

Laragh Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th April 2020 – Easter Sunday

Truly Risen

The Indian Cardinal, Telesphore Toppo, tells the story of a Hindu boy who spent some time in a Catholic school. He knew very little about the Christian faith but was interested in finding out more and asked the priests if they could help him. One of the priests gave him a copy of the Gospels. 'Read this,' he said, 'and then come back if you have any questions you want answered.' A few weeks later the boy returned, his face a mixture of amazement and annoyance. 'Well,' said the priest, 'did you understand what you read?' The boy glared at him. 'Jesus is risen from the dead?' he asked, 'I mean, really risen from the dead?' 'Yes,' said the priest in a matter of fact voice. 'Why didn't you tell me?' the boy roared. He couldn't believe that Catholic priests could teach anything without first mentioning the Resurrection.

Sixty years ago Irish priests told their people that the Resurrection was a miracle that proved that Jesus was God. What they rarely told them was something much more important: that Resurrection was the very heart of their Christian lives; that through faith and by virtue of their baptism, they had been given a share in Christ's risen life - and nothing could ever be considered 'ordinary' again. Even the young Indian boy sensed this.

Coronavirus COVID-19 UPDATE

The government has announced that the current restrictions will be extended in their entirety until May 5th. We know that the past number of weeks have been difficult, our lack of freedom and of course missing the visits of our loved ones. We ask you to please be patient and abide by these rules. What you are doing is not only keeping you and your loved ones safe, but you are saving the lives of others.

Please stay safe and stay at home.



To all our parishioners and readers

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. A Message from Trocaire:** This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. Please hold onto your boxes until further notice and they can be returned to your churches when it is safe for people to do so. You can also donate online or over the phone. Online donations can be made at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>
- 2. Daffodil Day Support:** Text Cancer to 50300 to donate €4.
- 3. Cavan Cathedral Webcam:** has now been installed. You can view mass every Monday – Sunday at 10am and Monday – Saturday at 6.30pm. The link for the webcam is on www.cavantownparish.com
- 4. 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). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.
- 5. Laragh Community Helpers:** Laragh Community Alert have set up a database of volunteers to help over 65's and other vulnerable people who feel the need to self-isolate or just don't want to go out. The volunteers are:

Aisling Jordan (Kilcrone)	087 9042229	Benny Sexton (Caulfield)	087 6378600
Cornelia & Kevin O' Connor (Monelta)	086 3890137	Georgina McCreavy (Countenan)	086 1016269
Michael O' Rourke (Lisigney)	086 8050422	Hazel & Darragh Hourihane (Raskill)	086 8763144
Gary Connell (Countenan)	087 2496032	Eileen O'Rourke (Lisigney)	086 8054422
Peter Denning (Drumhalla)	087 2703511	Thias Rudden (Cordegan)	087 2620378
Madge Walsh (Corgreagh)	086 3357203	Paula Tully (Munelta)	085 1375182
Michael Leddy (Stradone)	086 8599767	Eugene Smith (Drumcrow)	086 6044415

Your Prayers are requested for the souls of the late:

- Teresa Smith, Drumcalpin**, whose funeral took place on Monday in Carrickallen. We extend our sympathy to her husband James, sons Bernard, Seamus, Paul and Declan and to the entire family circle.
- Jimmy Jackson, Swellan**, whose funeral took place in The Cathedral. We extend our sympathy to his daughter Pauline Smith and family, Aughagoldrick.
- Nancy Pearson (nee Clarke), Luton and late of Carrickacromin**, whose funeral will take place in Luton. We extend our sympathy to her brother Patsy Clarke, Tullyinchin and entire family circle.