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## COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

### EASTER SUNDAY

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**Easter Sunday – ‘Christ is risen alleluia,**  
It has been said that if you want to get to know someone, live with them for a while or go on holidays with them. They get to know you too! After a while all the quirks show up, and we get to know one another’s habits, from the way we dress, wash, clean up after ourselves and so on.

It is the everyday things, the seemingly small things that grate, not the major crises— that one would expect to challenge any relationship! One does not have to be married to experience the petty annoyances that living with other family members or friends that aggravate. Think of the things that parents used to drill in to us, hanging up our coats, bringing our dishes to the sink, doing our homework, going to bed on time, making our bed, and so on.

I labour the point because there is an extremely important detail, a clue, as it were, to today’s Gospel recounting the realisation in the disciples minds that Jesus left his mark at the empty tomb. This led to the disciples’ final realisation that Jesus would – and did – rise from the dead. The disciples Peter and John, two of the three closest disciples to Jesus, are the first to see the empty tomb, undisturbed. What do they see that convinces them that Jesus had truly risen? The way his clothes were left after Him!

We read : ‘So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, **saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.** Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; **he saw and he believed.**



Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.’ The rolling up of the head cloth by itself is the ‘giveaway’. Jesus tidied up after Himself as He did in life in the three years that the disciples had got to know Him. So now, in the minds of the disciples, Jesus ‘pulls it off’ as it were. The trademark astonishment of the disciples, in this His greatest miracle, their failure to understand, now gives way to complete understanding –and most importantly faith, faith in who Jesus is.

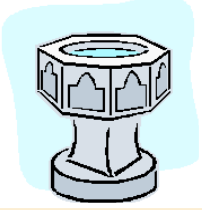
The ultimate teaching today is that there exists equally for all of us this hope of resurrection for all of our dead and for ourselves. That the seeming end of Jesus’ life we commemorated in the Holy Week ceremonies gives way to a new dawn. It is only the beginning.

The new life we associate in nature with spring—lambs, chicks—even Easter eggs, and so on, and the new life we feel after the hardship of Lent and the harshness of winter is over—points to the ‘New Life’ that Christ brings.

In this life we undergo a sort of spiritual resuscitation on every occasion we receive God’s forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and this points to the new life in the Spirit we are called to live out. At Easter, Jesus’ new life begins—as it does for all who place their faith in Him. We experience relief, joy and gladness. The key to eternal life for us too is faith in the Risen Lord.

As for our beloved dead who have gone before us with the sign of faith, they await us: they are with God, and God is very near. **Happy Easter !**

**Cobh Parish Income:** Sunday 25h March Cathedral: €1919.00, Rushbrooke: €380.00, Ballymore: €205.00, The Mount: €68.00 We thank all who contributed to these collections.



**Baptisms:** We welcome into our community Sienna Meaney; Hayley Moloney and all who were baptised recently



**Deaths:** We pray for the repose of the soul of those who died recently. We pray especially today for Olive Stromsoe, Belmont Place. May she rest in peace.

**EWTN is a FREE service and broadcasts 24 hours per day.** Daily Mass, Holy Rosary Angelus and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and lots more every day. Sky 589, Virgin Media 815 and Watch TV online.

**AA** “ If you drink, that is your business, if you want to stop , that is ours.” Call 087 6657105

**Rally for Life:** Cork City on Saturday, 7th April @ 2.00pm.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** devotions will take place at St Colman’s Cathedral, Cobh from **4 pm on Sunday 8th April. Confessions available.** On this feast day, God’s mercy is available for everyone in a special way. It is a chance for a fresh start with God in your life. Prepare for this feast day, by saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily beginning on Good Friday.

### Confirmations 2018

The 2018 Confirmation ceremonies will take place on **Saturday April 14th** in two ceremonies at 10 am (Bunscoil Rinn an Chabhlaigh and Walterstown NS and 1.00 pm ( An Gaelscoil, St Joseph’s NS, St Mary’s NS).

### Cruise liner

**days** - we would be grateful for volunteers to help meet and greet visitors on Cruise



Liner Days. Please contact Nuala 087 7692311 or the Parish Office 021 4813222 for more information

**V. Rev. John McCarthy, Adm.** 4815619

**Rev. Tom McDermott CC** 4812937

**V Rev Liam Kelleher** 087 8516984

**Rev. Pat O’ Donoghue CC** 4813601

**Priest on Sick Call** 087-6872014

## Novena to Divine Mercy

**Good Friday (March 30th) to Low Sunday  
(Divine Mercy Sunday 8th April 2018)**

*From the diary of  
St Faustina*



The Novena which Jesus instructed me to write down and make before the Feast of Mercy. It begins each year on Good Friday.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life,

and especially at the hour of death.

On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

I answered, “Jesus, I do not know how to make this novena or which souls to bring first into Your Most Compassionate Heart.” Jesus replied that He would tell me which souls to bring each day into His Heart.

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand (was) raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale.

**Press Release – FREE Talk “Internet Safety For Everyone”** We are delighted to announce that a **FREE Talk “Internet Safety For Everyone”** will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm at The Commodore Hotel, Cobh (finishing approx. 8.00pm). Avril Ronan from Trend Micro will deliver this talk, and as Trend Micro are the largest independent cloud security company in the world, we will be in the hands of experts in online security! This talk is based on being both responsible & safe online, it is suitable for EVERYONE and areas covered include:

1. Useful information about the internet, devices, social networking, gaming.
2. Explanations and practical advice on privacy, safety, security, cyber-bullying

**Register your place by texting 087 2659880**

Breaking The Silence are partnering with Cobh Lions Club to bring this supportive event to Cobh. As you may be aware we specialise in Suicide Prevention Training and people experiencing distress due to the internet is definitely increasing. Cobh Lions Club are very proactive across all areas of wellbeing, and this initiative in particular echoes the work they actively drive in their many anti-bullying campaigns and wellbeing initiatives.

Trend Micro have delivered this talk to 1million+ parents globally to date (including 130,000+ in Ireland). This is a unique opportunity to identify the key risks of being online and most importantly what you can do to minimize this risk. ***We hope to see you on the night!***

Link to Facebook Event Page for this talk↓

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1781913675188078/>



We hope you like the logo that has been designed to commemorate the **150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the cathedral (30<sup>th</sup> September 1868).

Car stickers depicting this logo are on sale in the sacristy, parish office and cathedral shop for €1.50. All

proceeds will go to the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. Please proudly display the sticker—it will spread the good news of this historic year!

**Our Thanks** - We compliment all who came and participated so prayerfully in the Liturgy of Holy Week. Our gratitude to all those in the three parish churches who gave of their time, gifts and talents to prepare for and enrich all the ceremonies and to clean and decorate the churches so beautifully for Easter.

A special word of gratitude to the combined choirs who sung so beautifully at the Chrism Mass and throughout the Easter Triduum.

### **Mass times for Easter Week**

Please note that for Easter Week Masses in the cathedral will be at 11.00 am only.

Masses in Rushbrooke at the usual times. Usual Mass times of 8.00 am and 10.00 am resume on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the **8.00 am Mass** will resume on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> and will be celebrated in the Adoration Chapel until further notice due to cleaning in the cathedral.

**Centenary Cleaning programme** : from April 9<sup>th</sup> cleaning of the cathedral interior will take place in preparation fro the return of the Pipe Organ and in preparation for the centenary of the Dedication of the Cathedral in 2019. Parking restrictions will be in place. We thank you for your understanding.