



He is  
**RISEN**



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
EASTER SUNDAY  
21ST APRIL 2019  
FR. MERLYN KENNY-043 3325112



HAPPY EASTER!



**Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :**

**Holy Saturday:** Lighting of the Paschal Fire, followed by the Easter Vigil: 8.00pm.  
Danny Farrell and DFM, Ellect.

**Easter Sunday:** Celebration of The Resurrection: 10.30am.  
Ger Collins and dec'd members of the Fayne family, Galway.

Mon 22nd April 8.00pm Special Intention.

Tues 23rd April No Mass.

Wed 24th April No Mass.

Thurs 25th April No Mass.

Fri 26th April 8.00pm Michael, Lena & James Casey, Greenhall.

Sat 27th April 8.00pm Bridie Greene and DFM, Ellect. (3rd Anniv.)

Sun 28th April 10.30am Thomas Skelly, Ballagh. (12th Anniv.)

**Please note** Eucharistic Ministers will go down to the seats to bring Holy Communion to anyone who does not wish to come forward. Please raise your hand to let them know.

**Eucharistic Adoration** will re: commence on Wednesday 1st May.

**Eucharistic Roster:**

8.00pm Sat 27th April Ann Kelly & Laura Hanley.

10.30am Sun 28th April Helen Hassett & Elizabeth Clyne.

**Readers' Roster:**

8.00pm Sat 27th April Gerard Brennan.

10.30am Sun 28th April Brid Sweeney.

**Cake Sale & Raffle** in "The Hill" after Mass on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April.

Proceeds in aid of Ballyboro Astro Pitch. Please support.

**Reflection:** A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly out of nowhere a bumblebee flew in the car window. Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings he became petrified. His father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, held it in his hand, and then released it. But as soon as he let it go, the young son became frantic once again as it buzzed by the little boy.

The father sensed his son's terror. Once again he reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to this hand. There, stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "You see this?" he asked. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

The Christian does not need to be afraid of death because Christ has taken the sting out of death and sin. That's the true meaning go Easter!

1 Corinthians 15:55-56: *"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"*

There were four country churches in a small Texas town: The Presbyterian church, the Baptist church, the Methodist church, and the Catholic church. Each church was overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

In the Methodist church the squirrels had taken up habitation in the baptistry bowl. The deacons met and decided to put a cover on the font and drown the squirrels in it. The squirrels

escaped somehow and there were twice as many there the next week.

The Catholic group got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creation. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

The Baptist church came up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

It was May Day, 1990 ... the place, Moscow's Red Square. 'Is it straight, Father?' one Orthodox priest asked another, shifting the heavy, eight-foot crucifix on his shoulder. 'Yes,' said the other. 'It is straight.' Together the two priests, along with a group of parishioners holding ropes that steadied the beams of the huge cross, walked the parade route. Before them passed the official might of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: the usual May Day procession of tanks, missiles, troops, and salutes to the Communist party elite. Behind the tanks surged a giant crowd of protesters, shouting up at Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev: 'Bread!...Freedom!...Truth!

As the throng passed directly in front of the Soviet leader standing in his place of honour, the priests hoisted their heavy burden toward the sky. The cross emerged from the crowd. As it did, the figure of Jesus Christ obscured the giant poster faces of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, and Vladimir Lenin that provided the backdrop for Gorbachev's reviewing stand. 'Mikhail Sergeyevich!' one of the priests shouted, his deep voice cleaving the clamour of the protesters and piercing straight toward the angry Soviet leader. 'Mikhail Sergeyevich! ... Christ is risen!' *The Soviet Union collapsed just over a year later! The message of Fatima predicted this. Our Lady of Fatima also predicted the collapse of the faith in the Western World. But Our Blessed Mother made one more prophesy: Those who stay faithful to the Mass, Confession, the Rosary and works of mercy will never lose the faith. And one more benefit to your making the effort to be here this evening ...*

On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at the celebration of the Easter Vigil, renew their baptismal vows." Certain plenary indulgences can be gained all year round, always remembering "a plenary indulgence can be acquired no more than once a day." The Manual lists them as four:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour;
- The exercise of the Way of the Cross;
- Recitation of the Marian Rosary.
- The devout reading or listening to the Sacred Scriptures for at least a half an hour. All of these require confession and Sunday Mass in that particular week.

What does a plenary indulgence mean?

It means making reparation for any harm our sins have caused to others or to ourselves and this applies especially to our loved ones who have died and gone before us. We can do it for them. They cannot do it for themselves.