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**Newsletter**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*My dear parishioners,*

*Easter joy and peace to you and your families! The eternal Son of God, who became flesh for us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the humble Virgin Mary from Nazareth, and who suffered and died for us, has risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*This is the faith and the experience of the church; this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Light has triumphed over darkness, goodness has triumphed over evil, compassion has triumphed over cruelty, life has triumphed over death. This is humanity's feast. Like Moses, we too can look forward to the Promised Land, to peace where there is warfare, to justice and mercy for the despised and for those made to endure the indignity of abject poverty.*

*In the triumph of the risen Lord, hope becomes the heartbeat of the disciples. Today on Easter Day we celebrate Christ's invitation to life; the risen Lord invites his disciples to be on his side, to embrace the mystery of light, goodness, compassion and life. May the truthfulness of this feast help each one of us to become more deeply a son or daughter of the resurrection.*

*Easter blessings on you, on all who are dear to you and especially on those who have suffered bereavement in recent months; may this feast be your deepest comfort. May the Risen Lord give St. Mary's and St. Paul's the grace to be a parish community of hope and life, where all are welcome, without exception!  
Thank you for your kindnesses to the church and to me,  
Father O'Brien*

**Deacon Joseph Dowds and Mrs Susan Dowds** will visit us at St. Mary's on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> for Mass at 10.30am. Many of us remember Deacon Joseph's ministry here with great affection and thanksgiving. He has recently retired now from parish ministry and this is an opportunity for us to thank him and his wife Susan for the years they spent with us here. Deacon Joseph will assist at Mass and deliver the homily; afterwards we will have a parish coffee morning in the hall.

**I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:** the octave of Easter is one of the loveliest weeks of the liturgical year, providing us with a collage of Resurrection appearances; it is a time for the church to enjoy the company of the risen Lord.

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

*No public Novena in the evening*

**Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

**Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Requiem Mass for Mrs. Moira Boylan at St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Deceased:** Moira Boylan, Betty Lennox, Henry McDermott, Peter McCourt, Cyril Deerin, Anna Stobie, Gerald Greenbaum, Carol Bannan, Joe Ward, Mo McKlintock

**Special Remembrance:**

Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Margaret and John McCluskey, Michael and Alice Sweeney, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Rosaleen Mulvey, Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, deceased members of the McMurray and Miller families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.

**An Easter Reflection by Pope Benedict XVI**

*"We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead. Yes, indeed! This is the fundamental core of our profession of faith; this is the cry of victory that unites us all today. And if Jesus is risen, and is therefore alive, who will ever be able to separate us from him? Who will ever be able to deprive us of the love of him who has conquered hatred and overcome death? The Easter proclamation spreads throughout the world with the joyful song of the Alleluia. Let us sing it with our lips, and let us sing it above all with our hearts and our lives, with a manner of life that is 'unleavened', that is to say simple, humble and fruitful in good works. The Risen One goes before us and he accompanies us along the paths of the world. He is our hope, he is the true peace of the world."*