



Our Lady of Victories

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Why the Paschal Candle?

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame signifies His Divine Nature.

The origin of the Paschal Candle is uncertain. It was probably inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. The rite therefore has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity.

The use of the candle has varied over the centuries. Initially it was broken up after the Easter Vigil and its fragments given to the people. From the 10th century the Paschal Candle was kept in a place of honour near the Gospel and lit each day during Mass throughout the Paschal Season until the feast of the Ascension. Nowadays we light it until Pentecost.

From around the 12th century the custom began of inscribing the current year on the candle as well as the dates of the principal movable feasts. Hence the candle grew in size.



Nails embedded
with incense

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled from which he lights the candle. The fire is prepared using the oils which remain from the previous year. These are the oil of catechumens, holy chrism, and oil of the sick. The first and third are pure olive oil. Chrism has in the oil a mixture of balm or balsam. These are blessed each year at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday by the Archbishop.



After the blessing of the new fire, the priest cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying 'Christ yesterday and today; the beginning and the End; the Alpha and the Omega; all time belongs to Him; and all the ages; to Him be glory and power; through every age and forever Amen.' He then inserts the five grains of incense in the form of a cross.

You are welcome to come and have a look at our Paschal Candle



MASS TIMES:

Sunday 8.30am, 10am (Irish) 11.30am, 5.30pm	Holy Days 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am 11.30am, 6.30pm Monday 9am, 6.30pm Saturdays 9am, 6.30pm (Vigil)	Tuesday - Friday 9am, No Evening Mass
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

(for those who are unwell, those preparing for surgery or those in danger of dying)
Contact Fr. Pdraig 086 354 9538 or the parish office to make arrangements.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday
10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
5.30 - 6.15 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Celebrated on the *First Sunday* and *Third Saturday* of the month, arrangements having been made *in person* at the office giving *three* weeks notice.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Daily
Chapel open from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Divine Mercy:

Wednesdays from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed at both Masses on Monday.

Holy Hour follows Monday evening Mass.

Benediction after Saturday evening Mass.

Devotion to the Holy Face

Thursday 7-8 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

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Office Hours

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
weekdays

The parish office is located at the rear of St. Kevin's Presbytery.





Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish

We pray for... Niamh Byrne, Gerard Smyth, Jean Power, Mrs Hannah Johnston, Michael Reid, Kay & Noel Goggins, Johnny Hctor, Jenny Kelly, Therese O'Flaherty, Vera Corrigan, Mary Cullen, Brid Ó Carra, Annie Dalton, Leonie O'Brien, Anne O'Leary, Phyllis Forsyth, Faye Bennett, Lorraine McCabe, Ann Doyle, Josie Potts, Petra Madill, Marie McCarthy, Kathleen Byrne, Agnes Cantwell, Michael Burke, Mary Moore, Pat Frain, Ernie Kestell, Colm McLoughlin, Jim Swan, Tom Burton, Ellen Kinsella, Cora Walby, Frieda Lewis Carroll, Maureen Whyte, Kathleen Byrne, Avril Foran, Kathleen Kilty, Eddie Treacy, Kay McKeon, Kathleen Allen, Margaret Allen, Jim McAdam, Matt & Marie Whelan, Phyllis Prendergast, Siobhan Shipman, Dick Pluck, Joan Hayes, Jimmy & June White, Mary Shine, Joanne Johnston, Betty Phillips, Nuala Swords, Brendan O'Connor, Moira McDonnell, Nora Whelan, Brian McCann, Jenny McCabe, Tony O'Reilly, Conor Lally, Marie Heffernan, George Smyth, Peter & Marjorie Keating, Mandy Lacey, Ann Moran, Mary Sweeney, Delley O'Leary, Bernard O'Connor, Britta Walczyk, Kitty Sheanon, Joe & Patricia Dalton, Maud Madill, Derek Martin, Maureen Magee, Susan Graydon, Kay Mullen, Robert Moran, Tony & Nuala Kelly, Noreen Phelan, Gertie O'Connor, Mary Mullen, Joanne Higgins and others we know who may be unwell.

*If you would like us to pray for someone you know who is ill
please contact the parish office with their name.*

Mass Times & Intentions

Sun Vigil

9.00 Easter Vigil Mass
8.30 For parishioners
10.00 Oliver Seery (unwell)
11.30 Eric Eble and Charles Clement + annivs
Micheál Ó Cíosóig + anniv
5.30 NO EVENING MASS

Mon 9.00 Deasy Family intentions
Bank Holiday **NO EVENING MASS**

Tues 9.00 Leo Fennell +

Wed 9.00 Special Intention

Thurs 9.00 Margaret Carroll + 1st anniv

Fri 9.00 Brid Buckley + rec dec

Sat 9.00

Vigil 6.30 Legion Members

Sun

8.30 For parishioners

10.00

11.30 Gerard Patrick Casey + anniv

Erin Mahony + anniv

Joseph O'Neill + anniv

PJ Smith + anniv

5.30

Our Dear Departed

Anniversaries:

James Smyth, Jack, Anthony & Robert Kelly, Charles Clement, Eric Eble, Maureen & Tom Keogh, Micheál Ó Cíosóig, Margaret Carroll, James Groves, Michael Rich, Margaret Rich, Bobby Smyth, Irene Mudie

Please remember them in your prayers



Many thanks for the generous contributions received towards the flowers for our Easter Altar.

Women's Breakfast

The next Women's Breakfast is on Saturday 27th April at 9.45 am in the Sallynoggin Parish Centre (behind the presbytery). The theme is Women of the Bible. For more info and catering please contact Bridie McCarthy 086 6038823.



On **May the 5th** at **11.30 a.m.** Mass we will welcome Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to dedicate our New Altar. Please mark the date of this very important day for our parish. We encourage you to invite friends and past parishioners back to Sallynoggin Church to celebrate with us.



Medjugorje Prayer Group

Mass for Healing and Peace
Thursday 25th April 8pm
in Chapel of the Divine Master
(see notice board)



**Divine Mercy
Sunday in
Sallynoggin
at 2 p.m.
on 28th April**

**Exposition,
Confession,
Rosary, Chaplet,
Mass.**



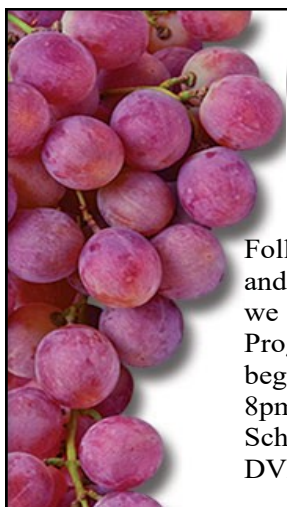
A time to be thankful.

During this Easter Season take a moment to think of something you are thankful for. You will find our white Easter tree beside St. Anthony's Shrine. Write your thought on one of the cards provided and hang it on the tree with a yellow ribbon.

Giving Thanks!

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

"Rejoice, let them rejoice, the hosts of Heaven!" Pray the glorious Easter "Exultet" – the ancient and beautiful proclamation of the resurrection of Christ. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources, on www.NewPilgrimPath.ie



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fruit. **sharing
CHRIST**

Following to the Discover Christ and Following Christ programmes we will have the 'Sharing Christ Programme' on 7 Monday nights beginning **Monday 29th April** at 8pm in the Parish meeting room. Schedule for the evening: Prayer, DVD, discussion, dessert & tea..



Please don't forget to drop in your Trócaire Boxes to the sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you.

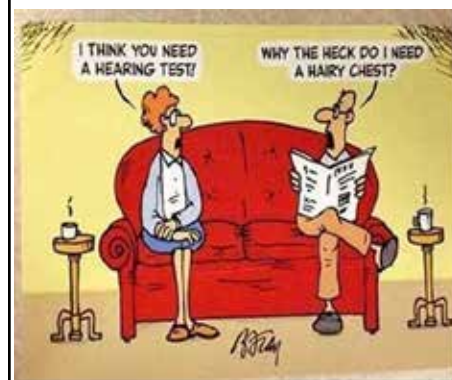


300 Club Draw

The next draw will be held on **Sunday the 28th of April** after the 11.30am Mass. Envelopes for subscriptions are available in the Church.



SMILE AWHILE



Each day in May thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text/call 087 278 6552



Thank you for your kind support to the Sunshine Fund last weekend

Faith in our schools

As a Catholic primary school, we can certainly relate to this quote but the more challenging question is whether we are a living example of such Christian practice in today's world. This is the journey a cohort of three Laois primary schools. The Heath National School, Emo National School and Scoil Mhuire, Abbeyleix, have begun to explore in partnership with Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. Like other Catholic primary schools in Ireland,



our school, The Heath NS, has a long educational history dating back to the days of penal laws and hedge schools. It is a history of education through a Christian lens, inspired by a shared belief in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is an education which emphasizes the dignity of the human per-

son as a child of God, called to work with other persons in creating an inclusive community in service of the common good; where knowledge is sought and respected while faith is nurtured and challenged. Our ethos/mission statements are based on these values, are quoted in our booklets, are available on

our websites and are evident around sacramental preparation but, as educationalist Jacinta Kitt so wittily questions, is this the living reality in our schools?

One of the major challenges for Catholic schools in Ireland today is sustaining educational practice centred on Jesus Christ in a very changed, demanding and fragmented society. The increased levels of expectation, compliance, accountability and curricular initiatives, no matter how well intentioned, all erode our enthusiasm, our time and, above all, our focus.

Read more from David O'Brien in this week's *Cornerstone* section of *The Irish Catholic*.

Quote of the week

Christ, out of love, sacrificed himself completely in order to save you. His outstretched arms on the cross are the most telling sign that he is a friend who is willing to stop at nothing.

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

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