



**OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15**

**Easter Sunday
4th April 2021**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen. We rejoice this Easter day in the resurrection of Jesus, which heralds for us the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. We rejoice on account of the salvation that has now been won for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is indeed the Good News that we, as disciples of Jesus, carry in our hearts and which we are invited to share with everyone.

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are the keys to understanding the Christian way of life. These events, which we have just recalled in the past few days of Holy Week, reveal God's great love for all humanity and God's desire that all people share in the fullness of life one day in the kingdom of heaven.

Sadly once again this year, our Christian communities are restricted in their ability to give public witness to this Easter joy by being able to gather together for prayer and worship in Church. It should encourage us even more to proclaim the wonders of God's love and to help our Government acknowledge the importance of faith and the role of public worship in the lives of so many people when making decisions on the level of Covid-19 restrictions that apply in our country.

The Easter season lasts for 50 days in memory of the days when Jesus, immediately after his resurrection, appeared frequently to his disciples to reassure them that we had indeed risen as he promised. May the joy of Easter touch our hearts and may we know that the risen Lord is very much with us as we live through these challenging times.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Happy Easter

We wish all parishioners every joy and blessing in this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Saviour.

Easter Week

Mass at 10am each day. The Church is open for private prayer daily from 10.30am to 6pm.

Easter water

Small bottles of blessed Easter water are available at the baptism font in the Church. You are welcome to take one for your home.

Trócaire

If you had a Trócaire box in your home for Lent, please arrange for the monies collected in it to be forwarded to Trócaire. The following options are suggested. You can open your Trócaire box, count the money collected and send a cheque for the total amount directly to Trócaire. Alternatively you can use the Donate button on the Trócaire website and pay the total amount with a card. Lastly you can return your box to the Church. For more information see www.trocaire.org

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage will be a virtual one again this year on Saturday 24th April. Details of the day to follow.

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021

Running from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May)**, Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". To **Register visit** – www.bibleweek.ie