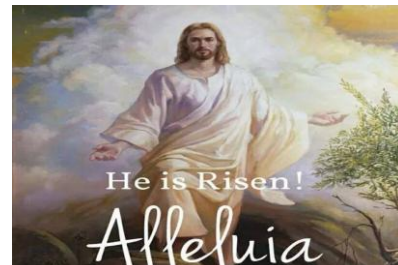


BALLINTEER PARISH NEWSLETTER



EASTER 2017

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PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday 10th April Marley Grange - 8.00pm
 Tuesday 11th April Meadowbrook - 7.30pm
 Holy Saturday 15th April Dundrum - 12 noon

Confessions in Ballinteer

After 3.00pm Ceremony on Good Friday.
 On Holy Saturday at 10.30am.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2017

Palm Sunday, 9th April

Blessing of Palms at all Masses.

Holy Thursday, 13th April

Morning Prayer 9.10 am

8.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose to 10.00pm

Good Friday, 14th April

Day of Fast and Abstinence

9.10am - Morning Prayer

12 noon - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm - Ceremony of the Lord's Passion

8.00pm - Stations of the Cross

(Way of the Cross in **Meadowbrook** at 7.30pm)

Holy Saturday, 15th April

9.10am - Morning Prayer

9.00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 16th April

Masses at 9.30am Irish / As Gaeilge, 11.00am and

12.30pm. **No Evening Mass**

Easter Monday to Friday;

Morning Prayer at 9.10am and 9.30am Mass.

Easter: An Early Celebration of Christ's Resurrection

A meaning of the word Easter involves the history of the Frankish church (Germans who settled in Rome during the fifth century). There the celebration of Christ's resurrection included the word *alba*, which means white (the colour of the robes worn during the resurrection festival). *Alba* also meant sunrise. So when the name of the festival was translated into German, the sunrise meaning, *ostern*, was selected, likely in error. One theory is that *Ostern* is the origin of the word Easter.

We participate this week in hugely important days in the Christian calendar. Many parishioners did some Lenten observance, e.g. weekday Mass attendance, abstaining from a main meal once a week, making a donation to Trócaire or other charity.

On Holy Thursday when Our Lord sat down at the Last Supper, our Eucharist was initiated. Good Friday ceremonies, with the kissing of the cross, are so profound; every Christian understands that suffering is part of life.

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday commemorates the rising of Jesus from the dead. Those people who were despondent at the death of Jesus, got new hope with his rising from the dead. Hope is so important in all of our lives.

I wish all parishioners a happy and holy Easter. Please join us for the Easter Ceremonies. **Fr. Liam Belton**

Developing a Parish Vision

The Parish Pastoral Council has been meeting with the many groups active in the parish over the past two months with a view to developing a 'Parish Vision' informed by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation '*The Joy of the Gospel*'.

The PPC is working towards involving the entire parish community in this work through a parish assembly in the autumn. If you have any ideas at this stage as to what you think the priorities of the parish as a faith community should be, including how we might communicate more effectively with the Catholic community in Ballinteer (including members of the community who do not attend church services regularly), we would be very happy to hear them.

Any suggestions may be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office or emailed to the Parish Office at ballinteeroffice@gmail.com marked for the attention of **Mary Golden, Secretary of the PPC.**



Feast of the Divine Mercy

Begins on **Good Friday 14th April:**

Leaflets are available on tables in the Church. **Divine Mercy Sunday is**

23rd April. Devotions in the Oratory

with Exposition from 3.00 - 5.15pm

Pilgrimage to Fatima



Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. From 31st August, 2017 (7 nights).

Price: €824 pps full board. Single room supplement

€175. €200 deposit is needed to secure your place when booking. Ann 086 0859725 or Mary 086 8586480.

The Heart to Hand - Good Friday Appeal

To support their efforts to feed and care for the homeless, volunteers of Heart to Hand Charity do an annual collection. They collect food and other essential items that are distributed to a variety of shelters and food centres up and down the country. These items will be collected from the Church on **Holy Saturday morning**. They specifically are asking for: 1) Rice (white or brown) 2) Pasta of any kind 3) Tins of tuna fish and sardines 4) Tins of vegetables and soup 5) Cooking Oil 6) Tea, Coffee, Sugar and Cereals 7) Baby items such as nappies, zinc cream etc. 8) Toiletries e.g. soap, shampoo etc. **Heart to Hand** is devoted to making a difference in our local communities. Further information from Kieran Byrne 087 274 5570.

We ask that you kindly consider supporting this cause and thank you most sincerely.

**God has given us two hands,
one to receive with and the other to give with.
Make use of both!**