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THE EASTER GOSPEL

Today we jump to the Gospel of Luke and read the last piece of the story of Jesus meeting with two of his disciples who have left Jerusalem and are heading home to Emmaus. One of the lessons from the Gospel is that it took the disciples some time to grasp the meaning of what was happening. It can take time to learn the deeper lessons of life. Reflect on an example of some lesson about life that you have learned slowly over time.

Parish Charity for Lent

During Lent we supported Trócaire. To date we have collected €6,997. We ask people who have taken boxes to consider returning them. Another way of supporting Trócaire is the sale of spiritual books. This has proved very successful for different charities. If people have any spiritual books they would like to donate for the cause, drop them in at the Sacristy or the Mass Office. Don't just put them on the table for sale.

We have not forgotten the people of Gaza. We have been assured by Trocaire that they have a way of getting assistance into Gaza and so we are forwarding separately to them €1,000 which amounts to specific donations from members deposited at the back of the church. So in total, our contribution to the work of Trocaire is a generous amount of €7,997. Well done! We conclude our support of Trocaire and we will respond to an appeal from a very local charity Bru Columbanus. It's our way of acknowledging the very important service the charity provides. Let's be generous in our support. We wish to also acknowledge the service of volunteers from our parish who give their time to help there.

Cork Life Long Learning Festival – 10th - 17th April

Fall-Proof Your Home

Falls are a big problem in later life. Preventing falls at home is an important part of healthy ageing and living independently in the community for longer. The UCC Dept of Occupational Science and Therapy invite older people to determine their own risk of falls, learn how to make their home safer and find out where to get more help.

This workshop will be held in Bishopstown library on Monday 15th April from 10am to 1pm.

If you or someone you know is over 65 years of age and might benefit from attending these free workshops, sign up at your local library or ring 021-4901579

SMA Pilgrimages 2024

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 15-20 Sept. 2024. Hotel Roissy. €949 per person sharing. Please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 for more information.

SMA Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 25th May. Further details later.

New Book On Sale

Most of the teachings of Jesus have come down to us in the form of parables, parables that we have many times heard which cause us to miss the deeper meaning of the stories. One of our SMA priests has compiled another interesting book containing a selection of modern day parables, equally challenging as were those of Jesus. It's called **"Stories with a Message"** and it's on sale in the Mass Office at €10 a copy. Worth a read.

The following is one of the stories from the book:

Cardiologist— Enjoy life

In his book "Chest Pain" Michael Harding says, "I asked the cardiologist at the end of my final check-up, how exactly did I get a heart attack? After all is said and done, I exercised, I wasn't terribly overweight, and I didn't drink to excess."

"We are all growing old", he said with a smile.

"And is there anything in particular I should do now that I got over the heart attack?" I asked. "

Yes" he replied, "Enjoy life. It is later than you think."

Children's Room in the Church

We have installed a new television in Room 11 beside the sacristy which enable parents with young children to view the Mass on weekends. If parents feel their children might be causing a disturbance in the church, we encourage them to make use of this facility.

Walk the Camino Pilgrimage

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino? Join our team as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of northern Spain as we take on the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you..
And with your spirit.



PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.....

THE 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.**



OPENING PRAYER

May your people exult for ever, O God, in
renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our
adoption, we may look forward in confident
hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites,



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Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends in all parts of the world.

and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9.

**R. Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. or Alleluia !**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! (R)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to
those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. (R)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep
comes at once, for you alone,
Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the

truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves;

a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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**I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**



I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the
Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father
before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. **Amen.**

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings
of your exultant Church, and, as you have
given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring may bear
fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third
day rise from the dead; in his name
repentance and remission of sins must be
preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you
were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory
of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

