

# Laragh Parish Newsletter



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**4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Easter Sunday**

## The Truth of Resurrection

After the death of Harry Houdini, the great escape artist, two Broadway producers were invited to act as pallbearers at his funeral. As the two men lifted the ornate, heavy casket on their shoulders, one of them whispered to the other, 'Suppose he's not in there'. If you think the same thought was in the minds of the disciples who came to Jesus' tomb on that first Easter morning, think again. As far as they were concerned, the tomb held not only the broken body of Jesus but their own broken dreams as well. *They* had failed him in his hour of need; now *he* had failed them. His great vision had crumbled to dust and there was nothing left for them to do except return to their old way of life.

But then something changed them. It wasn't the empty tomb. That was certainly mysterious but on its own it offered no answers to their questions. What happened was so startling, so mind-blowing, that it turned weak, fearful people into spiritual giants who were willing to face humiliation, torture and death rather than stop proclaiming it. It wasn't merely a question of their 'seeing' something. What happened touched them in the very depths of their being. From that moment their experience of 'resurrection' became the key that made sense of Jesus' life and death. As St. Paul put it: 'If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.' But what of us? Does our faith rest entirely on the experience of privileged witnesses 2000 years ago? No. The whole point of 'resurrection' is that the Risen One lives today, touching our hearts too and drawing our lives towards the fullness of life. He is the secret law governing all creation.

## Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father,  
grant us the fortitude of Christ your son  
to face the Covid-19 crisis  
with trust, patience and compassion.  
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit  
to free us from fear  
and look forward together to the future  
with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph,  
the guardian of Jesus, and Mary,  
the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church,  
may we be guided through this time of peril.  
Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable;  
keep safe our health care workers  
and all who serve society,  
at home and abroad.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Your prayers are requested for the souls of the late:

- **Minnie Cooney (nee McGee), Waterloo and late of Knockateggart**, whose funeral takes place today at 12.30pm in Clanaphilip. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Rose Cooney and family, Carrickacromin and to her sister-in-law Nan McGee, Knockateggart.
- **Philip Cooney, Cootehill**, whose funeral will take place in Cootehill on Monday, with burial in Carrickallen Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to his nephews Anthony and Packie Joe Cooney, Carrickacromin and entire family circle.
- **Tom Doughty, England and late of Cormeen**, whose funeral arrangements will be announced in the coming week. We extend our sympathy to his brothers Benny & Pat, Cormeen.

**And all those who have died recently**

## Mass Intentions

The following Masses are booked and will be offered in the coming week:

Teresa Smith, Drumcalpin 1<sup>st</sup> A/V  
Brigid Brady, Corfad M/M  
Philip Devine, Kilnagarbet A/V  
Baby Francis Brady, Drumenara (Remembrance Mass)  
Tom, Hugh & Annie Smith and daughters  
Bridie & Annamae, Knockateggart A/V

Nora Cusack, Stradone M/M  
Tom & Kitsy Cahill, Lislea A/V  
John Donohoe, Kate & Jim Corfad A/V and  
Roisin Woods, Ballinagh A/V

## Laragh Church Webcam

The webcam in St. Brigid's Church is now online.  
You can view it on [www.laraghparish.com](http://www.laraghparish.com) or  
[www.churchtv.ie/cavan](http://www.churchtv.ie/cavan)

Mass will be broadcast next week as follows

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm



## GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Easter Holy Water:** will be blessed today. Please collect holy water for your home this afternoon. Available in all three Churches.
- 2. Laragh Childcare Services CLG:** would like to advise that enrolment forms are now available for parents who wish to enroll their child in our preschool for September 2021. Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting Louise McCabe 049 4323883, Caroline O'Grady 087 0555333 or by emailing [admin@laraghchildcareservices.com](mailto:admin@laraghchildcareservices.com) Completed forms should be returned to Louise McCabe at Laragh Childcare Services CLG Preschool, Stradone, Co. Cavan, before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Children must be 2 years and 8 months on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to be considered for a place.
- 3. Trocaire:** Trocaire boxes are available at Church doors in all three Churches. Please take one. It contains information about the war that has devastated South Sudan and how you can help those who have suffered. You can send in your donation at Easter. Please use the Trocaire envelope in your packet and hand it in with your Church envelopes. **Do not leave Trocaire boxes containing notes or coins in the Church.**
- 4. Cliffernna Church Envelopes:** will be accepted in St. Michael's Church, Cliffernna on every second Sunday between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Thank you for your contributions to date. Dates for April – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 2, 6, 19, 23. €30 winners Ryan McCabe, Tullyco, Breege Fay, Crosskeys, Keenaghan Family, Tullyco, Mary McLoughlin, Donegal, Helena Brady, Grousehall. Next week's draw €10,800. Many thanks for your continued support.

# Happy Easter!

