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Sunday 18th April 2021 – The Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel Reflection – 'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of *the resurrection accounts* from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples *recalling their experience* on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the **breaking of the bread**. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story *and greets them with 'Peace'* (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are **full of joy**, *but they still can't believe it* and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. *Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds*. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that **'you are witnesses of these things'**. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these *disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection*, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the **Gospels are not fantasy**, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel, Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. *The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces*. Today **let us share with Jesus** the situations in our lives which need *an injection of compassion and Easter joy*.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.' (Joyce Rupp)

Over 300 Prophecies in OT
About Jesus

- Place of birth
- Time of birth
- Manner of birth
- Betrayal
- Manner of death
- People's reactions
- Piercing his side
- Burial

The probability of any one person fulfilling all 8 of these prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} , or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000

A Sincere **'Thank You'** to the Sacristans, Altar Societies and everyone who helped in any way to prepare and decorate our churches for Easter. Thanks also to all who participated in the various liturgies of Holy Week & Easter. **Míle Buíochas agus Beanacht Dé!** Fr Paul.

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 it's not too late: We are really enormously appreciative of the support you give to Trócaire in caring for the poorest of the poor. Please use the box or any envelope to donate to Trócaire through the parish office. Thank you on behalf of our brothers and sisters who live in poverty and injustice.

Please give what you can, it will make all the difference.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Patsy McDermott**, Mountcharles, Co. Dongeal. Fr Patsy's father. Funeral takes place on Sunday, 18th April in Mountcharles. **Tommy Keaveney**, Derrinagher, Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Saturday 17th April, in Killenummery. **Francis Harte**, Kilcoosey and Cooklock, Dublin.

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:**

Pauric Banks, Gortnacarkogue. 1st Anniv. **Mary Harte**, Cloonlougher, & her parents **Phil & Nan McGoldrick**, Townamoyle. **John & Ann Kelly**, Memorial Mass on Saturday 17th April at 8.00pm **For all who sympathised and supported the McTernan family on the death of Anita last October.** Mass on Sunday 18th April at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

Cepta McGoldrick, Sligo. Memorial Mass on Tuesday 20th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Special Intention for someone who is sick. Mass on Wednesday 21st April at 9.30am

Francie & Cissie Dolan, Doonkelly. Mass on Thursday 22nd April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Ronan Healy, Memorial Mass on Friday 23rd April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Paddy O'Hara, Sheskin, his parents **Pat & Margaret O'Hara** & his nephew **Pat Kerins**. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 24th April at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Kathleen & Steve Reid, Harrow, London. Mass on Sunday 25th April at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

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.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

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 McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

Annual Diocesan Vocations & Support Services Collection is taken up next weekend 24th /25th April. This is the only collection during the year to meet diocesan commitments. We have to pay for the training of Priests, safeguarding children, marriage preparation and support, diocesan staff etc. This adds up to a considerable sum. This year each parish must pay 15% of the total Offertory Collection. Please support

Next weekend is VOCATIONS WEEKEND: May we as a community as families, pray, support and encourage those discerning their call in life, especially as a religious sister/brother or as a priest.

"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)? Pope Francis.

RECEIPTS FOR 2020:

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, **I wish to thank you for your generosity and kindness towards the parish in these difficult times.** Receipts for your contributions for 2020 were posted out during the week.

If your contribution exceeded **€250** and you had not already returned your **CHY3 Tax form** (yellow form), there is a new form enclosed. I would encourage all **TAXPAYERS** to complete and sign this form and please return it back to the parish. This form will allow the parish to claim back tax paid on your donation during 2020. The amount of **€14,460.00** was recovered from Revenue under this scheme for 2019. This is and will be an important source of income for our parish. **Thank you for your help with this. Fr Paul.**