

Christian Motivational Phrases

'Let everything you do be done in love.'

1 Corinthians 16:14

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People

Alone manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff are available reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

Thought for the week

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 into 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. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the light of Christ among us.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th. April - Easter Sunday

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30- 1.30

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Easter Message 2021

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 pass, 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;

So, your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen. Amen.

Bishop Denis Nulty

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 4th. April: First Anniversary Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff and extended members of Lawlor Family.

Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe and his sister Maureen Clifford.

Clair Keogh, Killinure.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for

Wednesday 31st. March 2021 Numbers: 4, 12, 14, 26

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000

15 Match 3s win €67 each.

A wonderful way of supporting our Parish financially is through the Lotto. If you would like to renew your lotto subscription (those are due for renewal) and if anyone wishes to join our lotto, you can get forms in the Parish Centre. If you wish to know when you are due for renewal you can contact the Parish Office or contact Fr. John

Inter- Diocesan Easter Music Project- Lent 2021

During this Lent, the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore designed an innovative music project and generated a shared vision across 6 dioceses: Waterford & Lismore, Kildare and Leighlin, Ferns, Kerry, Limerick, Dublin Arch Diocese & Elphin, bringing together 66 students in over 17 schools and young people from several youth groups, to give a beautiful spiritual expression to this Easter Season and to generate much needed funds for the Charity, Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals at present feed school-going children 1,600,000 meals every day across the world. The young people recorded 3 songs, readings, reflections, and liturgical dance, that focus on the 3 movements of Easter - Palm Sunday- The Crucifixion- The Resurrection of our Lord. _Declan Browne, the diocesan advisor for Waterford and Lismore, who having been provoked by the challenges of these times wanted to propose a faith-based project that would connect with the schools and provide a meaningful space for our youth. Declan, whose background is in psychology and youth retreat work, has spent 25 years working directly with young people and realised that music and social justice issues particularly resonated with young people. This realisation has been the motivation behind this innovative project. The project from the outset was a real team effort. Diocesan Advisors and Youth Workers in 6 dioceses worked hand in hand to identify students and young people across their own dioceses, fantastic music teachers promoted the idea to their students and helped them with the recordings and Holy Family Missions supported with their musical talents. The whole video production would have not been possible without the technological skills and dedication of *The Sisters of the Home of the Mother*. Video File by File they created such a meaningful, spiritual story of Jesus & the Easter event.

And finally, the young people themselves. Not even a Pandemic could prevent the generous, kind-hearted, and talented spirit of our young people who supported such a worthy cause as 'Marys Meals'. Through their example they showed the true meaning of Easter as 'A Time of Hope.' Click the link <https://youtu.be/jAopVZUJGpE> to watch the video and details on how to donate to Mary's Meals.