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Peace Be With You.



Do Not Be Afraid.

Easter Sunday Masses from 10th April to 16th April 2023.

Mon: 7.00 p.m.

Tue: 7.00 p.m.

Wed: 7.00 p.m.

Thu: 7.00 p.m.

Fri: 7.00 p.m.

Sat: 10.00 a.m.

Sat: 8.00 p.m.

Sun: 9.00 a.m.

Sun: 11.30 a.m.

Dennis & Patrick Reynolds.

Peter Heran

Pat Creamer

James & Margaret Lynch.

Pro Populo.

James & Bridie Gilhooly.

Eucharistic Ministers Next Weekend. Group C: Ministers of the Word : (Vigil Mass @ 8.00 p.m.) Andrea Gilmartin, Ella Casey, Grace & Aimee Gillard. Sunday 11.30 a.m. Arlene Beirne & Adam Krupa. Convent: Group B: Altar Society April: Group F.

Life in the Spirit Seminar. Aras Phádraig. Drumshanbo. Commencing Wednesday 12th April 2023 @ 8p.m. (see poster in porch for details.)

Divine Mercy Sunday : Devotions in St. Josephs' Church, Boyle and The Friary, Sligo on Sunday 16th April, commencing @ 2 with confessions and Mass at 3 pm.
"Jesus promised St. Faustina that whoever goes to confession, receives Holy Communion and venerates an Image of Diving Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter will obtain full remission of the sins of their life"

Eddie Stone in St. Marys' Church, Newtownforbes, Friday 21st April @ 7.00 p.m.

Joe Mooney Summer School - Accommodation Required the week July 15th to 22nd please contact 087 4655399 ..

St. Patricks National School Parents Association: Cash for clobber collection in school carpark on Saturday 15th & 22nd April (9.30 a.m.—12.00 noon) No pillows or duvets

From next Saturday please note Mass will be celebrated @ 8.00 p.m.

There is no need to be afraid! So many things make us afraid.

We are afraid of crowds and afraid to be alone:

We are afraid of being found out or left out:

We fear for our family and our future and our finances:

We fear death and sometimes we fear life.

The first words of the Easter Gospel are: "Do not be afraid"; spoken by the Angel of Light who rolled back the stone. Jesus comes in the breaking dawn that ends darkness forever to say "Do not be afraid", or rather "there is no need to be afraid".

The birds in the early dawn sing it, the lines of daffodils paint it.

The full moon these past nights reflect it.

The children's laughter in play, pray it.

The gentle eyes of kindness tell us...sing it for us. "There is no need to be afraid":

Let us then this Easter release our hearts to dance with the rising sun—to tell all those who are heart-scalded with anxiety.....

There is no need to be afraid. ***The stone is rolled back.***

This week we pray a warm Leitrim welcome for our new Bishop Elect, Paul Connell. Coming from next door in Westmeath, many years a teacher in St. Finian's College, having roots in Athlone, Bishop Elect Paul is no stranger. He takes on a great burden of expectation, hope and responsibility. Let us pray for him especially these Easter Days.

Easter above all is a prayer of thanks. The beautiful liturgies of these last days in the Convent Garden and Chapel and in our Parish Church remind me again of how blessed I am by the prayer, kindness, example and generosity of all of you. I won't list all the groups of people at this time, it is enough to say that to be part of this community, your community, our community of neighbours, friends and family is a blessing, a gift and a privilege that I hope I never will and never can take for granted.

Thank you. Fr. Frankie.