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Drumcondra Parish

Corpus Christi News

EASTER 2022—THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA!

This year our Church has been invited to engage with the Synodal Process in communion with the church throughout the world. We are invited to listen to the Spirit within each one of us and to listen respectfully to each other as we travel together as the community of Jesus in this moment of time, especially as we try to emerge from Covid.

We prepare to celebrate Easter. Once again, we look at Jesus who is present in our community and we try to listen to him and each other as a community of faith.

Our faith in Jesus, and our profession of him as Lord, started with a group of people who came to experience a new and exciting relationship with him after a growing awareness that following the crucifixion, he was not dead but was alive. Something had happened that now made a new enduring relationship with Jesus possible.

“Woman why are you weeping?” the words addressed to Mary by a stranger who stands by an empty tomb which denied her the possibility of mourning her dead departed friend. One can only guess at her state of mind. But something happens. She is addressed by her name “Mary.” Suddenly she recognises the one who had recognised her. That day a new reality touched and transformed her life. She would have trouble trying to convey this experience to her companions. It seemed unbelievable! A new relationship with Jesus was possible and was being established.

The history of our community rests on that extraordinary relationship which Jesus continues to extend to each of us. That is the basis of our life as a Christian community.

Jesus draws us towards him. As with Mary he invites each of us by name into that world of faith in him who is alive. When we listen to the Spirit deep within us, he will direct us to find Jesus and reveal him to us.

Mary was the first person to recognise the Risen Lord. She would struggle both to understand and accept that the Jesus whom she had known and seen crucified was now alive and continue to be there in her life but in a new and transforming manner. Today as believers we continue to have our own struggles with faith, to finding Jesus as he wants us to find him in our communities and lives today.

The Risen Jesus also invites us to have faith in the victory of Goodness and life over evil, hatred and brutality in the world. Jesus is the reality of the triumph of Goodness in our world. Wishing all our parishioners the blessing of the Risen Lord at Easter. **M O’S**

The tale of a Road Trip taken by one of our Parishioners in 2021.

Back in the day, when dinosaurs roamed the earth and navigation was by way of the stars, my husband and I went on a road trip around Australia and New Zealand. It was the sepia tinted days of the late 1980s. Picture the scene. Our rented car pattering along deserted highways, my husband driving, one hand on the steering wheel, the other holding a cigarette out the window. Me sitting with my feet up on the dashboard, eating a bag of crisps, bopping along to some Van Halen anthem blaring from the radio. The only point of contention was one of those enormous unwieldy pieces of paper called a map. Remember them? Remember trying to fold them back into their neat squares? Let me now fast forward to February 2021. Not a cigarette in sight, and the same couple, alas a little greyer around the temples, hanging on for dear life as we travel along the Pacific Highway to the Blue Mountains outside Sydney. In our naivety, we thought it would also be an amble along sylvan roads, waving to passing hay wagons and tractors and stopping to allow a flock of sheep pass by. Instead, welcome dear friends to Dante's Seventh Circle of Hell. Screaming traffic, roaring juggernauts closing in on all sides about to crush us. A seething mass of hot metal. Cars and lorries tailgating us, threatening to tip us over the edge. Sixty tonne monster trucks opening their maws to devour us and make our children orphans. Me screaming at my husband : GODALMIGHTYSLOWDOWNDON'TTRYTOPASSSTAYINYOURLANEWATCHOUTFORTHATCARONThERIGHT, which, strangely enough, does nothing to help the situation. And as for when it was my turn, I'm afraid I gripped the steering wheel with the grip of a drowning man, shut my eyes, put my foot to the floor and repeated 'In God We Trust', over and over again. I'm ashamed to say that as the trip progressed I traded my turn for everything I had in my possession, food, clothes, jewellery, money. I'm still waking up in a cold sweat at night. Last night's dream was about me driving an Oz Bus, like Sandra Bullock in 'Speed' but for some reason, not looking as good. So much for the achingly pretty villages of the Blue Mountains in summertime, the stunning sea vistas of the Central Coast, the bucolic pastoral towns of the NSW hinterland. Don't be fooled by names such as Roosters's Rest, Oxen Crossing or Paddling Creek. THESE PLACES CAN ONLY BE REACHED BY HIGHWAYS TO HELL! May I suggest Carnage Corner, Rabid Roundabout and Hades Highway instead. So unless I can be airdropped by helicopter, I'm not venturing out again. One unexpected bonus is that it has cured me of my fear of flying. Bring on your turbulence, your air pockets, your bird strikes. THE PILOT'S IN CHARGE! LET HIM DEAL WITH IT! Let the dogfights rage outside my cabin window, I don't care, just serve my chicken korma and leave me out of it.

Sara Robinson (Parishioner)

We extend the sympathy of all our parishioners to the family and friends of:

*Mary Dolan
Victor Barry
Kathleen Sherlock
Ann Curran
Una Mac Quill
Seamus Hughes*

*Bernadette McConnell
Jim Hayes
Kathleen Duffy
William McCarthy
John Meenan
Alfred (Alfie) Hill
May they enjoy Eternal rest and peace*



AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie/ If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

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 relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

THE GARDEN CENTRE - GRACE PARK ROAD

A large selection of baskets, shrubs are now in stock.

Contact gardencentre@childvision.ie to place an order. All profits go to Childvision fundraising. See www.childvision.ie for further information.



EASTER CEREMONIES SCHEDULE

Please note that a full schedule of our Easter arrangements are set out in the card enclosed with this newsletter. Easter Dues envelopes are also being distributed and we wish to thank all those who contribute to all our church collections throughout the year. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Fr. Martin, Bernadette, the Sacristans and all the Volunteers wish all our parishioners a very Happy Easter.



Synodal Pathway

The Diocesan Synodal Pathway for the Dublin Archdiocese was launched in the Pro Cathedral on 17 October 2021 by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. A representative from all the parishes in the Archdiocese had been invited to attend. Under the Pathway process, a global initiative of Pope Francis, two Synodal Gatherings were to be held in each parish of the Diocese in March 2022. These Gatherings were an opportunity for people to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment. The basis of the lived synodality which the Holy Father envisages, is that of the Church as the pilgrim People of God journeying together.

Arrangements were made to hold the Gatherings for Corpus Christi Parish on 8th and 15th March in Na Fianna Club, Mobhi Road. These were announced at weekend Masses on 26/27 February and invitations were handed out at the Church exits. Both Gatherings were quite well attended. At the outset, the background and context of the Synod were explained, two pre set questions were presented each evening and people sat in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other. Each small group had a leader who helped everyone to have the opportunity to share and collect the feedback from the group. The participants engaged fully with the process and appeared to enjoy the discussions.

The feedback will now be sorted into similar themes. These will form the basis for a Report to the Diocesan Synodal Committee which will be incorporated into the Dublin Diocese overall report for the Synod and will eventually be passed onto Church leaders in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome. The feedback will also be used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning. Along with the other groups in our Parish Groupings, we are hoping to prepare a summary of the main themes to emerge from the Gatherings. A copy of the feedback will be made available to the people of the Parish.

We wish to thank all those who attended the Gatherings and all who helped out.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6PM

Sunday 10.30 AM

**Tues, Thurs, Fri
10am**

**ALL MASSES ARE
STREAMED ON OUR
WEBCAM
AT**

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