

ADVOCATE COLLECTION, in aid of SUNSHINE HOUSE, takes place after every Mass this Sunday.

Calling boys and girls in 2nd class & upwards! If you would like to take part in the dramatisation of the Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday, please come along to the practices in the church on Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th April (3-4pm) Costumes supplied!

On Saturday 3rd May, there will be a PRO-LIFE vigil in Merrion Square, Dublin from 3-4pm. Last year, the Government legalised abortion. The new law, which permits ending the lives of unborn babies, ignores best medical practice and respect for human life. The vigil is about more than showing a strong pro-life presence. It is all about challenging political promise-breaking and groupthink in media and politics on pro-life issues. This is a moment in our history when we have to persevere for what is right. Please make a very special effort to attend and encourage family, friends and anyone you know to come along.



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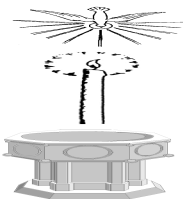
SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we should read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of power, but as one prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?
3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?

John Byrne OSA

A Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place, in our church, on Tuesday, 15th April at 7.30pm. As a great preparation for EASTER you are all encouraged to come along.



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

- in the church at 8pm, Tuesday, April 29th, for Baptism on Saturday, May 3rd.

Vigil	6.00 pm	Jim Stanbridge (1st Anniv.) Andrea Daly (1st Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Pro Populo
	10.00 am	Patrick & Mary Scully (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	Charles Foran (Anniv.) Brid Walsh (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Pauline William (Rec. Dec'd.)
Tues.	10.00am	Paul McLarnon (R.I.P.)
Wed.	10.00am	Annie Hickey (Rec. Dec'd.) and deceased members of the Boyle Family
Holy	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Thurs	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30- 10.30 pm	Watch and Pray
Good	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
Fri.	12 noon	Stations of the Cross, for Children
	3.00pm	Solemn Celebration of the Passion, with Holy Communion.
	7.30pm	Meditation & Prayer on the Stations of the Cross
Sat.	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	9.00pm	EASTER VIGIL

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paschal Donnelly, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

GETTING MARRIED SOON?

"Week-End Away" in preparation for marriage. Get away from it all. Have a Pre-Marriage course with a difference, with the focus on your relationship. For more details: Contact: Esker, Athenry, at (091) 844549, OR log on to www.redemptoristsesker.ie OR search for "Esker Couples" on Facebook.