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**Intentions for this weekend**

**8pm Easter Vigil Mass**

**10am** Bridie Nally nee Harnett 1st Anniv died in Brooklyn NY

James Nally and deceased family members  
 Dromtransa O'Brien

**12noon** Bridget Foley

Hannah O'Donoghue, Knocknasna  
 Michael Wall, Mountmahon  
 Dick O'Mahony, New Street Anniv.

**An Easter Prayer**

God, give us eyes to see  
 the beauty of the Spring,  
 And to behold Your majesty  
 in every living thing –  
 And may we see in lacy leaves  
 and every budding flower  
 The Hand that rules the universe  
 with gentleness and power –  
 And may this Easter grandeur  
 that Spring lavishly imparts  
 Awaken faded flowers of faith  
 lying dormant in our hearts,  
 And give us ears to hear, dear God,  
 the Springtime song of birds  
 With messages more meaningful  
 than man's often empty words  
 Telling harried human beings  
 who are lost in dark despair –  
 'Be like us and do not worry  
 for God has you in His care.

–Helen Steiner Rice

**Easter the Feast of Hope**

Martin Luther King Jr. said of Easter, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." The signs of spring are all around us. It is a season of hope and optimism. Springtime brings new life renewal, growth, and hope.

In his Easter message, Bishop Brendan Leahy says that "Easter is hope, and the great way to fan the flames of hope in our lives is to put aside, as much as we can, our own worries and go out to love one another. Every time we do an act of love for someone, we give them a reason to hope"

We have great hope in the risen Christ. He is with us to encourage us, to strengthen us, enabling us to persevere through these difficult days. Easter is the ultimate message of hope as we struggle in this period of uncertainty.

We also find hope in the goodness of the people around us. We are grateful to all who have willingly gone out to serve the community, especially the sick, those living alone and the vulnerable. "Every time we do an act of love for someone we give them a reason to hope." When the Pandemic ends, as it surely will, we should let the extraordinary acts of kindness experienced during the lockdown period become the normal practice in our lives. In that way hope will live on in our lives.

The Easter Message has its origin in the dark days of Jesus' suffering and then blossoms into the Good News of resurrection. Our hope is firm; it is based in Jesus Christ and in the goodness of humanity. Let us bring this message of hope to everyone we meet this Easter week. As believers in the resurrection of Jesus, that is our special gift to all who feel despondent at this time.

Fr Dan and I are grateful for the encouragement and support we receive from so many parishioners. Sincere thanks for your continued financial support. We wish you and your families our warmest wishes for a joyful and blessed Easter. Fr Tony Mullins

**Intention for the Week**

**Mon 7pm** James Morrissey Month Mind Sheasfield/ Tulligaline North  
 Peg O'Connell, New Street Month Mind

**Tues Pro Populo**

**Wed 10am**

**Thurs 10am** Sean Enright, Upper Purt

**Fri 10am** Denise Sheehan, Brosna/ Kildimo

**Sat 6.30pm** Patrick Lane and deceased family members  
 Phyllis Cotter, Purt Anniv.

**10am** Tom & Patrick Mc Carthy, Caherhayes Anniv.

**12noon** Johnny & Maureen Joy, The Square and their parents  
 Dan Murphy, Main Street and Killarney Road

**7pm Mon** Austin Daly, The Grove 3rd Anniv.

**Distribution of Easter Water**

Easter water blessed at the Easter Vigil will be available on Easter Sunday at the Blessed Sacrament Church from 12noon to 2.00pm. In order to keep people safe as much as possible the holy water will be in small bottles. We have also produced a prayer card with prayers for the blessing of family and for the blessing of land and animals. The large container of Easter Water will still be at the back of the Church.

**Church Radio 107FM**

The signal from the Church Radio has been extended to a radius of 3 miles approximately. Parishioners can tune into all Masses and Church ceremonies on 107FM. This service will be of benefit to parishioners who do not have access to the internet and the church webcam. We ask you to assist elderly parishioners in tuning in their radios to this service.

**Talents and Gifts shared – Thank you**

Sincere thanks to all who assisted in the preparation and celebration of our Holy Week Ceremonies. We thank our Parish Clerks, Cantors and Musicians, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Church Stewards, all who clean the church and keep it sanitized. All who look after the car park and church grounds. Thanks to all who ensure that all our ceremonies go out over the church webcam and to all who help communicate the various announcements through Facebook. Thanks to all local shops and businesses who facilitate the distribution of the Weekly Newsletter. Thanks to all our parishioners for joining us for this special week.

**Mercy Sunday**

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday and ends next Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) 11<sup>th</sup> of April. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary and Novena Prayers will be said at the 12noon Mass next Sunday. All are welcome to join us online at [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)



**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

**Chris is Risen!**

The above is not a misprint, but an article by Fr Chris O'Donnell on the meaning of Easter published in this weeks edition of the Weekly Observer. You will find the article on page 36 of the paper. We encourage you to read the article.

**Trocaire:** Boxes can be handed in on Sunday from 12noon to 2pm at the Blessed Sacrament chapel or knock at the sacristy door during Mass times. Tel Anne 086/8661651 to arrange a time.



**Darkness into Light 2021 You can Join us at Sunrise - Saturday, May 8th**

Sadly this year again we can't come together as a community and walk together, but we can still join Pieta and Electric Ireland for a special Darkness Into Light sunrise, and give the gift of hope to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. Join in any way you can – walk, swim, bike or simply share your sunrise moment. While we know the majority of people will want to rise on the morning of the 8th, you can still wear your yellow t-shirt and do your own walk or challenge at any time that suits you. We know that the yellow Darkness Into Light t-shirt is very important to a lot of people, with many wearing it as a badge of honour. T-shirts are available this year as part of the registration, but if you have an old Darkness Into Light t-shirt we would love if you could reuse it. This keeps our running costs down and is kinder to our planet. See local papers for details