

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND ALL SAINTS**

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Easter Sunday, 17th April 2022



All Saints		St. Stephen's	
Monday	NO EVENING MASS	Tuesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday	9.30 a.m. Eucharistic Service	Wednesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Thursday	NO MASS TODAY.
Thursday	9.30 a.m. Eucharistic Service	Saturday	5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m. Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass		
Sunday	10.30 a.m. Mass		
Sunday	5.30 p.m. Mass		

RCIA

Congratulations to our candidates who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Thank you to our RCIA team who helped to prepare them and thank you for your prayers for them.

GIFT AID is one of the simplest and most effective ways to boost our parish's income. It is a scheme administered

by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate.

Forms available in the Sacristy.

To mark the centenary of CARFIN GROTTO this year, Dr John Watts, a wonderful Scottish historian, has compiled a centenary book, *A Hundred Years of Carfin Grotto*. The book is full of photographs from over the last 100 years. Many of the parishioners in the Diocese will have their own personal memories of the Grotto and may wish to purchase this book. The book costs £10 and it is available from the stall at St Francis Xavier's Church, each day from 10.30 to 2.30.

BUDDIES DISCO/BINGO, All Saints Hall

Friday 29th April, 7.00 p.m. Tickets at door.



HAPPY EASTER

The joy of Easter remains at the very heart of our Christian faith, for we are always an Easter people forever living in the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, and the hope and reassurance this brings us of new beginnings and the promise of eternal life. Perhaps this has never been so important, than it is just now, given the sad circumstances in the Ukraine, and also the economic hardships many people face in our own families and community, but our solidarity and love the new commandment which Christ gave on Holy Thursday to love one another as I have loved you assures us of our solidarity in faith and unites us in every trial as we face these challenges together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help in the Parish throughout the year. Your service to the parish is invaluable and greatly appreciated. **Father Doyle.**



EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate at Easter the "joy of salvation", as we give thanks to God for the gift of the Lord's saving Death and Resurrection and join with our brothers and sisters across the world in doing so. Although physically apart we are united in faith, and this bond of faith inspires our love and our desire to show that love in every way possible. We feel particularly close this Easter to the people of Ukraine, and those of other nations, on whom war and its dreadful consequences have been inflicted. May Jesus, who himself suffered such a brutal death, comfort those who are suffering so much and keep the hope of peace alive – the peace he offered his disciples when he appeared on Easter Sunday.

Easter guides us through the trials that meet us in the world and we all need that reassurance in our present troubles. We have come through the pandemic, somewhat battered and bruised, and now we face the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. There seems to be little respite but we need to persevere with faith and trust in the Lord, and renew our efforts to support those most in need, wherever they may be.

We can admire the great courage of Our Lady and St John as they stood at the foot of the Cross, giving public witness to their love for Jesus as he suffered and died. There is a call to all of us to imitate them in offering this public witness to the Lord in the practice and living of our Catholic Faith. The Risen Lord poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and his first Disciples and filled them with the necessary courage to proclaim him as Lord, and invite others to place their faith and hope in Him.

We are filled with the same Spirit and ask the Lord to inspire us to be his true and faithful disciples in our present troubled world.

I wish you a very Happy Easter, and pray that the Lord will fill you with his peace and courage.

Yours in Christ, + Joseph Toal

SCIAF BOXES should be returned as soon as possible.

