



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul Marino

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Gethsemane

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.”

He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

“Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

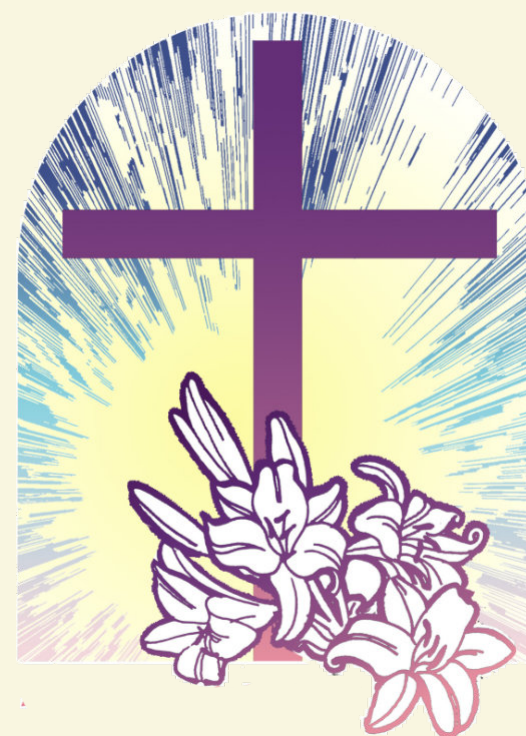
Luke 22:39-46



Hearty congratulations are in order for one of our long serving choir members, Paddy Delaney. Paddy recently celebrated his eighty fifth birthday and due to lock down it was not possible to celebrate with him and his wife Marie.

As a long-time parishioner and choir member, Paddy for many years kept the photographic records of various parish outings and in our early days in the newsletter, Paddy’s photos were always welcome. Because of the pandemic last year, we were unable to hear Paddy singing his great Easter favourite, Were You there When the Crucified my Lord.:His rendition has always been a highlight and his voice has a quality which moves emotions in the Church.

Again, Happy Birthday Paddy and we look forward to the day when we can hear you sing again.



LENTEN THOUGHTS...

Last year the former Bishop of Killaloe, Dr. Willie Walsh, was on a radio programme talking about the fact that society had become more unforgiving. It was really in the context of how social media can generate so much anger against people who have been found guilty of crime in some cases but in other cases for merely expressing an opinion which some people find distasteful or hateful.

The whole concept of anger and hate was being used to not only punish people for something either real or imagined, but to destroy their lives for good.

Criminality is of course justly punished but today people demand major sanctions for what some perceive to be social crime.

No one should be allowed freedom to preach hatred of people or race, but outside of these clearly defined areas we have the potential for debate on many issues both social, religious and political. Bishop Walsh’s call

for forgiveness was not accepted by some callers who saw only the need for punishment in the extreme and were not even willing to consider that a person may be forgiven and may be capable of redemption.

More recently we have had cases where past incidents in peoples’ lives have been put out into mainstream media and have led to calls for severe punishment, loss of employment and conferring a pariah status on the unfortunate. And this is sometimes in cases where criminality is not involved, just behaviour which breaches social norms or even believed social norms.

We live now in an instantaneous society where news is immediate, and response is also immediate with no time for reflection or analysis. Feelings are now more important than fact.

As Christians and followers of Christ, we are called to forgiveness, if we also want to be forgiven. After all, as we come to the events of Good Friday, we know that Christ dying on the Cross was to atone for our sinfulness, past, present and future. Christ has atoned for all of us, but we must seek forgiveness if we are to be redeemed. We are always challenged by the words of Jesus, “Let he who is without sin cast the first stone,..... and they all melted away “.

Thomas Merton has written that “God has left sin in the world in order that there may be forgiveness: not only the secret forgiveness by which He Himself cleanses our souls, but the manifest forgiveness by which we have mercy on one another and so give expression to the fact that He is living, by His mercy, in our own hearts.”

What better way to come to Easter than with a spirit of forgiveness and a desire to hold off on the rush to judgement.

Seeking Hope

Sister Stanislaus Kennedy has written some beautiful pieces of faith filled wisdom in her book *Gardening the Soul*. With nature as her metaphor, she works through the seasons looking at the spiritual gains which each season can bring. Some might say that this is not a spirituality for them, and it may be so. However, each of us has a rhythm to our lives which may ebb and flow. Just as the light changes with the passing year our soul may become open or closed.

As we open ourselves to the seasons, we also uplift our minds. God who may have been lost to us in a winter garden becomes more a part of our lives as the light returns. New leaves on trees, spring lambs, the sound of the birds in the morning all bursting forth, is full of Hope, that quality of soul which Sister Stan reminds us is ever present in Spring.

The poet Gerald Manley Hopkins understood this in his beautiful difficult poem, *Spring*, where he writes of "Weeds in wheels shooting lovely and long and lush". Weeds are a terrible problem in the temporal garden where we tackle them in the hope that their absence will create the garden we wish to live in for the remainder of the year. How much more as Christians to we need to tackle the soul weeds, not perhaps to see the beauty in the weed as the poet does, but perhaps to see they are hindering the growth of our souls. It is in our nature to look outwards, to the next happening always in the hope of gaining a new insight into how to get on with living.

Never more than now in the middle of this pandemic we need to keep in mind the reality of hope and to remind oneself that each day can be like a resurrection, a new beginning. Sister Stan's fellow county man, the poet Brendan Kennelly has given us a beautiful hopeful poem full of daytime happenings, in a poem entitled *Begin*. **The last four lines are almost like a prayer which can help us to keep going:**

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
That always seems about to give in
Something that will not acknowledge conclusion
Insists that we forever begin.*



The late Joan Lyons R.I.P.

On the 18th March last the parish of Marino bade farewell to another of its older and original residents with the death of Joan Lyons, of Croydon Park Avenue. She is survived by her sister Kay, also a stalwart in the parish for many years.

Joan, who was in her nineties, was two or three when her parents moved from Ballybough to Marino. For many years she was on the Pioneer committee in the parish and distributed their newsletter. She was also a lifelong Child of Mary which brought her great joy.

Joan was a woman of faith and a daily Mass goer until age related infirmities interposed.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Kay, and to her wider family, neighbours and lifelong friends.

Pat on taP Easter 2021



I'm back again as my editor threatened/ promised in the last issue, to wish you all a very happy Easter. When I sat down to write my last article about the dedicated followers of fashion I was under the impression that I was writing an article for the Easter issue. I find myself sitting down in my shorts with my overcoat, hat, Gloves and scarf on wondering what tattoo I will get on which leg as I write my second Easter article of the year.

The painting that I would like to share with you is not a finished work but a work in progress. A friend commissioned me to do a portrait of her 3 month old grandson. I did warn her that he could be in shorts by the time it was finished. Having always avoided painting babies it was a major challenge that took me out of my comfort zone. I must say that I am enjoying the challenge and would recommend to you all to try out something that will take you out of your regular routine. The title of the painting is "Zach" and its acrylic on canvas.

I believe that it's appropriate time to share a painting of a baby as Easter being the greatest feast of the Church celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is a feast of New Life. Traditionally since the start of the Church as part of the Easter Ceremonies there has been baptisms, as baptism is the beginning of new life in the Spirit. At the beginning it was normally adults that were baptised but as Christianity grew babies were normally the ones chosen for the sacrament. I believe that in our now pagan society we are going to see more and more adult baptisms at Easter.

If we are going to achieve this goal we need to stop apologising for our beliefs and confess Jesus as our risen Lord and Saviour. To be able to do all this we badly need a return to the sacraments. So, wake up Church, feed your people, let us get back to Church before it's too late. The church has been the safest place during this pandemic with proper stewarding, spacing and cleaning in well ventilated buildings. Compare that to the shops where people get too close handle articles and replace them and ignore instructions for safe shopping.

That all being said I would like to take this opportunity to give a hearty welcome to Fr. Christian to our parish. Having come from the same diocese as Frs. John and Ali Joe, two hard acts to follow, he is more than welcome.

Unfortunately, due to the present conditions it is not possible to make physical contact. I can't imagine what it must be like to come to a strange country and try to settle in during a lockdown. Hopefully you got some good pointers from your two comrades. We all look forward to the day when we can return to normal. Wishing you every success with your studies.

We all missed saying a proper goodbye to Fr. Paul and to Fr. Ali Joe. You are both missed, and we wish you both every happiness with your continued ministry.

God bless for now

Pat

Gardening towards the Summer



In a world dominated by the pandemic and the vaccine roll-out, Summer will come, and the garden can become our refuge again as it was last year. Newspaper reports tell us that last year broke records on garden spending; lots of it on barbeques and garden furniture.

Check out the furniture and do any maintenance necessary, especially on wooden furniture which may need to have some preservative used or perhaps a paint touch up. A fresh coat of paint can do wonders as you look out your front or your back.

If you have a gas barbeque check the rubber hosing and make sure that it is not cracked or perished. If in doubt have it checked out before use.

Also, any outdoor electrical sockets should be examined in case there are exposed wires anywhere, even low voltage lighting, if you have it.

You can still plant potatoes either in the soil if you are lucky enough to have space, or in a raised bed or potato bag.

Use the appropriate amount of fertiliser usually artificial granular type since we are unlikely to have organic fertiliser available. If you can, you will get seed potatoes usually in some of the DIY stores or your local hardware shop may carry seeds. If you are only going to plant a small number of seed potatoes the larger packs will have too many, and in small spaces it is not good to maximise sowing. Blight free seed is the handiest since it cuts out that worry. When you buy the seed check if the potatoes have started to sprout, that is producing shoots. This is called chitting and if they are slow keep them in the dark for a week or so to encourage sprouting.

You may chance some commercial potatoes that you use for cooking in the absence of seed. If they are last season's they may be softer. Take as many as you want and put them in a darkened place for a week or so. If they start to sprout you can plant them out. Roosters generally come good.

Also, potatoes when they flower are always a pleasant sight in any garden.

If you are short of space, you can sow some in large pots or potatoes bags using growing compost and fertiliser mix. Make sure that these get well watered especially when the stalks appear.

You can start strawberries now if you can get plants, just make sure to let them start inside until all the frost is gone. They can also be planted in strawberry pots, or in hanging baskets.

Now is the time for tomatoes either to start some seeds or plants as they become available. In the green house use grow bags when your seedlings have got to at least fifteen centimetres. Water in well and keep them fed and watered, with feeding only needed at intervals of four weeks or so.

Making the garden colourful, means getting in dahlia bulbs and other summer flowering blooms. Don't forget sweet pea for colour and fragrance in mid-summer. As always you can pot-up many of the available plants such as polyanthus, petunias etc, with trailing petunias highly effective for hanging baskets and for long term colour, planting them tightly for continued growth.

As always if in doubt about what you are doing use the internet for advice, local advice is best for growing conditions.

In Appreciation



Mr. William Gibson R.I.P.

On Wednesday the 10th of March, Marino Parish and the residents of Gracepark Heights lost one of its oldest and most respected residents on the death of William (generally known as Bill) Gibson.

Bill died just a week or so from his ninety ninth birthday, a birthday that he hoped to celebrate with family members. His home in Gracepark Heights was a centre

of the rosary which he and his late wife supported and encouraged for almost forty years. Each Thursday without fail the neighbours would gather for the rosary and of course a cup of tea afterwards. Long after his wife's death, Bill continued this practice and even up to the lockdown the prayers of the rosary were recited.

Bill's life story is remarkable for the quality of a life lived well. Suffering tragedy in their early life he and his sister were cared for in an orphanage, Bill in St. Vincent's Glasnevin. On completing his education, he became an Army cadet and was trained and would have served during the Emergency as it was called. In his youth he played sport and was a member of the Dublin minor team.

In his later life he worked in Guinness's, retiring as an Area Sales manager.

This really does not do justice to him since along with his working life he was also a man of Catholic action, being a lifelong member of the Legion of Mary, volunteering for many years at the Morning Star Hostel, dealing with and befriending homeless men. Not only did he have their concerns at heart in the hostel, but he also kept in touch with them and tried to help them through various life crises long afterwards.

It was while volunteering there, that he met his late wife, Cait, and both their lives were lived with the Christian values, always reflective of the caring and non-judgemental approach that they had brought to their work as volunteers.

It can be said of Bill, that we will not see his like again.

Angel on Guard

*I'm the Morning Angel,
I help you start your day.
I'm the sugar in your coffee cup,
The bulb that lights your way.*

*I'm the refreshing water,
You splash upon your face.
I'm the one that helps you find
Your worn out old briefcase.*



*I'm the rays of sunshine, Dancing on
your floor.
I'm the gentle nudge you need, To get
you out the door.*

*I know you think you're not ready yet,
To tackle a brand new day.....
But remember that I'm here with you...
Let's just get through today.*

Strawberry and Rhubarb Crumble

Mary's Kitchen

10 minutes preparation time

35 minutes cooking time

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 250g (9oz) strawberries, trimmed and halved
- 250g (9oz) rhubarb, chopped roughly
- 40g (1½oz) caster sugar
- 75g (2¾oz) self raising flour
- 40g (1½oz) butter
- 25g (1oz) porridge oats
- 40g (1½oz) soft light brown sugar

You will also need a 20cm (8in.) square baking dish

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F), Gas mark 4.
2. Put the rhubarb into the square baking dish and toss with the caster sugar to coat. Bake for 10 minutes until the rhubarb is beginning to look juicy.
3. Sift the flour into a mixing bowl then use your fingertips to rub the butter in, until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the brown sugar and porridge oats.
4. Gently mix the strawberries in with the rhubarb then press the crumble topping on the fruit.
5. Place on a baking tray and cook in the oven for 25 minutes or until the crumble is golden brown and crisp on the top, with the scarlet juices from the fruit starting to bubble up around the edges.

A Prayer for Today

These times are frightening, Lord. Headlines daily deliver troubling news. If we dwell there, Father, we will lose all hope.

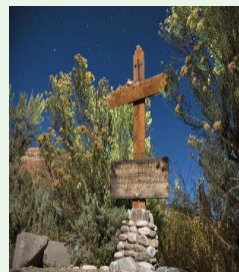
Thank You for Your protection and the promises we have in Your word.

Nothing can separate us from Your love and the victory achieved by Christ at the Cross.

He is our hope and ever-present help in trouble.

Thank You, Father. We have no need to fear. You will never leave nor forsake Your own!

— Judy Fussell



Braised Chicken with Carrots, Garlic and Cream (Serves two)

Ingredients:

- Two Chicken Breasts
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 Medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 400 gms Carrots, trimmed and scrubbed (chopped in chunks)
- 3 cloves of, separated and peeled
- 1 Glass Fino Sherry (optional)
- 250 ml Chicken stock
- Bunch of thyme and parsley
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 100ml whipping cream.

Method:

You will need a heavy casserole dish

Gently colour the chicken pieces in two tablespoons of olive oil until golden brown.

Remove and set aside.

Add the onion to the remaining oil and gently cook for 10 mins without colouring.

Add the carrots and garlic cloves and coat in oil (you may need to add a little more oil) and return the chicken pieces.

Add the sherry and allow to bubble for two minutes before adding the stock and the herbs.

Gently bring to the boil, check seasoning, lower the heat and transfer to a preheated oven, 200 °C, 400°F /gas mark 6, for 40 minutes.

Baste two or three times during this period and turn the chicken pieces over half-way through. Remove the chicken and vegetables with a spoonful or two of the juice and keep it warm.

Reduce the remaining liquid until you have three tablespoons for syrupy liquid. Stir in the mustard and then the cream, heat through and serve with the chicken on a bed of rice.

Acknowledgments

Sean Healy R.I.P.

The family of the late Sean Healy are deeply grateful for all the Mass cards, phone calls and condolence messages received after his death in October last. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Mile Maith Agaibh

Mary O'Mahony

Easter Greetings

On behalf of Fr. Noone, Fr. Christian and the Parish team, and the Newsletter team we wish each and every one a Peaceful, Blessed and safe Easter. Due to the current restrictions attendance at the Easter Ceremonies is not possible. Details of the Easter Schedule are available on the Parish Bulletin on the website.

Easter dues envelopes have been distributed to all houses in the parish and we are extremely grateful to all who have returned them already. Your generosity in this time has been extraordinary, and it has allowed us to keep going with the various health and safety requirements. Completed envelopes should be left in the safe at the back of the Church or may be dropped in at the Sacristy. Please ensure that your name and address are on the envelope.



Once again, we are appealing to parishioners to bring Donations of non-perishable items to the Church on Good Friday, April 2nd for collection on Holy Saturday morning April 3rd – Basically any and all dried/tinned foodstuffs and toiletries are welcome.

(List of suggested and acceptable items on separate list at back of Church.)

Sunday Music

One of the great joys that has been sadly absent from our lives has been the 11.00 o'clock Mass on Sunday. What has enhanced our joy has been the beautiful music provided by our choir. For so many of them the last year has been a heartbreak, since they miss their part in the ritual. Also, they miss the human contact and the shared experience of being together singing God's praise. We are told that those who sing pray twice, and indeed for those who listen that music enhances our prayers.

We have though, not been left bereft, as each Sunday Linda, our organist and musical director, with Deirdre and Peter as cantors have provided music and singing, along with Geraldine standing in occasionally on the organ. Their singing and playing has been much appreciated and we long for the day when the full choir can come together with the organ at full throttle, with all our familiar hymns each rendered with that fluidity which comes from practice and skill.



The Church in a Pandemic

In a recent address to the Annual Trocaire Lenten lecture, on "Caring for the Human Family and our Common Home" Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, of the Philippines and Head of the Congregation for Evangelisation spoke of the many dangers which are causing conflict within the Church and within the wider world. He spoke of so-called populist leaders who know where the pockets of disgruntled people are, and how they present themselves as messiahs.

Cardinal Tagle, in his own words, is trying to merge our thinking into a way of Christian living which will reflect Pope Francis two major Encyclicals, *Laudato Si* and *Tutti Fratelli*, namely that the doctrine of care for the environment and our home, namely our earthly habitation must also involve love of our fellow man and respect for his place in the world.

In a wide-ranging address, he spoke of what he called 'big boss' politicians who come to power by selling the idea that tough approaches are needed to deal with all the issues that countries face. He also pointed out that many use Religion to appeal to certain voters and the population who hanker for the older certainties of religion and who unwittingly tend to embrace this thinking. He argued that this creates divisions between people and within a believing community. It also leads to the exclusion of people effectively from the goods of the earth.

Such division causes hardship and in the middle of this pandemic as poorer countries vie for access to vaccines and for hospital equipment and so on, the first world is quarrelling about who has first call on shipments of vaccines. We are all so lucky to have the wealth to make such demands.

Within the Church there is also this division with people having to adapt to lack of access to live ceremonies and rituals. The Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples admitted: "For us in the church, part of the suffering is that we want to provide pastoral help and pastoral guidance, but we cannot do it the way we were used to."

In his view this should not be a cause for hurt or upset which can place many priests and Bishops in difficulties. He said that this present time may cause us to reflect that we have surrendered too much faith transmission to church organisations and personnel. Perhaps now was the time to start evangelising within the home where faith has always been transmitted, through prayer and preparation and in a lived life. However, he set the pandemic-related restrictions on worship in the context of the suffering of Christians banned from the practice of their faith. He said he had been inspired by Japan's "hidden Christians".

He referenced how they had kept the faith alive in their homes after the Church was banned in the seventeenth century. When Japan opened up in the nineteenth century to the West, French missionaries were amazed to find a living faith amongst the people and one on which they were able to build.

This tells us that the Church has a mission to encourage more and more faith handed on in the home with perhaps new thinking to support the parents and grandparents in the work of making faith live.

In the middle of a pandemic, it may be difficult to come up with solutions but perhaps the early Christians who spoke of the *Domus Ecclesiae* had the model, the home as the well spring of faith.

Let us remember the Gospel where Jesus is found in the Temple discussing and listening to the elders. We can ask who formed Him up to that point in His earthly life?

Knock designated as International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine

Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam, described the elevation of Knock Shrine to International status as a “momentous event”. The archbishop was speaking during Mass at the Shrine on Friday 19 March in response to a homily delivered by Pope Francis via video link from Rome. During his homily Pope Francis formally elevated the Shrine at Knock as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine.



Pope Francis spoke of the great responsibility that goes with such a designation, where pilgrims were always to be welcomed, expecting nothing in return other than recognising the pilgrim as one who desires only to share in communal prayer. The Holy father prayed that the Eucharistic Mystery which unites in communion with the Risen Christ and each other would always be the rock by which we live out the Christian vocation to be missionary disciples, like the Virgin Mary who made herself a pilgrim of the Gospel of her Son.

Archbishop Neary expressed his gratitude to Pope Francis on behalf of all present at the Shrine for his consoling and thought-provoking homily. He also spoke of how Knock had been honoured by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1979, Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 1993, and three years ago Pope Francis. He quoted the prayer of Pope Francis at that time as he prayed in the silence of thousands of pilgrims outside “that amid the storms and winds that buffet our times, families would be a bulwark of faith and goodness and would resist anything that would diminish our dignity as men and women created in God’s image and called to the sublime destiny of eternal life”



On Friday 19 March 2021, the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family.

On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

Speaking about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, Pope Francis referred to it as a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of both Church and society. Pope Francis also shared his hope that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties”.

Nature Notes

This time of year, as the poet says is, ‘the change that brings the swallow and the geese in turn’. As we await the return of our migrating birds such as the swallow, swift, martin, and the cuckoo, to name a few, it does not mean that we leave off looking after our native garden birds who have helped us pass the time during the winter mornings.

One almost gets to know the individual birds around the bird feeder and how each of the species becomes more emboldened.

But for many of us the swallow is the harbinger of summer. No longer do we write letters to the paper of a sighting. Perhaps we have grown too sophisticated for that, to notice our long-distance arrivals. Those of us who are older long to see them come. Today regrettably progress has taken away many of their city haunts and now we may only glimpse them occasionally.

For many their nesting habits are a bit unsettling because they tend to come to the same place. No longer do we have Victorian stables or buildings around us with suitable eaves. Nor of course do we want our pristine white walls covered by droppings from their nests.

Such is progress.

It would be hard to imagine a spring without the swish of the swallows’ wings, as they swoop low for insects. Nor could we imagine not seeing them as they disport themselves high in the blue sky.

So many of us time our year, and the joys of the year by such simple milestones. The snowdrop, the first daffodil, the cherry blossom, and the birds returning, give us the hope of a new year, a fresh chance to enjoy the sights and sounds of God’s creation.



After the Pandemic?

And so all people run after time, Lord.

- hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic, and they never get there.

They haven’t time.

In spite of all their efforts they’re still short of time,

Of a great deal of time.

Lord, you must have made a mistake in your calculations.

There is a big mistake somewhere.

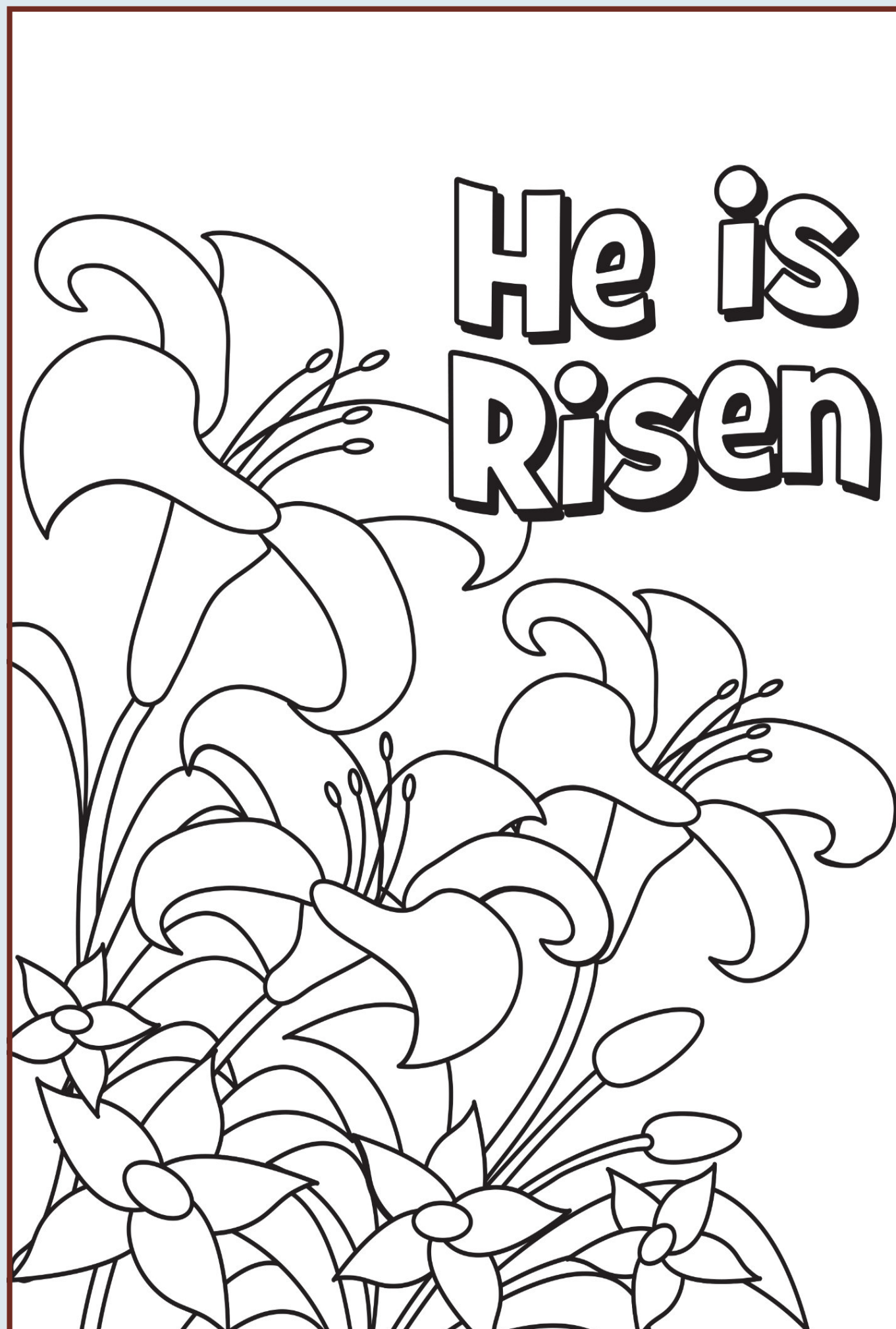
The hours are too short,

The days are too short,

Our lives are too short...

(Extract from Michel Quoist, Prayers of Life)





Easter Colouring Competition

Welcome to all our young readers who have loyally entered for the Art competition in our normal Newsletter. To enter this competition, you must print off this page and colour in as usual.

You can either print it directly to your printer or download the page and then print it. The pages are in PDF format and if you can't manage it ask someone in the family to do it for you.

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address on the back of the page and drop your entries into the parish office at Marino Church, before the 14th. May 2021.

Please do keep entering as it a great encouragement to our judges and our editorial team, when we see so much young talent and interest, especially as our newsletter is on the web for the time being.

Gift tokens for the winning entries. The upper age limit is 12 years.

Results published in the next newsletter, and the judges' decision is final.

In line with Child Protection Policy please do not give children's mobile phone numbers.

We also leave out house numbers in the publication to maintain. anonymity

Spring Competition Winners

1st prize: **Martha Mooney.**

Joint second prize: **Sadbh Breen and Michele Duff**

Joint third. Prize: **Sadbh Morris and Anna Mooney**

Closing date for the next Competition is 14th May 2021

COVID-19 and the Free Travel Scheme

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has confirmed that all transport operators are allowing customers with a PSC Free Travel Card to continue to avail of the Free Travel Scheme during the COVID-19 public health emergency, even if the card has expired. If your card pings or shows red the drivers are briefed to allow you to continue.

You can phone 1890 837000 for any enquiries about renewing your travel pass.

Online Renewals

A new Online renewals Service for Public Services Cards will be launched in Spring 2021. Current cards remain valid for collecting Social Welfare payments.

Driving Licences

People whose driving licences are out of date should look at the RSA web site. The current extensions are in place.

All Driving Licences that expired from 01 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 have been automatically extended by 13 months in total OR to 01 July 2021 whichever date is latest. Driving Licences that expire from 01 September 2020 to 30 June 2021 will be automatically extended by 10 months in total.