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The secret of happiness is
freedom, the secret of
freedom is courage.

Easter Message 2020

I send Easter greetings to the people of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, our parishioners, our priests and religious, those who are isolated at this time, the fearful, people whose employment has been affected, the sick, those who are sadly bereaved and all who work in hospitals and in essential services. The celebration of Easter takes place in a very different way, a virtual way, behind closed doors. The message of Easter is the same as it has been from the beginning, Christ is Risen, Alleluia. In these days it is a proclamation of hope in the midst of restrictions, hope in the midst of fear and unemployment and hope in the midst of illness and death. We have great hope in the risen Jesus Christ, he is with us, to encourage, to strengthen and to console. We also have great hope in humanity. We are grateful to all who have carefully gone out to serve, those on the front line in hospitals and in the variety of essential services, leaders who make wise decisions and researchers who seek a vaccine. Also the many generous acts of neighbourliness. As we face into the uncertainties that lie ahead, our hope shines brightly, and our determination to return to our places of work and to live without fear is strong. The experience of the essential restrictions teaches us that we wish to go out, we wish to be with people, to meet up, to chat and to enjoy company. 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.

Francis Duffy
Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Invitation from Galilee Spirituality Centre

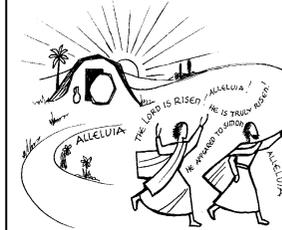
Although our doors are currently closed, our prayer community extends far beyond our walls. We invite you to join us (virtually) on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30pm for prayer for all affected by the COVID19 outbreak and for all who care for them. Please let us know you are with us in spirit by getting in touch info@galilee.ie or 071-966-4101 and let us know any particular prayer needs. If you would like to send a photo of your prayer space or candle please do so on our Facebook or Twitter accounts or by email. Pass on the word to your family and friends and we will join together in prayer, hope and love. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Blessings, The Galilee Team

Church Bells: Many parishes around the country will sound their church bells this Easter Sunday at 12.00 noon, for a few minutes, as a sign of solidarity and hope in the resurrection of Our Lord. May the bells ring out as a call to joy despite the difficult times we are all going through. May the Blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and your people this Easter time.

Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen". Saint Francis.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel



The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover, another shock comes - the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment, 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you? In spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'

Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? Times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? Where have you found life in such experiences?

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

All Masses in the parish can be seen on **Facebook**. Enter **Kilronan Parish** in your Facebook page for the link.

Weekday Masses. 10.00a.m. Monday, Keadue; Tuesday & Wednesday Arigna ;Thursday & Friday, Ballyfarnon.

Anniversary Mass Arigna
Sun. 12th Bridget Lynch
Altagowlan, Months Mind.