

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your  
Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING** Ac 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
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."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 117

Response:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice  
and are glad.  
Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life  
with Christ, you must look for the things that  
are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's  
right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly  
things, not on the things that are on the earth,  
because you have died, and now the life you  
have is hidden with Christ in God. But when  
Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you will  
be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Alternative second reading**

1 Cor. 5:6-8

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer  
sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely  
ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon  
the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before  
you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we  
know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Jn 20:1-9

(Alternative gospels: Mt 28:1-10, or in the  
afternoon, or evening: Lk 24:13-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

It was very early on the first day of the week  
and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came  
to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been  
moved away from the tomb and came running  
to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one  
Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out

of the tomb" she said "and we don't know  
where they have put him." So Peter set out  
with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They  
ran together, but the other disciple, running  
faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he  
bent down and saw the linen cloths on the  
ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who  
was following now came up, went right into  
the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground,  
and also the cloth that had been over his head;  
this was not with the linen cloths but rolled  
up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple  
who had reached the tomb first also went  
in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment  
they had failed to understand the teaching of  
scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through  
the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with  
Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with  
him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten  
observance is concluded, let us renew the  
promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once  
renounced Satan and his works and promised  
to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And  
so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
who has given new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
We offer the sacrifice by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday Message

EASTER SUNDAY

**THE WORD**

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EASTER  
JOY  
JOHN 20:1-9

I love telling jokes on Easter Sunday, and there's an excellent reason for it.

It is in keeping with an ancient tradition in the Russian Orthodox Church, where the day after Easter was devoted to telling jokes. They even told jokes in church. But why? It was their way of celebrating the great cosmic joke God pulled on Satan in the resurrection. Satan thought he had won. Satan was sure the forces of darkness had prevailed. He was confident that with the death of Jesus, all hope was lost, that God's plan for humanity was destroyed. And so Satan smiled to himself and was smug in his victory. Satan had the last word, the last laugh.

So he thought.

Then something extraordinary happened. God raised Jesus from the dead - and life, hope, and salvation became the last words. Life and hope and salvation replaced death and despair, and darkness. As St John says: "Christ's is a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could never overpower." And so the whole world, heaven and earth, rejoiced at the devil's discomfort.

That's why the Orthodox Russians tell jokes on Easter Day. And why we should rejoice and tell jokes too. Jesus, our brother, has broken the chains of death through the power of the Father. Death, the last and greatest enemy, has been overcome. Death has no more power over us.

Easter is the great feast of joy and demands a response from us. What should our response be?

First, to acknowledge it, let it sink in. We can be so familiar with the Easter story that it loses its impact. It's something we celebrate every year, just another date on the church calendar. We can get more emotional about a piece of music or a storyline in Eastenders than that God died and was raised for us. We can get more passionate about a football match than that we have been saved. Remember the mind-blowing truth we are celebrating this day. Remember and give thanks.

Second, the resurrection is proof of how much God loves us and believes in us. It tells us that hope has triumphed over despair, light over darkness, good over evil, life over death, love over hate. It reminds us that even though people and institutions let us down, God never lets us down; even though banks and governments fail us, God never fails us; even though the church can disappoint us, God never disappoints us.

No matter how old or young, strong or frail, agile or crippled, large or small, or wrinkled or fresh-faced we may be, God loves us and believes in us. No matter where we're from, what ethnicity we possess, or what our personal history is, God loves us and believes in us. The resurrection of Christ Jesus tells us God is on our side.

Imagine if we saw ourselves and saw each other the way God sees us; if we believed in ourselves and believed in each other the way God believes in us. If we did that, there would be no hatred, no wars, no bigotry, no discrimination, no tribalism, no intentional suffering. We would live as Easter people, people redeemed.

So make sure to tell jokes this day and sing alleluia. Let God's love shine in you. Let God's love radiate through you. We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song. ■

**REFLECT**

In today's first reading, Peter proclaims the good news of the resurrection. It's an extraordinary change from only a short period before when he denied Jesus three times, and had locked himself behind closed doors, quivering in fear. Now Peter is on fire with faith. He preaches it to Cornelius, his household, and anyone who listens. He will even die for the sake of the Gospel. His belief in the resurrection has changed everything for him. How strong is your faith in the resurrection? Would you be prepared to die for it? ■

**DO**

When the apostles realised that Jesus had been raised from the dead, they hurried back to tell the others the astonishing news. They became, at that moment, witnesses to the Good News. We, too, are called to be witnesses to the Good News. How well and how boldly do you witness to the Gospel?

**SAY**

"We are an Easter people,  
and alleluia is our song."

**PRAY**

Pray for the community of believers worldwide that they may grow stronger in the faith. Pray especially for all those who were received into the Church this Easter.

**LEARN**

Today, we begin the Season of Easter, which will continue for fifty days until Pentecost. These fifty days are celebrated as one feast, the "Great Sunday." During these days, we celebrate the very basis of our faith - that God raised Jesus from the dead

The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that death has no more hold over us

Alleluia is our great Easter exclamation. The word itself is Hebrew and means 'Praise God'

May the peace of the risen Christ be in your homes and hearts this Easter day.



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# PARISH of LARKHILL WHITEHALL & SANTRY

Parish Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023



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## PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES



### THANK YOU

A Word of THANKS to all who assisted with or took part in the Holy Week ceremonies in any way. Thanks to our Sacristy team and all who work in the background, to our church cleaning team, our Stewards both indoor and outside, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, the various Music Groups and the Adult Faith Group and those who decorated the church for Lent and Easter.

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There will be a pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Feast of the Divine Mercy. The coach will leave from Holy Child Church Whitehall at 8am.

For more details contact Marie McAllister on 086 3990998 or by email: [Mariecallister30@gmail.com](mailto:Mariecallister30@gmail.com)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN IRELAND

Learn how abuse - physical, sexual, emotional and financial is used as a form of control from Kate McCarthy who offers support and information to victims of domestic abuse.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 to 12 noon. For further details and bookings: Phone: 01 8487259 Office hours: 9.00 to 1pm Mon. to Fri. Email: [mercycentrecoolock@gmail.com](mailto:mercycentrecoolock@gmail.com)

Venue: Mercy Centre, St Brendan's Drive, Coolock, Dublin 5 D05 K7F1

### COURSES AT DCU

Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics at DCU: Open House Evening for Alumni, Friends, and Prospective Students – everyone welcome. Thursday, April 20, 6pm-9pm (drop in at any point). Inquiries: email [mary.hayes@dcu.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dcu.ie) / phone 01 700 6100

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Lay Ministry Collection will take place on the weekend of **May 6/7**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

Sunday, **April 30**, will be the Day of Prayer for Vocations. The usual Share collection will be taken up.

### AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you or your family need assistance, our Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to help.

Contact the East Region helpline: 01-8550022

### DIOCESAN DIARY FOR 2023

The Diocesan Diary for 2023 can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/diocesan-diary-2023/>.

### PRIESTHOOD IN A SYNODAL CHURCH

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on **April 25** to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly at [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Fr Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie).

If you would like to submit something for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."  
Martin Luther*



### MASS INTENTIONS

(FROM SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023)

|                       |  |                             |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 10:30am</b> | Mass offered for the Intentions of all Parishioners and for all our beloved dead |                             |
| <b>Sunday 12:30pm</b> |  |                             |
| <b>Monday 10am</b>    | Geraldine Whyte  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
|                       | Sr. Carmel Grice   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
|                       | John Quinn   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary |
| <b>Tuesday 10am</b>   | Deceased members of the Byrne & Berkhout families                                |                             |
|                       | Bridget Devoy  | Anniversary                 |
|                       | Patrick O'Toole  | Anniversary                 |
|                       | Patrick Joseph (PJ) Kelly  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
| <b>Wednesday 10am</b> | Available for Intention  |                             |
| <b>Thursday 10am</b>  | Michael Mary Nolan   | Anniversary                 |
| <b>Friday 10am</b>    | Edward (Ned) Towell  | Anniversary                 |
|                       | Mercedes Padden  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |

### CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

**Sunday 10am** Mass offered for the Intentions of all Parishioners and for all our beloved dead  
**NO MASS ON WED 12<sup>th</sup> APR**

If you would like your Mass intentions to be included in the parish newsletter, please submit them to the Parish Office on or before the Tuesday preceding the requested

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones who have recently died in the peace of Christ:



Patrick Fleming  
Arlen Dunne  
Brian Murray



May they rest in peace and rise in glory

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"  
John 11:25*



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

#### MASSES

**Monday to Friday:** 9:15am  
**Saturday:** 7:00pm  
**Bank Holidays:** 10:00am  
**Sunday** at 10:30am & 12:30 pm

All Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

#### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 7pm Saturday Mass or on request.

#### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

**Mon to Fri:** 08:45am - 12:00pm  
**Saturday:** 6:30pm until after Mass  
**Sunday:** 10:00am until after 12:30pm Mass

#### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm. Please contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance of the date you require.

### CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

#### MASSES

**Wednesday:** 10:00am  
**Sunday:** 10:00am

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