging us to rediscover the ancient practice of pilgrimage during 2025. All are invited to join our Diocesan pilgrimages to Knock in April, Lourdes in September, Jubilee of Youth in Rome, 'Rome @ Home' Youth weekend, make a pilgrimage to Glendalough, or visit a Jubilee church in Dublin City Centre to visit Pockets of Hope.

Resources for local pilgrimages can be found in the Pilgrims of Hope & Pockets of Hope leaflets at the back of the church.

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Every Thursday after Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

Rosary beads are free for anyone who would like to take them home to pray.

Mother McAuley Meals on Wheels Service for older persons in Drimnagh

Providing home cooked meals to your door daily.

Only €5 per day for 2 Course Meals—Main and Dessert

All meals will be freshly cooked on the morning and then delivered, hot and ready to eat by 12 noon onwards. For more information please call Lisa or Jane 01-4099576.

CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS

To celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, Bishop Paul Dempsey will celebrate **Mass in City Quay Church, Dublin, at 3pm on Sunday, April 27th.** All are welcome to come along and celebrate this special moment in the life of the Church.

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino

This September join the MSC Missions as they walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain, followed by a visit to Fatima for a short pilgrimage. The group will be led on this spiritual journey by Fr. Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage please ring Valerie at 021-4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

CALLED TO MORE

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PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot (draw 8th April 2025)

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 14, 15, 25, 27

Jackpot €21,800

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

On the Easter Bank Holiday, the Draw will take place on Wednesday 23rd April 10a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Tuesday 22nd morning.

All are welcome to attend the draw. The Lotto Licence is for €30,000



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



Palm Sunday

13th April

Masses on Palm Sunday:
Vigil Mass Sat 12th at
6.30pm, Palm Sunday 13th:
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 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

17th April

10.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Mass of Chrism,
Pro-Cathedral



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 18th April

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 19th April

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 with Baptism

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 20th April

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. Dan & Fr. Conleth and the Parish Pastoral Council & Staff.

