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Sunday 4th April 2021 – The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

Today's Gospel Reflection – Early on the first day of the week

Today we *celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar*, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen *is the first witness* to the Resurrection, *she is the first* to bring this Good News to others, *the first preacher* of the Resurrection. *'It was still dark ...'* when Mary went to the tomb, but it was also the *'first day of the week'*, a **new beginning**, like the first warm day of Spring. We can all recall situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where *we felt that there was no light* at the end of the tunnel. But the **Easter story shows us** that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today *represent all that keeps us* from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationship and struggling communities. As *we continue to deal with* the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, *many people are* longing for this situation to ease, to lift. **The Easter Gospel shows us** that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation. A question we can ask today, is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the Frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends.

Where are we being called to share Easter joy with others?

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where whenever thought that we would. find you.'

(Joyce Rupp)

Ceremonies for Holy Week & Easter

All ceremonies for Holy Week will be held behind closed doors and livestreamed from St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, as follows:

Holy Saturday 3rd April – Easter Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.

Easter Holy Water: will be blessed. Please collect holy water for your home this afternoon.

Available in all three Churches.

EASTER GARDEN: Special invite to come and see our Garden, symbolising what Easter is about.

Easter Sunday 5th April – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11.15am.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are now allowed to take place. Please note the **maximum allowed at each baptism is 6 people** and gatherings afterwards are discouraged, due to the continued risk posed by the coronavirus. Please contact Fr Paul for more information or to arrange your child's baptism.

Trócaire - give what you can: Lent is an extremely important time of year for Trócaire. The organization relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent through the generosity of schools & parishes. **Please give what you can, it will make all the difference.**

*"Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? **Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness.**" [Pope Francis, Homily, April 2019](#)*

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Kathleen McCawley**, Dowra, whose funeral took place on Thursday 1st April. **John Patrick Healy**, Sligo & Fawnlion, whose funeral took place on Monday 29th March. **Cepta McGoldrick (nee Cuddy)**, Sligo & formerly of Claremorris, whose funeral took place on Friday 26th March.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's:** Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. **www.churchtv.ie** then click on **County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.**

2. **Pray for:**

Private Intention. Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 3rd April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Joe & Dolly Lynch, Larkfield. **Mattie Dolan**, Doonkelly. Anniv. Mass on **Easter Sunday** at 11.15am

John Harte. Gortnaskeagh. Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 6th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Available for Intention. Mass on Wednesday 7th April at 9.30am (*streamed live*).

Special Birthday Intention. Memorial Mass on Thursday 8th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Special Intention. Mass on Friday 9th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Sonny & Mary Feeney, Curry. **Nellie Feeney & Fr Tom Flynn. Tom & Ann Loughlin**, Friarstown. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 10th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Special Intention for loved ones who are sick. Mass on Sunday 11th April at 11.15am

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop **Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes** into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorro in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** **Thank you for your generosity & understanding.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Drumkeeran, gratefully acknowledges the Christmas Church Gate Collection of €1,090.00 from the three churches in the parish. We greatly appreciate your generosity and would like to remind you that anyone wishing to contact the SVP can do so at 085 7764431.

Happy Easter

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, and on my own behalf, I wish you every blessing at this Easter time. I also extend our good wishes to the parishioners of Drumlease Church of Ireland,

Fr Paul.



