Easter Sunday – He is risen

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud

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Easter Sunday – Intentions of the Parish Pilgrimage to KNOCK Saturday April 26, 2025 26th & 27th April 6pm Diogo Miranda (RD) Remember in your prayers all our parishioners who journey Eusebia Miranda & Agapito together in pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 26th April. Miranda (A) "May the grace of the Jubilee Kevin Considine (RD) reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope Gerry McDonagh (2nd A) a yearning for the treasures of heaven Phil & Sean Woods (A) May that same grace spread Mary Cleary (6th A) the joy and peace of our Redeemer Joan Barry (6th A) throughout the earth to your our God, eternally blessed 11.30am Alan McPhilips (3rd A) be glory and praise for ever" Teresa Duke (2nd A) & Michael Duke Amen Margaret McCarthy (25th A) Kitty Ryan (A) For Pilgrims travelling to Knock on the Parish Pilgrimage Jarlath Cunniffe (MM) The bus will leave Kilmacud @ 8am and will leave Mount Merrion @ 8.15am 3rd & 4th May 6pm Lily, Joe & Bobby Curtis Easter Sunday: the greatest feast of our liturgical year! **Christine Stapleton Mooney** (2ndA) May our readings fill us with hope and deep joy, whatever Benny & Rita Charles (A) our circumstances may be. George & Bridget O'Malley (A) In our Gospel we see Mary Magdalene, running to tell the William O'Sullivan (MM) disciples about the empty tomb. Peter and the beloved disciple discover this for themselves and slowly come to 11.30am Jim McCabe (23rd A) believe that Jesus is risen. Elizabeth Delmar (A) Psalm 117 (118), which we will meet several times in the Joan & Maurice Dore (A) Easter season, is a joyful song of praise to the Lord who has Mary Randles (A) triumphed over suffering and death. Charles & Mary Stewart (A) The First Reading, from the Acts, shows how Peter has grown Michael & Clare Walsh (A) in his faith. He is spreading the Good News and gives his personal witness to the Resurrection of Jesus to Gentiles as Monthly Padre Pio Mass – Wednesday 23rd well as Jews. Both alternatives offered for the Second April Reading challenge us to live out the reality and the consequences of the Resurrection for us—we have been Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 23rd April. brought back to true life with Christ. As Pilgrims of Hope, this Blessing with the relic will take place after Mass. Jubilee year encourages us to acknowledge that we need to pause, to give time to rest and worship. Hospitality May the Easter season lead us to put aside some time for You are invited to join your fellow parishioners for a quiet each day, or maybe enable someone else to do so. We cup of tea after Mass on 26th & 27th April can place our trust in God who rested on the seventh day. **Birthdays in April** "We are an Easter people and We will pray, in a special way, at **all Masses next** weekend for all those who celebrate birthdays in Alleluia is our song" April Pope John Paul II You are invited to attend and receive a special blessing.

Mass Times Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am Liturgy of Word Thurs@10am Saturday vigil 6pm Sunday 11.30am

Confessions/ Reconciliation After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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A few words from Fr Joe

The greeting 'Happy Easter' is music to my ears! Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is Risen and for us all there is an invitation to step into the fifty days of Easter that will unfold in the weeks from now until Pentecost. For this year, 2025 we are doubly blessed as it is a Jubilee Year and we are pilgrims of Hope. Look around the world and ask yourself if this is a time that all people need to be inspired by the message that comes from the empty tomb? God has responded to the passion and death of his Son, Jesus, by raising him to new life and we are sent out daily to put that freshness and renewal into action. As an Easter People we are called and commissioned to be Good News and to live our faith joyfully.

Spring is always a time of refreshment in nature, have you looked with wonder at the blossoms, white, pink and red in recent days and rejoiced that a new cycle of trees giving fruit is unfolding among us. Then there are the bees, buzzing around, pollenating as they go, God's servants totally involved in ensuring that the process works, no bees, no pollination, no fruit in our future!

Of all the biblical characters I've met and reflected on in recent weeks, Simon of Cyrene has a special place in my heart, he might have been dragged out of the crowd to help the Lord, but his generosity in carrying the Cross, helping Jesus when he needed it most, has remained as a sign of service in the Church ever since. During the week 62 parishioners in Killala Diocese were commissioned as new 'Co-Leaders' of prayer and ministry, working alongside priests, supporting men in ministry to carry the cross of advancing years and smaller numbers, what a blessing they will be. Funeral ministry is already active here in our partnership, and co-leadership in prayer is beginning to be expressed in their ministry. This is truly a blessing and yet only a beginning, we need all our Easter People to be ever more engaged with the mission of the parish, the service of the people and engaged with all the ministries of the church. The time to leave it to another is over, everyone has a gift to share, and your Jubilee blessing may well be expressed in offering time and talent to share with all. Like the bees, there will be no regeneration of the faith without all who can being active in service.

PS I highly recommend the documentary on "The Priests" which is airing on RTE on Easter Sunday evening. It is a wonderful account of these three talented men, who have been singing together for years, discovered by Sony and propelled to the world stage. Enjoy it if you can.



Come join us to share FAITH AND LIFE Where: St. Laurence O'Toole Parish Centre When: every Friday @ 7.00PM

For all Young People between 18 and 40 Years of age

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