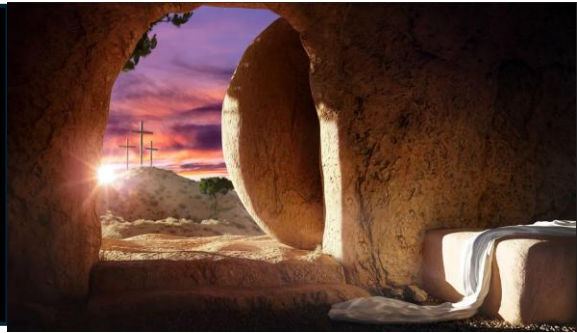




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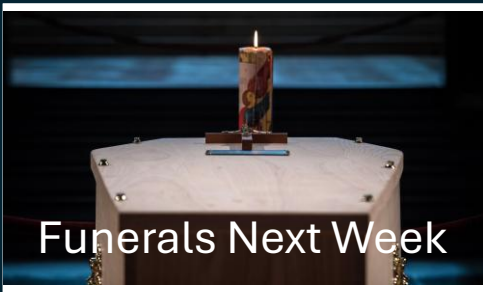
MASS INTENTIONS



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

- **Joe Reynolds (A)**

Funerals Next Week



- **Tue 7th @ 10 am – Barry Creedon**



Tea / Coffee & Easter Egg Hunt

The Family Mass Group will have an Easter Egg Hunt along with tea /& coffee after the 10 am mass on Easter Sunday morning . There will also be tea & coffee after the 11:30 am mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

25th Anniversary of the Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

12th April – Whitefriar St. @ 4pm

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the 2001 Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux coming to Ireland, there will be a Commemoration Day in **Whitefriar Street Church** on the 12th April 2026 with Solemn Mass at 4 pm.

Veneration of the Relics of St Thérèse and her Parents will be available after the 10.30am & 12.30pm Masses at the St Thérèse Shrine till 2.30pm and also after the 4pm Mass at the Altar.



Newtownpark Parish Pastoral Centre Manager

Newtownpark Parish are recruiting a Parish Centre Manager to develop the centre as a welcoming facility for Parish and Community activities. This role offers the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community by maintaining a welcoming, efficient, and vibrant Parish Centre that serves as a hub for social connection, learning, and personal development.

A full job description including job requirements will be available after Easter on <https://www.newtownparkparish.com/>

EDEL QUINN / HOLY HOUR

There is a Holy Hour on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7.30pm –8.30pm in the Divine Masters Centre (Newtownpark Avenue) at which prayers are prayed for the advancement of the cause of Venerable Edel Quinn.



Commentary on the readings for the Easter Sunday

*(or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8);
Acts 10:34, 37-43;*

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St Peter is proclaiming the Risen Lord and saying that not only has Christ risen but he has also appeared to his followers, and Peter himself has witnessed this.

Psalm 117;

The Psalm is a hymn of praise for this day – the day of the Resurrection of the Lord. The response to the Psalm is:

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

or

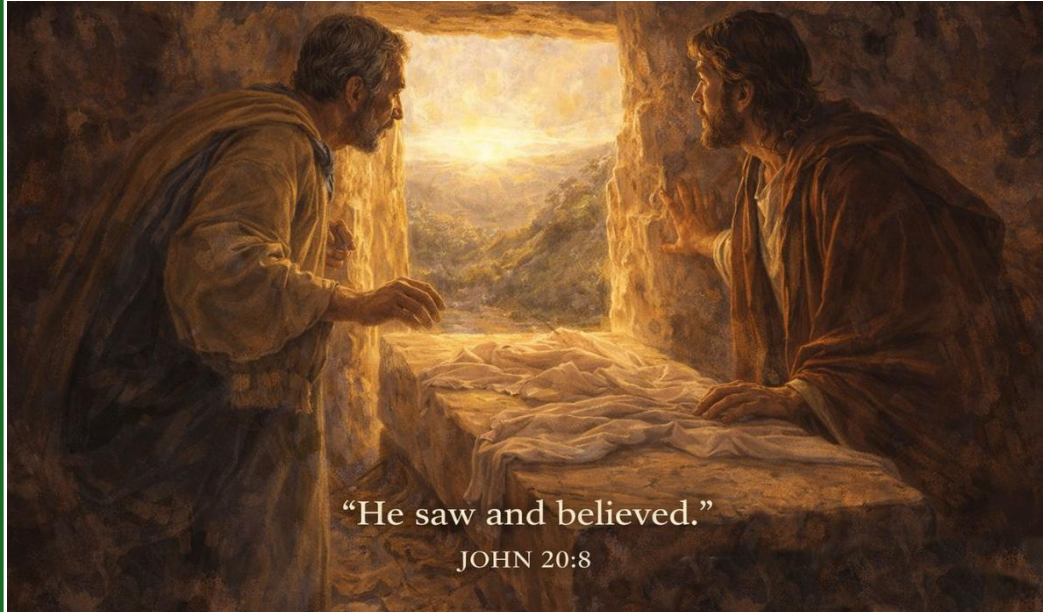
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Colossians 3:1-4

St Paul in his letter to the Colossians speaks of us becoming new people, living as Christ commanded, and looking to heaven and to God for that is where our future lies.

John 20:1-9

The gospel tells of the finding of the empty tomb and the realisation that scripture had pointed to this moment – the Resurrection of Christ.



“He saw and believed.”

JOHN 20:8

Fr Kevin's Reflection for Easter Sunday

A small chick begins the long journey to birth. The not-yet-a-bird weighs little more than air; its beak and claws are barely pin pricks. The bird-to-be is in its own little world: protected by the rigid shell, warmed by the mother hen's body, nourished by the nutrients within the egg's membrane.



But then the chick begins the work of life. Over several days the chick keeps picking and picking until it can break out from its narrow world -and into an incomparably wider one. But for this to happen, the egg has to go to pieces. New life demands shattering the old.

That is the real Easter egg. Not a complete egg dyed and painted with so many designs and colours. Not an egg that has been hardboiled, impossible to shatter. Not an egg made of chocolate.

The real Easter egg is shattered and destroyed. The real Easter egg exists in broken pieces. The real Easter egg is cracked opened, yielding new life that has taken flight.

For centuries, the world has marked the Resurrection of the Lord with eggs. But the Easter meaning of the egg is found in the struggle of the chick to free itself from its confines so as to take flight into much bigger world beyond it. We struggle to break out of a world that we perceive is going to pieces; we pick away at an existence that leaves us dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The promise of the Easter Christ is that we can break out of our self-contained little worlds and take flight into a world where peace and justice reign, a world illuminated by hope and warmed by love, a world that extends beyond time and place into the forever of God's dwelling place.

Let our prayer this Easter day be:

Father of unfathomable compassion; re-create us in the love you loosed upon the world in the passion, death and resurrection of your Son. Never let us lose hope that your love can transform the darkest nights of our lives into the glorious morning of Easter joy. May we be willing to let our own needs and wants and lives die so that we might become something greater: sharers in the resurrection of your Son.