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SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2002 - EASTER SUNDAY

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there was only death. With a sense of wonder and with joy, we come today to thank God for the risen life of Jesus

THE EASTER MYSTERY

During the forty days between Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday we read accounts in the Gospel of the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection. Mary Magdalen met him and thought he was the gardener. The two Disciples walked with him on the road to Emmaus and only recognised him in the breaking of bread. While the Apostles were fishing they saw him on the shore and John alone recognised him. Both Mary and the Apostles recognised his voice before they recognised his appearance. This often happens in our own encounters with people whom we have not met for a long time. After twenty or thirty years a person's appearance may have changed beyond recognition: black hair is replaced by grey, glasses are added to the face, the slimness of youth is replaced by middle aged spread. The voice alone remains unchanged.

On Easter Day, the risen Jesus seems to have changed beyond recognition. Yet he was the same person as his unchanged voice revealed. St. Paul saw this change as a symbol of the change that takes place in our lives when we receive the Divine Life in Baptism. "When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life."

"If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin."

During Lent Christians try to change their lives in some little way by "giving up"something. After years of smoking it is no little achievement to go six weeks without a cigarette. Similarly, to give up drink for that period, to take tea without sugar, to give up sweets proves that we can make a change in our lives. Quite often the change becomes permanent. How many people never go back again to the thing they gave up. Superficial triumphs like those reveal to us the possibility of making much more profound changes in our lives, changes that may involve much greater will power and with more far reaching consequences.

In the second reading to-day, St. Paul writes: "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven.... let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth."

Each year, Easter re-news our lost confidence. Often beaten to our knees by personal failure, we rise to-day to follow in hope our triumphant Saviour.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST: We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end..

READER:

That those becoming Christian through baptism this Easter time may imitate the faith of those already baptised. Lord, Hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

That all the nations of the earth particularly peoples at war, may learn to walk the way of peace and justice. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the hopeless and the lost may find direction and courage through the power of Jesus, our Saviour. Lord, Hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those in our community who suffer illness or anxiety may experience healing and peace. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died recently may share the glory of Christ's resurrection and that all from this community who have died since last Easter may find rest. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

O God, you lead your people from defeat to triumph, hear and grant our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER

Leonard O'Brien

The priests of the parish join in sending their Easter greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of Ballincollig Parishioner.

Leonard O'Brien, Pat O'Donovan, Paul O'Donoghue, John O'Donovan

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

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BAPTISMS



WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY We welcome to our community

Andrea Dora Ring, 48, Daffodil Fields

Sophie Abbey Mannix, 10, The Paddocks, Innishmore

Fiona May Doyle, 97, Manor Hill

Michael Patrick Flaherty, 77, Westcourt Heights

Aíne Stephanie Sreenan-O'Leary, 36, Innishmore Grove

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Declan O'Leary, Kilnaglory & Tracy Doab, Carriganarra



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Francis O'Donovan

James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda John & Mary Dobbyn, Main Street Margaret & Joseph Kavanagh, Powdermills Daniel Hallahan, Greenfields Tom McAuliffe, The Square Patrick O'Riordan, Castle Park Kitty Barry, Marble Hall Park Stephen & Rose Spitere, Prosperity Square Eugene O'Sullivan, 41, Leesdale Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood Vincent McLoughlin Lena & John Gaffney, Carrigrohane Kay Coughlan, Glasheen Road Ellen Ryan, Waterfall Mary O'Sullivan, Poulavone Rose O'Shea, Scotch Farm The deceased members of the O'Shea family, West Village John & Catherine Buckley Oliver & Tess Scally, Offaly Edward Keating, West Village William Keating, West Village John Corkery, Aherla Deceased Murphy & Kelleher families Margaret O'Mahony O'Flynn Family, Gaggin Frank Manning Tommy McGuire, Fermanagh Jeremiah O'Regan, Poulavone

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31 Sunday Acts. 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col.3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20:1-9. Lect 1: 417 The Gospel from the Easter Vigil Lk 24:1-12 may be used at the Day Mass. Christ is risen, alleluia! This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy ind happiness for all. "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the Feast of feasts'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed leath, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1169.

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1 Monday Acts 2:14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423 The women clasp the feet of the real body of the risen lord who is thus identified with the earthly Jesus. But they are not to cling on in signs of love. His appearances are for the purpose of sending them on mission, to tell others.

Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20:11 -18. Lect I: 425 2 Tuesday Mary Magdalen is told that the old relationship is now changed, she is not to cling on, for Jesus has to return to the Father, to fulfil what he had been sent to

3 Wednesday Acts 3:1 -10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24:13-35. Lect 427

Two disillusioned followers who cannot understand are met by someone who opens their minds and hearts by showing how God's word can give meaning to heir lives. Invited to share their table he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them, and they know the Lord Jesus in that fourfold action. With joy hey go back to tell the good news

Acts 3:11 -26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 429 4 Thursday "Immediately they touched him, and through this contact with his flesh and spirit, they believed." Ignatius of Antioch. And Jesus, though in his risen body he did not need food, shows them the courtesy of sharing their food.

5 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21:1-14. Lect I: 432 The appearance at the lakeside - perhaps on a Sunday morning after a Sabbath rest from work - has echoes of the meals that Jesus shared during his earthly life.It recalls the sign of the Eucharist in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Acts 4:13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect 1: 435 6 Saturday The news of the resurrection brings belief or incredulity. Jesus has to reproach his disciples for being so slow to believe. They are to go out with the Good News, and the response to their preaching will be again belief or unbelief. Only those who believe will be saved.

Lord, may all that I am today, all that I try to do today, may all my encounters, reflections, even my frustrations and failings, all place my life in your hands.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection on Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses is one of the two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

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THE NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

This powerful Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on the Eve of the Feast of The Divine Mercy

Can you spare a few minutes a day for 9 days?

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In the 1930's the Merciful Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun, to <u>tell the whole world</u> of His incomprehensible Mercy. He said<u>"The greater the sinner the greater the mercy. I desire to save</u> all. I do not exclude anybody. Distrust tears at My Heart. Despite My inexhaustible Love, they do not trust Me."

HOW TO SAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Merciful Jesus gave Sr. Faustina the following instructions: "You will recite this chaplet (or Rosary) on the beads of the Rosary in the following manner:

First of all you say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the I Believe in God.

Then on the Our Father beads you will say the following prayer at the beginning of each decade:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body & Blood,

Soul and Divinity

Of Your dearly beloved Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

in atonement for our sins

and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 Hail Mary beads you will say the following prayer: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Do this on each decade, and end by saying 3 times;

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,

have mercy on us and on the whole world".

This is the Rosary of the Divine Mercy (or the Chalet) and only takes a few minutes to say each day. When said for nine days it is a powerful novena.

"By this novena I will grant every grace possible to souls", the Merciful Jesus said to Sr. Faustina <u>"I want the</u> whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to

give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy" NOVENA INTENTIONS

Sr. Faustina was given an intention for each day of her nine day novena. We can include these in our novena of chaplets with our own intentions if we wish. They are:

Day 1: Today bring Me all mankind especially all sinners and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy and so console Me in the bitter grief caused by the loss of souls. Day 2: Today bring Me the souls of priests and religious. Immerse them in my Ulafothomable Mercy. They are use the strength to addres Misting acceleration.

Unfathomable Mercy. They gave Me the strength to endure My bitter passion. Day 3: Today bring Me all devout and faithful souls and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. They consoled me on the Way of the Cross.

Day 4: Today bring Me those who do not believe in Me and those who do not yet know Me. I was thinking also of them during My bitter passion. Immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. Their future zeal comforted Me.

Day 5: Today bring Me the souls of the separated brethren and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. During My Passion they tore at My Heart, that is My Church. As they return to the Church My Wounds heal.

Day 6: Today bring Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children and immerse them in My Mercy. They strengthened Me in My bitter agony. I favour humble souls with My confidence.

Day 7: Today bring Me the souls who venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My Mercy. These souls sorrowed most ove My Passion. None of them will be lost.they return to the Church My Wounds heal.

Day 8: Today bring Me the souls who are detained in Purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My Mercy. Let the torrents of my blood cool down their scorching flames. I love them greatly. You can help them.

Day 9: Today bring Me all souls who have become lukewarm and immerse them in the abyss of My Mercy. These souls wound My Heart so painfully. Their last hope is to run to My Mercy.



Jesus I trust in you

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Merciful Jesus said to Sr. Faustina "My daughter, speak to the world of My inexhaustible Mercy. I Desire that this feast be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. The very depths of My Mercy will be opened on that day. This feast emerged from the bosom of My Mercy. I desire it to be celebrated with great solemnity on the first Sunday after Easter.

THE PROMISE

The Merciful Jesus made a great promise <u>"The souls that go</u> to Confession and Holy Communion on this day (Feast of Divine Mercy) will receive complete remission of sin and <u>punishment</u>. Before I come as the Just One I first open wide the gates of My Mercy. Let no soul fear to come to Me, even if its sins be as scarlet."

THE DIVINE MERCY PICTURE

The Divine Mercy Image (picture) is blessed on that day. It shows the Merciful Jesus with the words "Jesus I trust You" written on it. He said <u>"I promise that the soul that will</u> venerate this picture will not perish. I further promise to that soul victory over enemies here on earth and especially at the hour of death. I myself shall defend the soul as My own glory. I will preserve the cities and homes where this Image is venerated."

THE 3 O'CLOCK PRAYER

A prayer you ought say each day.

The Merciful Jesus said <u>"As often as you hear the clock strike</u> the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My Mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world

particularly for poor sinners". At this hour I will refuse nothing of the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. Immerse yourself in prayer, where you happen to be, even for a brief moment. A quick thought on His Crucifixion even"

The following prayer may be said at 3 o'clock: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You"

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Remember the Chaplet ought to be said every day. It only takes a few minutes. You can make novenas of chaplets as you wish but the one starting Good Friday is extra special. You can also make novenas of the 3 o'clock prayer. The Merciful Jesus said to Sr. Faustina: <u>"Unceasingly recite</u> this chaplet that I taught you. Whosoever recites this chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Tell my priests that hardened sinners will crumble beneath their words when they speak about My Unfathomable Mercy. <u>"I will give</u> wonderful power to those priests. I will anoint their words and I will touch the hearts to which they will speak". Jesus needs you to help Him save many souls from Hell.

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REFLECTION THE LORD IS HOLY

The Lord is King! All nations stand in awe at his presence! He sits between the guardian angels. Let the whole earth tremble Before the majesty of your pervasiveness.

Let all peoples hallow your holy name, Because integrity is found in all you do. Let all humanity bow before you in worship.

You, Lord, my king, are holy, With a holiness beyond all my experience. I have only images of your essence Within the limits of my mind; The purity of a mountain stream, The path of the clouds, The star-studded sky, The falling of the pristine snow.

I ask for the sense of your holiness to pervade my being. I ask to be touched with a spark of your fire. 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.' Psalm 99

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Monthly Collection

Next Weekend

6th & 7th April

PLEASE SUPPORT



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 6th/7th April 2002 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 6TH 6p.m. Vera Allen Bernadette Bell Oliver Delaney Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan

SATURDAY 6TH 8p.m.

Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson

SUNDAY 7TH 8.30a.m. Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 7TH 11a.m. Maíre Uí Chrualaoí Neil Jeffries Eileen Byrne Mary Coleman Dan Coleman

Sean O'Donovan 12.30p.m. Con O'Connell

Denis O'Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray Maura Lombard

12.00 Noon Ioan Barrett Sheila Carroll Marsie Curling Pat Keenan Will Casey Steve Wills

5.30p.m. Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell Phil O'Connell

10a.m.

Pat Lee

Anne Cahill

May Delaney

Seamus O'Shea

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

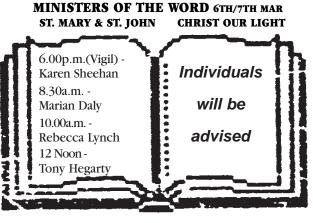
AT **DOMINICAN CENTRE** POPES QUAY CORK

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2002

TIME: 8.00PM TO 9.30PM

PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S DRINKING ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

> NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: Acts. 2:42-4. Ps. 117. Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31



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Party will go **directly to providing services and support** to the 33,000 people in Ireland with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia. Money raised in your area stays in your area.

And all <u>you</u> have to do is put the kettle on and enjoy a cuppa!

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This course will to give you a toolkit for making your life and your community more environmentally friendly and more abundant. Subjects covered on this course include; intensive food gardening, designing sustainable and diverse woodlands, renewable energy, creating your own local currency, what is permaculture, green building, straw-bale and earth construction, recycling, composting, reed bed systems, urban permaculture, aquaculture, local food systems, rooftop gardening and much more.

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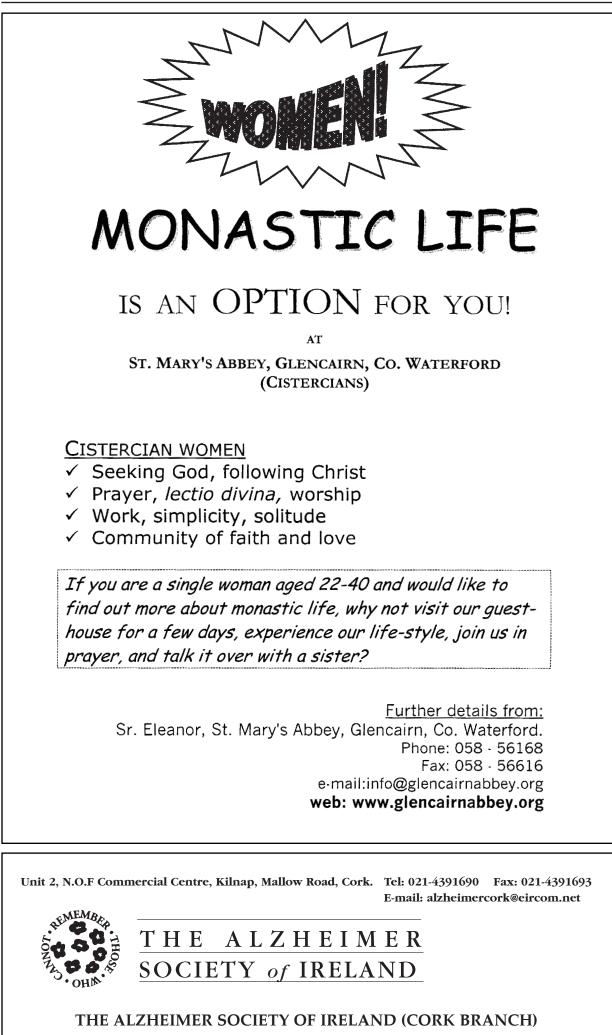
DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill, When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile, but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest, if you must, but don't you quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns, As everyone of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about When he might have won had he stuck it out; Don't give up though the pace seems slow -You may succeed with another blow. Success is failure turned inside out -The silver tint of the clouds of doubt, And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems so far; So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -It's when things seem worse that you must not quit.

LITTLE THINGS

There are times when we all may feel that life owes us something, that we are good citizens who have never hurt our neighbours and never broken the laws of our society. Perhaps some of us even think that we have never done anything wrong within our community. Whilst probably not absolutely perfect, we have never deliberately gone out of our way to offend or disobey the accepted codes and laws. But if we think for a moment and honestly examine our conscience, have we not erred in committing minor offences or turning a blind eye to injustices? How many would consider it wrong to park illegally, to drive too fast, or to discard a small piece of litter? Or, it may be a little thing, but how many customers would return to a shop if they received too much change? Some of us may exclaim: But I've never done any of these! What about church collection? Do we honestly contribute what we can reasonably afford? Do we notice the beggar at the church-gates? How many of us walk blindly past, filled with the Body of Christ, ignoring the outstretched hand? If we are to be ruthlessly truthful with ourselves, we must reluctantly admit that few of us are 'without sin' and can be trusted not only to be scrupulously honest with our fellow man, but with God who created us and knows all our faults and failures. It is not only the 'big' crimes or sins that may cause us to fall by the wayside but the simple minor offences that we enact every day and consider unimportant. Perhaps we ought to remember the Gospel of Luke which reminds us that "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great....' (Luke. 16:1-13)

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CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2002, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.