

DUBLIN LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

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Easter is a particularly joyful season for those who have kept a good Lent. “If we have died with Him, so we shall live with Him”, says St Paul (2 Tim 2:11). However, no matter how our Lent was, there is always time to enter into the Passion of Christ through our daily sufferings; there is always time to die with Him, here and now, and to experience in that very dying the power of His Resurrection. These “daily deaths” (1 Cor 15:31) prepare us to face the day of our actual death, and, please God, to pass over into eternal glory.

A sincere word of **thanks** to all those who helped make our Holy Week ceremonies so dignified: our sacristy team and altar boys; our organist, Schola and the Lassus Scholars; those who cleaned the church and arranged the flowers; and all of you who participated so actively, that is, prayerfully. May the beauty of these ceremonies continue to inspire us throughout the coming months.

Fr Richardson is very grateful to all who are keeping him in their prayers at this time.

The feast of the **Annunciation** could not be celebrated on the 25th March this year due to Holy Week, but is transferred to the next day which is not a first-class feast, namely Monday 8th. If you cannot get to Mass that day, perhaps you could make a special effort to attend the evening devotions at 7.30 p.m., to honour her who conceived the Saviour of the world.

First Holy Communions will take place on Low Sunday at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. There will be a cup of tea in the parish hall after Mass that day.

The **youth group** will meet in the parish hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 28th. The meeting involves a cup of tea/coffee followed by a brief talk on some aspect of the faith. All those aged 18 to 35 are welcome to come along.

The **book of the month** is *Our Martyrs: A Record of Catholics Killed for their Faith in Ireland under the Penal Laws 1535–1691* by Fr Dennis Murphy, SJ. This is a reprint of the classic account of the penal laws in Ireland, containing also short lives of the many clergy and lay men and women who died as martyrs in this period. Inspiring reading. On sale after Mass in the rear right-hand porch from Sunday 7th April for just €10.

Last month I sent out **acknowledgements** for donations received during 2023. If the total amount you donated was €250 or more, you will also have received a CHY4 form, which will allow the Chaplaincy to reclaim from Revenue the tax you may have paid on that amount; please return these forms to me as soon as possible. If you did not receive an acknowledgement from me, please let me know; and likewise if the acknowledgment was inaccurate in any way.

At this time of the year, it is traditional to make a special contribution towards the support of your priests: the **Easter Dues**. Envelopes for this purpose may be found on the tables at the doors. Your priests thank in you advance for your generosity.

Liturgical calendar and Mass times overleaf.

The V. Rev. Gerard Deighan, Adm., Chaplain