

Early on the first day of the week

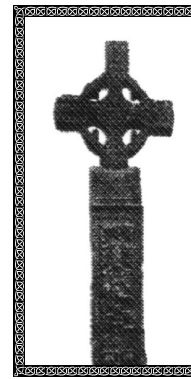
Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalene is the first witness to the Resurrection, she is the first to bring this *Good News* to others, the first preacher of the Resurrection. 'It was still dark ...' when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning, like the first warm day of Spring. We can all recall situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. As we continue to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, many people are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation. A question we can ask today, is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends. Where are we being called to share Easter joy with others?

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.' (Joyce Rupp)



Clones Parish Office will be closed on 5th, 6th & 7th April.
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Masses and Intentions for the Week Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

Sun 4th	9.00am	Pat McBride, Gortnacarrow
	10.30am	Philip Moore, Newtownbutler Road
	12.00pm	The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday Liturgies will be broadcast live from St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee

Mon 5th	11.00am	Sean Connolly, Fermanagh Street (Funeral Mass)
Tue 6th	10.00am	Jim & Kathleen King, Abbey Street
Wed 7th	10.00am	Michael McMahan, Aghafin
Thur 8th	10.00am	McCaffrey Family, Clonlura & Louise & Molly Slowey & Eamon Sheridan, Annalore
Fri 9th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Sat 10th	10.00am	Mass of the Day

Second Sunday of Easter

Vigil	7.30pm	John & Annie Kerr & O'Reilly Family, Legar Crescent & Kerr Family, Fairview
Sun 11th	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Mary Kelly (1st Anniversary) & Eamon Kelly, NTB Road; Jimmy Sheridan, Clonkeencole (1st Anniversary)

Sacred Heart Church Readers:

Sat 10th	Vigil	Jim McMahan
Sun 11th	11.30am	Jacinta Cadden

St Macartan's 11th April

Reader	John Mohan
Eucharist Minister	Ann Flanagan

