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The Question of the Cross

The gospel news is good news, and Easter is the feast of joy. We are called to joy and are saved in order that we may be happy. Christians are an Easter People. But there can be no Easter without Good Friday, no risen Lord without a crucified Jesus. The joy of Easter cannot be bought cheaply.

We must ask ourselves the question: is today's Christianity still the Christianity of Jesus, the crucified and risen Lord? Is the joy we speak of still his joy? What is the significance of Easter joy that is dissociated from the sufferings of Calvary?

Cardinal Godfried Danneels, Malines.

Probing questions for Lent! Challenging questions for our time!



The Stations of the Cross

Pilgrims in the Holy Land follow the Via Dolorosa, the street along which Jesus passed on the way to Calvary. It is a privilege to walk this way and to reflect on the Master who went before. Pilgrims to Lourdes love to do the "high stations". Whether in pouring rain or scorching sun they climb up the high hill to follow the way of Calvary. Lent is a time when many people follow the way of the cross by going around the church from picture to picture recalling the sufferings of Jesus and entering into that journey by offering their own sufferings. Jesus invited us all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

Spring Stations:

Tuesday, 31st January: Barry and Kathleen O'Mahony, Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.
Saturday 8th March: Phillip and Betty O'Connor, Burren. 11.00 a.m.,
Friday 21st March: Denis and Margaret Collins, Killeens. 8.00 p.m.,
Thursday 27th March: Gerard and Mary Twomey, Clonbuig. 8.00 p.m.,
Friday 28th March: Bernie Lyons, Granreagh. 8.00 p.m.,
Monday 31st March: May Harrington, Granfeen. 8.00 p.m.,
Tuesday 1st April: Ann Marie Desmond, Ballycatten. 11.00 a.m.,
Thursday 3rd April: Kevin and Marian Quinn, Cloundereen. 11.00 a.m.,
Friday 4th April: Donal and Ann Lynch, Knoppogue. 8.00 p.m.,
Saturday 5th April: Michael and Rose Hayes, Glendubh West. 11.00 a.m.,
Wednesday 9th April: Donal and Mary Murphy, Maryboro. 11.00 a.m.,
Friday 25th April: Martin and Phil Quinlan, Farnagark. 11.00 a.m.,
Friday 2nd May: Evelyn O'Mahoney, Garrandruig 8.00 p.m.
Monday 8th May: Jerry and Mary Coughlan, Ratharoon 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 14th May: JohnJoe and Mary O'Mahony, Shanakile 11.00 a.m

Our thanks to all those who hosted the Stations to date. Thank you also for your generous contributions to the Spring Dues.

Again we would remind people of the request to keep the Station hospitality simple.

There were fifteen stations held this Spring from Late January to early May. Our thanks to all those who hosted the stations and to those who came and took part. People constantly voice how lovely the custom is and how good it is to meet the neighbours.

Thank also for the generous contributions to the Station Dues and to the Easter Offerings which were taken up since.

Thanks is due too for the response to the request to keep the Station hospitality simple. I suppose we could still move down a little bit. I know people love to be generous but generous hospitality can be very simple.

Trocaire

Trocaire Boxes are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house. What is saved by the Lenten Fast could be put into the box.

On Holy Thursday , the evening on which we celebrate the Last Supper, the Boxes will be brought to the Altar at the time of the Offerings. We can then associate our Lenten offerings with Christ's offering of himself to us in the Eucharist and for us on the Cross.

The Sacrament of Penance

The faithful should be urged to take a greater and more fruitful share in the Lenten liturgy and penitential services. They should be advised particularly to approach the sacrament of penance during Lent, in accordance with the law and the traditions of the Church, so that they may enjoy the joys of Easter Sunday with purity of heart. It is very appropriate for the sacrament of reconciliation to be celebrated during Lent in a more solemn form, in accordance with the Rite of Penance.

Ceremonial of Bishops

There will be a Penitential Rite early in Holy Week
in Kilbrittain Church at 8.00 p.m
