



MESSAGE HOPE FROM ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN

“Like all those over 70, I find myself in isolation at home. For me as someone who is active by nature it is inconvenient. It is however nothing compared with the hardship experienced by so many others in the current situation. I think of the seriously ill. I think of the bereaved who return into isolation after a burial. I think of families experiencing uncertainty about their financial situation. I think of families who have loved ones with special needs. I think of families with young children confined in tight space and concerned about the health of their children. I think of the fear and the anxiety the elderly and the lonely. We tend to forget that there are many elderly in our communities who may have no close relative. We have to seek out and reach out to such people.

Over these days, I have been calling people on the telephone to ask how they are. The remarkable thing is that so many of them reply that they are all right because neighbours and friends have been helpful and keep in touch. Good neighbourliness is a trademark of Irish families and it is moving to see how they are responding in the current situation. Young people have been great.

These small gestures of practical kindness are just as important as the vital major decisions. We owe a great deal to those who bear the responsibility of leadership at this moment, especially in the front line. I think of the public

health authorities, of doctors, nurses and carers and indeed our government leadership.

Over these days, I have been trying to reach out to parishes to provide them with practical advice but above all with prayer resources and encouraging creativity in reaching out. On-line communication is a great blessing. The Archdiocese of Dublin has over 200 priests over 70 and thus in isolation. This is placing a great strain on those who remain active in ministry. Priests also share in the fears and anxieties of the moment and deserve our support.

Holy Week is central to the life of the Church. Like many priests, this will be the first time in my entire ministry that I have to participate from home. I share in the sadness not just of priests but of most Catholics who experience the same void in their spirituality.

Holy Week is not just about ceremonies. The ceremonies are there to draw us into the most essential dimension of our belief in Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. Holy Week is about a Jesus who emptied himself out of love for us. His total self-giving opened for all of humanity new life and resurrection. Holy Week is at the root of our Christian hope.

Christian hope reminds us that, even in moments of darkness, evil will be overcome by goodness and death is not the final word.

Even in the current situation where the Holy Week liturgies will be celebrated behind closed doors, we can find in our hearts ways to celebrate the mystery of Christ’s death and Resurrection and draw from that mystery the strength to allow goodness to triumph in our lives.”

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EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 12th 11.30

Kevin Crowley – Anniversary

Frank Woods – Anniversary

Jim Fortune – Anniversary

John Dunne – Birthday Remembrance

Eithne Donohoe – Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Hugh Hunter
Michael Hanlon
Maeve Murphy

May they rest in peace





**April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection
of the Lord**

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to

happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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DLR Community Call Helpline , we are helping elderly, cocooning and vulnerable citizens.

Collection or delivery of food, essential items and medicines.

Social Isolation – support and engagement

Transport queries

And More

Call: 01-271 3199 (Monday to Sunday 8am – 8pm – 7 days a week)



The Resurrection and Noli me tangere is a fresco (200x185 cm) by Giotto , around 1303 - 1305 and part of the cycle of the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. The scene shows a double episode: on the left the empty tomb of Christ with seated angels and sleeping guards testifies to the Resurrection ; on the right Mary Magdalene kneeling before the appearance of Christ triumphant over death, complete with a cross banner, and the gesture of the Saviour who tells her not to touch him by pronouncing, in the Latin versions of the Gospels, the phrase Noli me tangere . The inscription on the banner reads " VI [N] CI / TOR MOR / TIS ". (Signifying victory over death)

EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: “You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. Ac 10:34.37-43

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end’ Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

SECOND READING

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ you must look for the things that are in heaven, with Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Col 3:1-4

GOSPEL

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. Jn 20:1-9

Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord so that he may enter and grant us life.

Let us be sentinels of the morning who know how to help others see the signs of the Risen Lord

Pope Francis