

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 10th April, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 15th April.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Bryan Bennett R.D. Marie Behan M.M. Tommy Byrne Anniv Tom Hayes Anniv Paschal Donnelly Anniv Joe Doyle Anniv
Sun.	8.30 am	Lurline Mooney R.D. Special Intention
	10.00am	Mary Carpenter R.D. Eddie Duffy Anniv
	11.30am	Anne Headon M.M. Patrick Headon Anniv Lurline Mooney R.D. Monica Kenny Anniv Jim Healy Anniv John & Brid Walsh Anniv
Mon.	10.00am	Special Intention Lurline Mooney R.D.
Tues.	10.00am	Sheila Murphy Anniv
Wed.	10.00am	Marcella Whelan R.D.
Thur	10.00am	Sr. M St. Enda R.D.
Fri.	10.00am	The Boyle Family

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND REGARDING ABORTION

The Christian message is a message of life. It is about how every human life, from the moment of conception, reflects the very life of God. Each of us is created in the image of God. Catholic teaching clearly affirms that each and every human life has unique and irreplaceable dignity. Every human life has the right, from its very beginnings, at conception, to flourish and develop as God wants it to.

The 8th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees equal protection for both mothers and unborn children. All should be equal in the face of the law. Any society, which attempts to define certain lives as being of lesser worth and of lesser protection, betrays the common good.

THE DEEP END: The Peace of Jesus

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's Gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that He gives them (shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this peace that He offers us.

'For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them.' (Shane Claiborne)

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Tomorrow, Monday 9th April, is the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord - transferred from its normal date, 25th March, because of Palm Sunday / Holy Week.

READINGS Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Ps 4

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48



A big thank you to all who so generously supported Fr. Paul's Easter Egg raffle. Almost €800.00 was raised to support the Capuchin Day Centre, run by Br. Kevin. The winners were: Eileen Staunton, Sheila Creed, Christine Doyle and David Doyle. Congratulations to you all.

The Parish Office staff would like to thank all who took time to deliver the Easter envelopes - it was much appreciated.

R.I. P. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maureen Callery. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest forever with God.

Church gate collection next Sunday, 15th April for Society of St. Vincent de Paul.