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NEWTOWNPARK
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NEWSLETTER
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be no parish newsletter
next weekend (April 25 / 26)

MASS
INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:

- Eamonn Kearns (Month’s Mind)
- Leslie O’Brien (A)
- Frankie Fitzpatrick (RD)
- Jim Murray (Month’s Mind)
- Michael Cronin (A)
- Brian Montgomery (A)
- Padraig Kelly (A)

Deceased members of Kelly family

We pray also for Eoin O’Kennedy whose funeral will take place here on Monday



Next Sunday (26th April) we welcome the 6th class students from Monkstown Park Junior School who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremony will take place at our regular 10 am parish mass. We pray for the confirmands, their families and teachers.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DUNDRUM
Parish Manager (New Role)

Holy Cross Parish Dundrum is introducing a new Parish Manager as it seeks to address the challenges posed by a decreasing number of priests and the increasing administrative demands.

A recruitment advert for the Parish Manager position can be reviewed on the Dundrum parish website www.dundrumparish.com



Newtownpark Pastoral Centre

PASTORAL CENTRE MANAGER
Job Vacancy

Newtownpark Parish are now recruiting for a new Pastoral Centre Manager to continue the development of the centre as a welcoming facility for the Parish and wider Community.

Responsibilities of the Manager include:

- Operations Management of the Centre,
- Staff & Finance Management,
- Marketing & Communications,
- Risk Management & Strategic Planning.

This is a part time role which offers the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community it serves.

A full job description including job requirements is available at:

newtownparkpastoralcentre.com/careers/

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

Our Local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection after all masses **next weekend**.

COMMUNITY CONCERT
St Anne’s Church, Shankill

Thursday 30 April at 7.30pm

The **St Cecilia Singers** will perform “From Spring to Autumn” on Thursday 30 April at 7.30pm, under the direction of Sandra Ganly, with **soprano Katy Kelly**. Tickets are €15 at the door, with all funds raised going towards supporting St Joseph’s Centre in Shankill.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 26

Next Sunday (April 26) is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life.



Commentary on the readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

In the first reading from the Acts, St Peter is addressing the gathering and boldly speaking to them of the Risen Lord. He is telling them that it is impossible for Christ to be held in Hades because he now has power over life and death.

1Peter 1:17-21;

In the second reading, Peter is telling the people to remain faithful to Christ and to be on their guard whether they be at home or abroad. He reminds them of the tremendous ransom that was paid on their behalf, a ransom which cannot be equated with anything they or the world could ever possess.

Luke 24:13-35

The gospel passage from St Luke recounts the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. In the story, Christ meets two men but we are only given one name which suggests that Luke sees the second man as representing all the followers of Christ who have doubts. Christ appears to them and asks how they are and gradually he opens their eyes to him. So too he opens our eyes in many and different ways.

Psalms 15;

The response to the psalm is:
**Show us, Lord,
the path of life.**



Fr Kevin's Reflection - Third Sunday of Easter

+A young couple receives the wonderful news: they are pregnant.

But their joy soon becomes a nightmare. Her severe morning sickness debilitates her; her doctor discovers the child is in distress and plans for the worst. She is confined to bed for the duration of her pregnancy.

The dad-to-be is overwhelmed by it all. Unable to offer any meaningful help to his wife or his child, he buries himself in everything but accomplishes little.

But along the way, their parents - gently and quietly - cover many of the day-to-day details; they check in regularly with encouragement and advice, allaying many of their fears. Co-workers at his office take as many things as they can off his desk. And, under the radar, members of their parish organize to provide supper a few nights a week.

And they manage. After a long, painful, terrifying few months, they welcome their little girl, healthy and whole. And, along the way, the new parents discover again how much they love each other and the beautiful little family they have created.

And they realize, too, what their love means to those around them.

We all have our Emmaus-like experiences of fear, confusion, dread, worry. But along the way, Christ makes himself known in our midst in the loving support of family and friends, of our community and parish. Christ travels with us on our own road to Emmaus; Christ is present in the broken bread of compassion we offer and receive from our fellow travellers. Easter faith is to recognize the Risen One in our midst: in our wanting to understand, in our struggle to make things right, in our brokenness.

In Luke's Gospel, the first time Jesus makes himself known after his resurrection is not at the tomb or in the temple or in Jerusalem. It's in someone's kitchen, at a meal when Jesus and two friends break bread together. For the first Christians, this story was cherished as they celebrated the Eucharist. But the Risen Christ is also in our midst when we gather with one another at our family tables to break bread, to pray together, to "mark" the love that binds us together as family - when we realize the presence of God in the everyday and the ordinary, in the simple and the comfortable. On this Sunday of the Easter season, may we re-discover Jesus with our loved ones at our family tables.

May our Easter celebration open our hearts and spirits to recognize Christ among us in every moment of our lives, in both the bright promising mornings and the dark terrifying nights. And having recognised Him, may we not stay where we are—but, like them, rise up and go back into the world with renewed faith, hope, and love.