

PARISHES OF SAGGART - RATHCOOLE - BRITTAS & NEWCASTLE



Parish Grouping Newsletter – 3rd April 2022

This week we celebrate the last Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. This Sunday is a period of quiet transience between Laetare Sunday and Passion/Palm Sunday, our last opportunity to meditate on the struggle of Lent before the intensity of the events in the last week of Our Lord's life. The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the account from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the Scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees set out plans for Jesus' arrest and death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus could be the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Our Gospel begins with Jesus teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The Scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees clearly state that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (*the one who truly is without sin*) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Deacon Paul



Mass Times

WEEKEND

RATHCOOLE 6PM SAT VIGIL

SUNDAY 12 NOON

NEWCASTLE 10AM

SAGGART 9 AM

WEEKDAYS

SAGGART MON TO FRI 11AM

RATHCOOLE TUESDAY AND

THURSDAY 10AM

NEWCASTLE MON AND FRI 10AM

WEDNESDAY 7PM

CONFESSIONS

Priests are available after each mass

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading	Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel Acclamation	Joel 2:12-13
Gospel	John 8:1-11

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th April St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday 5th April St Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 Thursday 7th April St John Baptist de le Salle, Priest
 Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

Keep sending your prayer requests & petitions.



Philip, Michelle, Paul, Marie, Brendan, Mary, Agnes, Fintan, Tommy, Lauren, Rosin, Karl, Shane, Ron, Hope, Bill, Pat, Vincent, Rob, Aimee, Kieran, David, Michael, Angela, Christian, Eugene, Ronan, Heather, Fionn, Elizabeth, Ann, Claire, Sheila, Kate, Jim, Don, Aaron, Justin, Ryan, Debbie, Mary, John, Dennis, Carol

Our candle is always lit for you!

**PRAY ON IT.
 PRAY OVER IT.
 PRAY THROUGH IT.**

Fr John & members from our parish grouping will lead the celebration of Mass on RTE on **Palm Sunday, 10th April, at 11am** - Tune in & give your support

RTE



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we received in baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our Diocese the wisdom and courage to support young people in searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen.



Recently Deceased

Carrie Sheppard Saggart
Johnny Campbell Rathcoole
May They Rest in Peace

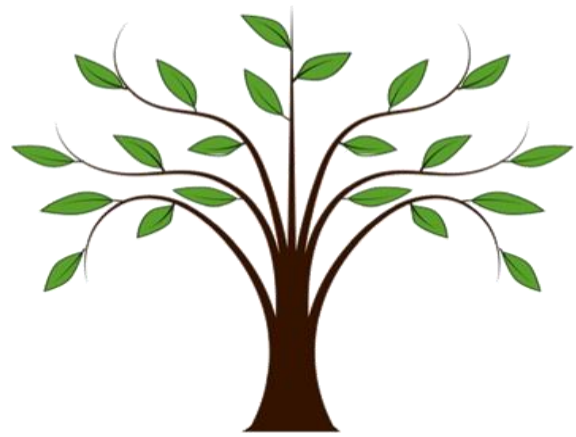


Irish Hospice Foundation
Bereavement Support Line
1800 807077



**Open every Monday to Friday
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Friends of Newcastle Burial Ground



Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting on 21st March.

We are hopeful that the Annual Cemetery Mass will take place in June this year.



The Holy Family Conference of SVP works in the community in the parish of Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas, offering assistance to people who find themselves

Society of St. Vincent de Paul struggling to meet their financial expenses.

Donations made through this link goes directly to help and support these people in this community.

Please donate what you can to help your community.

Thank you, from the volunteers of SVP Holy Family Conference.

www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole



Eucharistic Adoration in the Holy Family Church Rathcoole.

- Sunday 4 -6pm
- Tuesday 3-5pm
- Friday 3 -5pm
- First Saturday 2 - 3.30pm

Holy Face Devotions - every Tuesday 11-11.30am



The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,

in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,

bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more

than we can dare to imagine

as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Building Hope



FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel centred transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context. The Foundational Leadership Programme is based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in April 2022. Initially it will mix input with blended and in-person learning. For more information or to register, please email gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie

A reflection on Sunday's readings for our Polish Parishioners - Thanks Chris

God is love. And although we sometimes forget it, the Lord reminds us of it every day in different situations in our lives. It is important to understand that we should be merciful to ourselves as well. We should strive for perfection, as St. Paul says in his letter, but to a perfection not based on one's own strength, but a perfection that comes from faith in Christ. Only then we can allow him to change our hearts. God does not want us to condemn ourselves. The Lord wants to build a relationship with you and help you live your life to the full. Will you let Him into your heart?




Bóg jest miłością. I choć czasami o tym zapominamy, to Pan przypomina nam o tym każdego dnia w różnych sytuacjach naszego życia. Ważnym jest, aby zrozumieć, że powinniśmy być miłośnikami także dla siebie. Powinniśmy dążyć do doskonałości, jak mówi św. Paweł w swoim liście, ale do doskonałości nie opartej na własnych siłach, ale doskonałości, która pochodzi z wiary w Chrystusa. Tylko wtedy możemy pozwolić mu by przemienił nasze serca. Bóg nie chce, żebyśmy siebie sami potępiali. Pan chce zbudować z tobą relację i pomóc ci żyć pełnią życia. Czy wpuścisz Go do swojego serca?



We need volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages

Can you lend a bit of your time? Can you help update, add content, help shape our Ministry of Communication for our parish? **Please contact** SNRBparishnewsletter@gmail.com or Frank on frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie for more info.



**LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH
DUBLIN DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT SYNOD**

Young Adults & Friends,
This is your opportunity to take part in the world wide gathering of peoples views on what they think and feel about the Church.

Join us Online
Monday 4th April
7:30-9pm.

#synod

YOUNG ADULT SYNOD

This is your opportunity to take part in the world wide gathering of people's views on what they think and feel about the Church. It is part of the preparation here in Dublin in advance of the next Synod that will be hosted by Pope Francis next year. Please do take this invitation to join us for this prayerful and Synodal listening. You might know of other people interested in taking part too. It will take place on **Monday 4th April from 7:30-9pm.**

Register using the link below, before **Thursday 31st March.**

<https://forms.gle/os5DNAnoNPGSmVKV6>

NEW PARISH WEBSITE - All parish business will henceforth be conducted at www.srbnparishes.ie

As for the Google site saggartparish.blogspot.com/ incorporating twelve years of valuable parish history, its future is under consideration, whether to be archived or else, dealing with history and other non-essential matters, to be maintained on an occasional basis by the current administrator. A huge thank you, especially to Donal McMahon, for all his tireless work and commitment to this site.



Something to think about

Jesus may not have had a chalkboard, but he had the dirt from which we were formed and His finger as chalk. And, He had a lesson to teach. For a moment, let's place ourselves in this scene, but not as the Pharisee, Jesus, or the woman caught in adultery. No, I want us to put ourselves in the crowd. A woman has been cast into the centre of the town square – vulnerable, probably barely clothed, petrified, and ashamed. We don't know who the man is or if they claimed to be in love, or if either one of them was married to others. We just know that their sin, inflicted primarily on her, has been exposed. She is exposed in a way she never imagined she would be. And we witness this scene like we view a car crash on the side of the motorway. How many times are we that crowd? We hear rumours about the about people. About parents, neighbours, young people and their marital, health or addiction problems, about teens' reputations at school, or about parties they attend and participate in on the weekends? People's lives are often exposed to us without their knowledge. Other times they may come to us to talk and seek advice, anxious we will judge them for the choices they have made, or even worse, in some way, let us down... disappoint us.

I've encountered fearful people, hesitant to tell others they have difficulties or are facing problems; young people who shake in fear as they struggle to talk to anyone about sexual orientation and confused as to how they can overcome their pornography, drug, alcohol, or gambling addiction. Inside, they have already cast the first stone... at themselves. So, you hear rumours, allegations or people come to you, do they experience compassion as this woman experienced Christ? Do they feel loved unconditionally? Is it our job to hold them accountable? Is our first reaction one of judgement or disgust? Do we try to 'fix' them? Or do they experience Christ in you even when the discussion is difficult? Do they understand through your loving words and actions the mercy of God? Do they know you will protect them when others speak poorly of them, praise them for their honesty and desire to reconcile, and pray with them in the midst of their struggle? When a person leaves your company, do they walk away feeling as if no one condemned them? "No one, sir." (John 8:11) This Scripture should be on every church door in the world. No condemnation here! All are welcome! We must be a Church open to receiving everyone. We are a church of sinners seeking the mercy of God... And we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed, renewed, sanctified by God." 'Being with' Christ does not mean isolating ourselves from others. Rather, it is a 'being with' in order to go forth and encounter others." (Pope Francis) When mercy & forgiveness is received, we can freely give it to others.



Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

*The Archdiocese of Dublin
Pilgrimage to Knock will
take place on Saturday
April 23rd.*



for more information.

knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Our Lady of Knock pray for us

DALKEY SEEKS PARISH SECRETARY

Dalkey Parish is looking to recruit a replacement to build and continue the efficient management and administration of the Parish Office while providing ongoing day-to-day assistance and support to the Parish Priest. This is a part-time role of 4 hours per day, 5 days per week and flexibility is required to do additional hours when required. For more information, , please forward a covering letter along with your CV to the Parish Priest - greenfield8d13@gmail.com on or before Friday 8th April

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season.

For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie/ If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

Crosscare is working with Ukrainian refugees

fleeing the war and coming to Ireland.

Staff from our homeless and migrant and refugee services are helping during this awful crisis.

Crosscare is working directly with hundreds of Ukrainian families who have been placed in emergency hotel accommodation. There are now huge numbers arriving in Ireland in need of refuge and support, joining the existing group of asylum seekers from around the world.

If you would like to support this work, please use the following link:
<https://crosscare.ie/how-you-can-help/refugee-response-fund/>

You can also call **01 8360011**
we can accept donations by phone.

**Have you recently arrived
from Ukraine?**

Do you need more information,
including what supports are in place?



Scan the QR Code for
help in your language
Information is also available at
<https://help.unhcr.org/ireland/>

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

As we prepare for the Journey of Holy Week...
Take a moment to think about

The parable of the pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside -
just before putting him into the box.



"There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil,
"before I send you out into the world.

Always remember them and never forget -
and you will become the best pencil you can be."

"One: You will be able to do many great things -
but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to
time - but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might
make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's
inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave
your mark."



The pencil understood and
promised to remember -
and went into the box with
purpose in its heart.

Now replace the pencil
with yourself...

Be the message you want to see!!

PLEASE JOIN US

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday April 9th 2022 at 6pm Rathcoole Parish Church

to mark the installation of a series of paintings,
representing

'The Stations of The Cross'

By Polish Irish Artist:
Ula Retzlaff O Carroll



We are delighted to welcome
Il Coro Italiano di Dublino

Soloist Kathy Nugent
under Musical Director Frank O' Donnell
will sing at the Vigil Mass in a ceremony to officially
install the stations.

*The series of paintings in oils on canvas is a marriage of
Eastern European Iconography and West of Ireland
Landscapes. The work is installed and now has a new home in
The Church of The Holy Family, Rathcoole.*

*They are the culmination of an Artist's in Residence Bursary at
St Peter's BNS, Limekiln Road, Greenhills, Dublin 1991 to
adapt the school assembly hall as a chapel of ease for Sunday
Worship In Greenhills Parish.*

*The stations went on tour to Warsaw Poland in 2003, with the
support & financial assistance of The Archbishop of
Dublin, Dr. Desmond Connell.*

*The paintings were exhibited in the underground 'Church of
God's Compassion', in Warsaw - a venue associated with
Solidarity & Polish Resistance Meetings.*

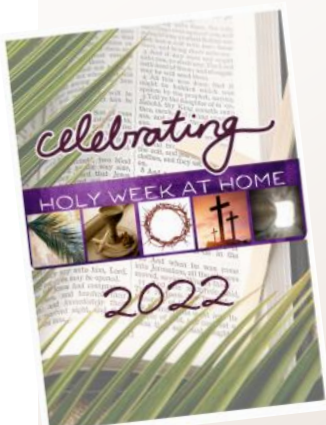
Holy Week is *not* an event but a profound journey. It encompasses all our human and spiritual feelings, emotions and longings. It is a journey that ebbs through darkness and light, from lows to highs, from suffering to joy, from loneliness to elation, from devastation to glory. Our natural reaction may be to move quickly to the resurrection and skip past the rest. Or to get stuck in one moment that horrifies or appeals. But try, this Holy Week, to stay 'in the moment' with the story of each day as it is unfolding. Move with the story and feel the emotion, the drama, the fear & the elation - **Allow Holy week to speak to your own story.**



One night, a man had a dream. He dreamed that he went to Hell. He looked around and was surprised to find out that Hell looked remarkably like a beautifully appointed formal dining room. Long, dark wood tables were covered with rich, expensive fabrics and piled high with sumptuously prepared foods of all kinds: perfectly cooked meats, excellent cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, all of the finest wines. There was an overabundance of food; plenty for all and to spare. Then the man looked more closely at the occupants of Hell, who were all seated at these long tables before this magnificent feast. They were all starving. Everyone. Emaciated, corpse-like souls were groaning in agony at their eternal hunger. The dreaming man did a double-take, and discovered that the souls of Hell had no elbows. They couldn't feed themselves, and were wasting away in front of a feast suitable for, well, for Heaven. The man shook his head sadly, and woke up.

The very next night, the man dreamed he was in Heaven, and was surprised to find it exactly the same as Hell; same furniture, same decorations and trim, and of course the same stunning, mouth-watering feast. And the souls of Heaven had exactly the same handicap as those in Hell: no elbows. They couldn't feed themselves. But everyone was well fed, laughing, enjoying each other's company, and having a glorious time with one another. It didn't take the dreaming man long to figure out why Heaven was so different from Hell: Here in Heaven, they were feeding each other.

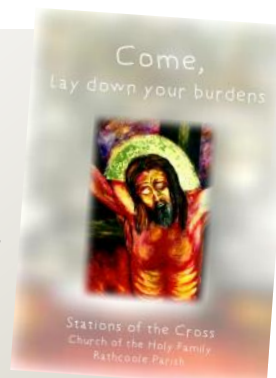
Adapted from a Japanese and Chinese folk tale



After the experience of the last few years and with the pandemic still not gone, some are still nervous about returning to large gatherings, but we have learnt that the Church as the people of God continues in our homes. Even if you are planning to participate fully with the services in your local parish it is still a valuable experience to connect this with your own preparations and celebrations at home. Be sure to download your free copy of our "Celebrating Holy Week at home" -

full of ideas and tips for each day from
[https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/
uploads/2022/03/Celebrating-Holy-Week-at-Home-Booklet-2022-1.pdf](https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Celebrating-Holy-Week-at-Home-Booklet-2022-1.pdf)

To celebrate the installation of our New Stations of the Cross in Rathcoole Parish Church our Parish Pastoral Worker, Frank Brown, has written an original, reflection and prayer book to accompany these. It can be downloaded from our website [https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/
uploads/2022/03/Rathcoole-Parish-Station-of-the-Cross.pdf](https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rathcoole-Parish-Station-of-the-Cross.pdf) and copies will be available, free of charge, after the mass on Palm Sunday but we suggest, if you would like to make a donation (to the parish office or through the website), all profits will go to supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine



Walking Holy week



Monday ~ Reflect on the story of the Passion. There are so many characters in this story, disciples, friends, and betrayers. We can recognise bits of ourselves in each of them. Place yourself in the story as it unfolds each day. Be honest with yourself and think about what you would have done as one of Jesus' followers.

Tuesday ~ Wear or carry a small cross in your pocket today as a reminder of God's great love for you.

Wednesday ~ Make a small sacrifice for someone today. Make a special effort to be respectful to those you encounter today.

Holy Thursday ~ What did you hope to achieve and experience this Lenten season? What steps can you take today to bring yourself closer to that goal? Do one thing of service today for another – joyfully!

Good Friday ~ When you make the sign of the cross today, remember that God is with us in our suffering with endless mercy & love. As you walk through today look around your community – can you see 'the Crucified One & the crucified ones in your community?' – Notice those who are outcast & suffering.

Holy Saturday ~ Tonight, light a candle as a symbol of Christ's light in your life, a light that dispels darkness. If possible light this candle during your prayer time in the Easter season.

Easter Sunday ~ New life! Is there a change you want to make in your life? The joy of the resurrection is to be shared – so smile! How can you share this Good News? Write a brief note to yourself on this day of transformation. And, enjoy the chocolate!!

A Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when I see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love & Mercy help me to have the courage; to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow my head in sorrow as you die, That I may share in and mirror the endless love and boundless joy, mercy & compassion of your resurrection. Amen

Adapted from "Celebrating God's Presence"



Be sure to download your free copy our "Holy Week Story for Children" from <https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/The-Story-of-Holy-Week-for-Children.pdf>

There are a number of free resources for **Easter and Holy week** available from our website

<https://srbnparishes.ie/lent-2022-resources-and-ideas/>
Please use and Share on!!

HOT CROSS BUN PRAYERS

A hot cross bun is made with dried fruit and marked with a white cross on the top. It is traditionally eaten on Good Friday.

The bun marks the end of Lent.

In Ireland, UK and as far abroad as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and India, Hot Cross Buns are eaten every Good Friday in Christian communities. They are symbolic of this significant day in Christian faith when Jesus was crucified. Each bun is decorated with a cross made from flour paste, which represents the cross on which Christ died. The spices in hot cross buns are said to represent the spices which were used to embalm Christ after his death.



One old belief says that if you bake your Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday, they won't go mouldy during the following year. Another tradition states that a hot cross bun was always kept from the batch baked on Good Friday, in case anyone in the family became ill during the next year. A small piece of the bun would be broken off to feed to the patient. These buns had extremely holy connotations and were believed to be able to cure all ills, including the most dreadful diseases.

Hot cross buns may have been invented by a 14th century monk in St Albans called Brother Thomas Rodcliffe. His Alban Bun was given to the poor from 1361 onwards.

Prayers for making of the Hot Cross buns

As you stir the mixture: Thank you Jesus that you came into the world and stirred things up so that people thought about what really mattered.

As you lay the cross on top of the bun: Thank you Jesus for coming to save us by dying on a cross and taking the punishment for the bad things I do.

As they go in the oven: Thank you that, although you were buried in a tomb, you rose three days later and you are still alive today.

As you eat a hot cross bun: Thank you Lord Jesus for giving me all I need to live a life following you. Amen.

OR

Thank you Jesus for the fun we have had making these hot cross buns.
Thank you that this cross reminds me of the cross that you died on.
Thank you for taking the punishment for the bad things I have done.
Thank you that you promise to be with me now and forever. Amen.

Making the Sign of The Cross



In the name of the Father



and of the Son



and of the Holy



Spirit.



Amen

Why do we make this sign?

It is like taking a step into the Mystery of God
It is a reminder of Jesus' love for us
It reminds us that God loves us
It reminds us that **GOD IS LOVE!**



Ingredients

1 x 7g Sachet of Dried fast-acting yeast
250ml Buttermilk
360g caster sugar
600g Plain Flour
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp cinnamon
80g Irish Butter, at room temperature, cubed
150g Sultanas
2 tsp mixed peel, finely chopped
1 egg, lightly beaten

Liquid Cross:

50g (2oz) white flour
1 tablespoon melted butter/syrup
4-5 tablespoons cold water

Directions

1. Combine the yeast with the milk and one tablespoon of the sugar in a small bowl, stirring until the yeast has dissolved. Cover and leave to stand in a warm place for 10 minutes.
2. Sift the flour, mixed spice, cinnamon, salt and remaining sugar into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter until combined.
3. Stir in the sultanas, mixed peel and egg until incorporated. Stir in the yeast mixture and just enough water to bring the mixture together into a soft dough.
4. Turn the dough out onto a work surface dusted with flour and knead for about 10 minutes until it is smooth and elastic. Place in a bowl, cover with a tea towel or cling film and leave to rise in a warm spot for about one hour or until doubled in size.
5. Knock back the dough and divide into about 18-20 balls. Place on a baking tray lined with parchment paper and leave to rise again for about 20 minutes until doubled in size.
6. Preheat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas mark 7. Whisk together the flour, water and butter/syrup for the topping until smooth. Transfer to a piping bag, or into a plastic bag with a small corner snipped off. Pipe a cross onto the top of each bun.
7. Bake for 15 minutes until golden. Serve warm



Holy Week Services in our area

Saggart

Holy Thursday -	Morning Prayer -11am Mass of Lord's Supper 7.30 pm Adoration at Altar of Repose to 9. 30 pm
Good Friday -	Morning Prayer - 11am Stations - 12 noon Passion - 3pm
Holy Saturday -	Morning Prayer 11am Easter Vigil 9pm

Rathcoole

Holy Thursday -	Mass of Lord's Supper 7pm followed by Adoration at Altar of Repose
Good Friday -	Outdoor Stations at 12 noon Passion 3pm
Holy Saturday -	no Easter Vigil

Newcastle

Holy Thursday -	no Mass
Good Friday -	Stations between the two churches at 12 noon Passion 3pm
Holy Saturday -	Easter Vigil 8pm

Confessions are available after the ceremonies.
Just make yourself known to the Priest

Journey through Holy Week
A resource for Young People



This free, reflective journal for our young people is designed for you to reflect on each day of Holy week. You can share your thoughts with your family. Spend some time by yourself, thinking about the Bible passages that make-up the story of Holy Week, which is where this journal comes in. There is a page for each of the eight days that covers Holy Week and each page has a Bible passage, some questions for reflection, a suggested video to watch online and a challenge that you might choose to complete. Download, share and enjoy it from <https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Journey-Through-Holy-Week-Young-People.pdf>

An Interview with Nicole Wynne, Foster Care leaver on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated in various ways by families across the country, but for Nicole Wynne things are just that bit different this year.

'It feels surreal,' says Nicole, who is just nine weeks away from becoming a first-time mum herself. It's not only that, though, because Nicole also has 'two mums' of her own and a mother-in-law-to-be who she'll be praising this weekend. Nicole, from Crumlin, in Dublin, was in care with her foster mum for 11 years, starting aged seven, as her birth mother suffered from addiction issues.

'I had mixed emotions at the time,' she says of moving into a new home. 'But there was a sense of excitement; it was a fresh start, and I was going to be part of a big family.' The move meant Nicole was now surrounded by seven siblings – all of whom welcomed her into the family with open arms. 'They were that bit older than me, and five of them were girls. They were all excited to have me join them – I was their new toy!' she says, laughing.

The love and care Nicole received was supplemented by her team at Tusla. 'Tusla was always there if I needed support or had any questions about my biological mum. They were there when I needed them.'

All that support inspired Nicole to start a career in social care herself, and become a School Completion Project Worker, working with children who are struggling a little with education. 'My background in social care shaped the professional person I am today. Depending on their circumstances, children wear their trauma that bit differently. Because of what I've been through, I'm more empathetic. I can use that experience to help them.' Nicole feels she now has the best of both worlds.

'I have two mums – my foster mum was my primary care giver – and still is. Growing up, if both mams were in the same room, I would call my foster mam by her first name in order to not hurt my biological mams feelings or take that title (mother) away from her.'

Nicole says that she and her biological mother remain close.

'We speak every day – we're more like friends than mother and daughter. Because of the degree I studied, I can appreciate what she went through. Now, we're making up for lost time.'

And what does impending motherhood mean to Nicole? 'I've been surrounded by amazing women; I can use everything they have taught me; so, I'm quite confident about it. And it's a great opportunity from my biological mum. I think she is looking forward to revisit parenting by taking on the grandmother's role.'

I am Raising Amazing

It's the ordinary little moments in the foster care journey that show children just how amazing they are.

Upcoming Information Event

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 Email: tusla.fostering@tusla.ie
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Details of upcoming events and programs available from the Family Support Centre
that caters for our area

Quarryvale
Family
Resource
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Personal Development

Including complementary therapies
6 weeks starting Tue 26th of April
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Cost for the full programme: €25

Gentle Yoga for Beginners

All welcome, no experience needed
8 weeks starting Thu 28th of April
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Cost for the full programme: €25



Yoga

For those with some experience
8 weeks starting Thu 28th of April
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Cost for the full programme: €25

Parenting When Separated

For those preparing for, going through or
have gone through separation
6 weeks starting Thu 5th of May
9.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
Cost for the full programme: €10

Baby Massage

For new-borns to 6-month-olds
with a parent/carer
5 weeks starting Fri 6th of May
10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Cost for the full programme: €10

Baby and Toddler Group

For all infants, babies, toddlers and
pre-schoolers and their parents/carers
Every Wednesday morning
10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Cost per family and session: €2

Fine Motor Skills

After-school club for 1st to 3rd class
8 weeks starting Wed 27th of April
2.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(starting with a healthy snack!)
Cost for the full programme: €15

Coming up

Please let us know if you are interested in
any of the following:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking with my child
- Handicraft social group
- Tai Chi
- Yoga for kids

If you have suggestions for an activity or
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ECCE – the Free Pre-School Year
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for adults struggling with and/or affected by
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For more information and to register please call:

Greenfort Gardens tel: 01 626 9151
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Please take and share this short, anon survey!!

What Services and supports are there for families in Rathcoole/Saggart, Co Dublin.

In order to provide the best services, we want to hear from families in Rathcoole/Saggart. We have developed this short anonymous survey which should only take 3-5 minutes to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5GL3QL>

Blueskies Initiative - www.blueskiesinitiative.ie - The Area Based Childhood (ABC) Programme is a national Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programme funded by Department of Children, Disability, Equality and Integration (DCDEI), delivered through the Prevention Partnership and Family Support Programme (PPFS) within Tusla.



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CANA 1,2,3 – RETREAT FOR COUPLES

Rediscover the meaning and fun in your marriage, your family life, and your commitment to each other. Experience the seven thematic days of the CANA Week over three weekends through April, May and June. Including talks, testimonies and, most importantly of all, time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples. Contact details: Brian and Lisa Harmon,

041 6851563, 086 8386725, 087 9080023, or
info@canaireland.org Visit www.canaireland.org



The HSE Health and Wellbeing have developed a youtube channel. The aim of this is to deliver health and wellbeing sessions and health services to make a Healthy Ireland for all. Please see the HSE Health and Wellbeing Youtube channel link below.

Some videos include Yoga, pilates, and sessions on wellbeing.

<https://buff.ly/384VnhB>



For great resources on Supporting Newly Arrived Children from Ukraine by Eadaoin Kelly form the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.

Go to

<https://padlet.com/eadaoinkelly/dxz5cylps7m6bxf1>

<https://www.cypsc.ie/>



April 7th celebrate National **#HelloHowAreYou** Day.

The Mental Health Ireland “HELLO, How R U?” campaign aims to tackle the lack of connection or belonging that people experience by inspiring individuals to ask how others are feeling. This opens up a conversation to allow people to listen and encourage action by signposting to local supports and services.

On **Thursday, April 7th 2022**, Mental Health Ireland is inviting the country to say 'Hello', and ask 'How, Are You?', and to really listen to the answer

To find out more go to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y383_GRE_Ns



Are you experiencing food poverty?

Clondalkin Cares Food Bank can help if you are not

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Please call **016269151** to make an appointment for registration.

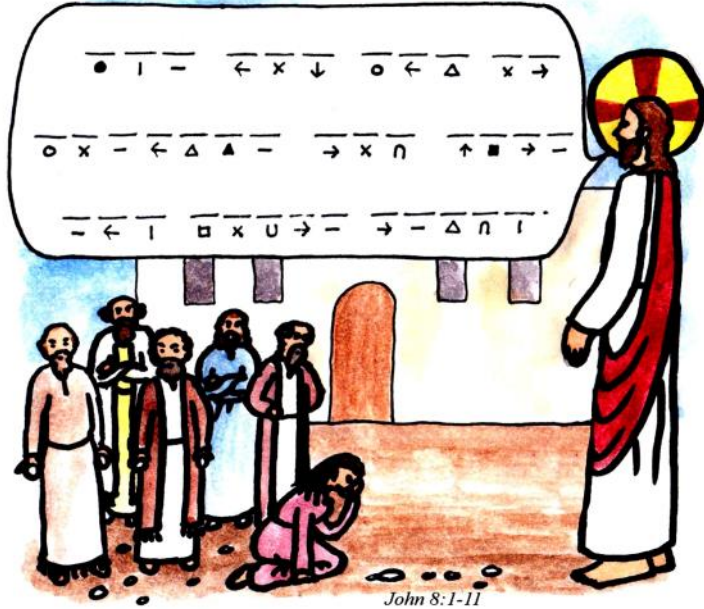
We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May peace prevail and justice reign. May love always be the guide and measure of our actions and responses. Amen



True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



John 8:1-11

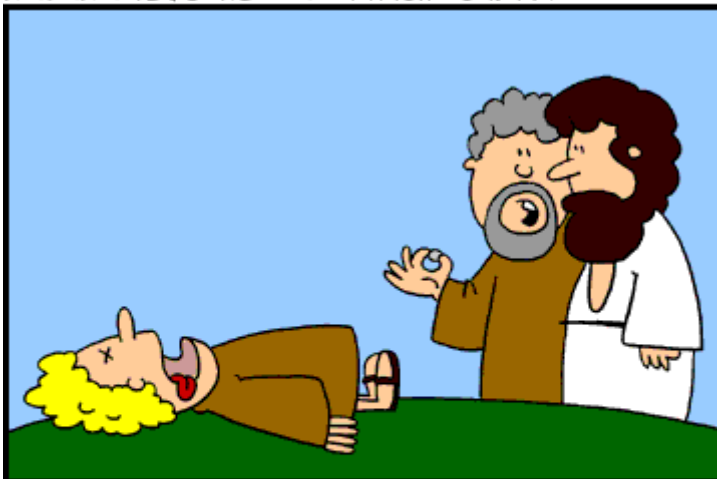
In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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(See John 8:1-11)

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"HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CASTS THE FIRST STONE", RIGHT? WELL I STILL HAVE THE FIRST STONE ... I THREW THE SECOND STONE AT HIM

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THE ROAD TO EASTER

WHAT HAPPENED DURING HOLY WEEK?

START

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus is put on the cross	Jesus Prays in Gethsemane	Jesus is wrapped in linen cloth	Jesus is questioned by Pilate
Jesus and the disciples eat together	Judas kisses Jesus	Jesus cleans up the temple	There is darkness at noon
Jesus gets a crown of thorns	Jesus is Arrested	Peter denies knowing Jesus	

Cutting clue: cut the whole row first, then cut apart the square

Either cut out these squares and glue them on the road in the correct order in which they happened OR instead write the event in the correct square in the road BUT WRITE SMALL!

You can download and Print this from <https://srnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/what-happened-holy-week.pdf>