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Donore Avenue Parish

ST. TERESA'S
PASTORAL PARCEL 14
MARCH 2021

Saturday 27th March 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Teresa's,

At the time of writing we still have no clarity on what restrictions if any will be lifted after the 5th April. I suppose it could be said that the signs are not good. It is clear now that many people are finding it increasing difficult to sustain the effort to adhere to all the measure to combat the virus. But we also know that the only way to see us through this is widespread vaccination and continued observance of all the measures: facemask, washing hands, social distancing, no indoor gatherings, stay within 5km etc. We are getting there, it is just taking longer than any of us expected. In relation to the parish churches opening again for public mass, we just have to wait for the green light from government and diocese. We are ready. All the Parish Easter Ceremonies will be available on-line through the webcam. RTE will also be broadcasting the main Easter Ceremonies.

Over the year many have caught the virus unfortunately. Many more now are getting the vaccine – what has your experience been like in getting the vaccine. You will find some inside. There is the story of the cracked pot – how does that apply to you? Simple thing like Breathing, Movement and now Meaning, have been put before us by Geraldine as useful exercises to help us remain on an “even keel” during these pandemic restrictions. Eilish and Carmel of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group are available to anyone who would like to have the opportunity to talk things through, especially in relation to grief and sorrow during these times. You will find some more information about the Marist community and Parish team prompted by more questions from children. There are some lovely recipes to try for Easter. And yes there is a joke or two. A colouring page and word search. The usual update on parish news and mass intention for the next three weeks. Thanks to everyone for gathering it up, putting it together and delivery. We all hope you very much enjoy it.

THE CRACKED POT

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the Master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

“I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you.” “Why”, asked the bearer, “What are you ashamed of?”

“I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because the crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your Master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all

this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts", the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path. Indeed, as they went up the hill the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trial, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace his Father's table.

Year of Saint Joseph

Blessed Joseph, in life you protected and cherished Mary as your wife.

You loved the child Jesus as your Son, and kept Him safe from danger.

Watch over us this day, as you watched over your family.

Grant and protect us from the dangers that face us, shield us from the anxiety of our hearts.

Through your example may we find the courage, love and faith to walk through these days, trusting in God and caring for one another, as you cared for your family.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Amen.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Many of those we love have been called home and we are left grieving. During this lockdown time we have been unable to voice our feelings, only to those who too are grieving and often are unable to help.

I lost two sisters, one in England having contacted the virus, we were unable to visit her or attend her funeral. There was no Church Service. She had to go directly to her grave. My sister in Ireland took ill, we were able to visit her and I was blessed to be able to spend time with her the day she died. We were able to have a small number attend the Church Service.

Grieving has many parts and we all grieve differently. Wouldn't it be sad and strange if we did not grieve. I found phone calls to my nieces helpful. Talking to family members, sharing memories and feelings did help.

There is no short cut through grief. We may experience sadness, anger, loneliness, fatigue, helplessness, shock, relief, horror, numbness. And some are hard to bear. It is only by allowing them that we come to accept the loss and move on.

Special occasions may again remind us of our loss. *Sr Eilish.*

In to-day's world many people are unaware of the grief associated with bereavement, that it is a long and painful process. Understanding the process can be helpful and reassuring. *It can be helped with empathy and understanding of family and friends. It is often easier to share your story with someone outside the family who listens in a non-judgemental way.*

Bethany Bereavement Ministry is Parish based and is run by trained volunteers, you are welcome to contact us

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ST. TERESA'S PARISH, DONORE AVENUE

PALM SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021

6.30 pm: John Scott (A)
Other Anniv.:
10.00 am: Bridgie Ann Joyce (Rec.Dec.)
11.00 am: Ned Slattery (1st A)
12.30pm: Special Intention (recovery)

Monday 29th

10.00 am: Eileen Porter's Birthday
7.30pm: Bridie Fitzpatrick (Spec. Int.)

Tuesday 30th

10.00 am: Kathleen Clifford RIP
7.30pm: PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 31st Spy Wednesday

10.00 am: Jerry Conlon + Christy Patrick Conlon RIP

Thursday 1st HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm: Mass of the Last Supper and prayer at Altar of Repose

Friday 2nd GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am: Morning Prayer and Confessions
12.00pm: Stations for Children (Zoom)
3.00pm: Passion of our Lord
7.30pm: Stations of the Cross and Prayer

Saturday 3rd HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 am: Morning Prayer and Confessions
9.00pm: EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 4 APRIL

10.00 am: Joe McGinty (Rec.Dec.)
11.00 am: Mass in Thanksgiving
12.30pm: Altar List of the Dead

Monday 5th Easter Monday

10.00 am: Tom & Ann Fitzpatrick (A)
Bank Holiday / no evening mass

Tuesday 6th Easter Tuesday

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday 7th Easter Wednesday

10.00 am: Mass for the sick

Thursday 8th Easter Thursday

10.00 The Finley Family
Michael Sarsfield (20th A)

Friday 9th Easter Friday

10.00 am: Shared Mass for the Deceased

Saturday 10th Easter Saturday

10am: Mass for a sick person

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11 APRIL 2021

6.30 pm: Anne Noremoyle RIP

Other Anniv.:

10.00 am: Elizabeth & John O'Toole (A)
11.00 am: Fiona Finn (Rec.Dec.)
12.30pm: Tony Moore (A)

Monday 12th

10.00 am: Shared Mass for Living
7.30pm: Ann Fitzpatrick (100th BDR)

Tuesday 13th St Martin I

10.00 am: Brian Keogh (1st A)

Wednesday 14th

10.00 am: Mass for the Sick

Thursday 15th

10.00am: Altar List of the Dead

Friday 16th

10.00 am: Eddie Byrne BDR

Saturday 17th

10.00 am: Sean Whelan (A)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 18 APRIL

6.30pm: May Gleeson (1st A)

Other Anniversaries:

10.00 am: James & Julia Power (A)
11.00 am: The McCabe Family
12.30pm: Margaret Ryan (1st A) late of CM Rd

COLLECTIONS 14 March 2021

First Collection 135 €
SHARE 100 €
ENVELOPES 1170 €

COLLECTIONS 21st March 2021

First Collection 180 €
SHARE 105 €
ENVELOPES 1250 €

EASTER SEASON IN ST. TERESA'S in 2021

With no statement from the government on easing of restrictions we have to say:

All Liturgies continue to be celebrated online only.

Trocaire: Boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Easter Dues: Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Displays: We continually try to highlight the different liturgical days on the sanctuary of the church and visible also from the webcam

Church open for private prayer: The church continues to be open for personal prayer from 10.30 to 2pm Monday to Saturday. On Sunday the church is open from 1.30 to 5pm. The church is closed on Mondays. These times will vary somewhat during Holy week, because of the different times of the Easter ceremonies.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: We thank all of you for the assistance and help during this unique Holy Week – readers, musicians, cleaners, displays, planning, flower donations and arrangements, church maintenance.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE 30 March, Tuesday, 7.30pm: This service will be on line through the webcam and will include an Act of Forgiveness which you are invited to spiritually partake in as preparation for Easter.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, and FUNERALS: Please contact the parish house for questions.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children in Scoil Treasa and the children in the parish based program continue preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Celebration of these sacraments will hopefully be during the school year or the summer months.

PARISH WEBCAM

There is live streaming of church services in this church. It can be accessed on our website: www.donoreavenueparish.ie or through <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Monday 29 March** – Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Zoom at 5pm
- **Tuesday 30 March** Penitential Service
- **Monday 5 April** PPC Meeting on Zoom
- **Tuesday 6 April** Liturgy Committee on Zoom

PASTORAL PARCEL 14 covers the time up to **17 April**, and includes the mass leaflets, readings and reflections, so please keep the respective pages for the three weeks. An extra card gives you all our times for liturgies in Holy Week.

EASTER CARDS – are available from the parish at the same cost as last year. €3 for packet of 5.

EASTER EGGS... are hidden in the church after Easter. Seek and ye shall find!

ST TERESA'S GARDENS. / MARGARET KENNEDY ROAD

Congratulations and best wishes to all the residents of St Teresa's Gardens who have already moved into their new homes on Margaret-Kennedy Road. This development has been a long time in planning and we wish all the residents every happiness in their new homes. This is all part of the continued redevelopment of St Teresa's Gardens. The next stage will be see the demolition of the two existing blocks, the building of a new full size football pitch and new sporting facilities. The Land Development Agency and Dublin City Council are also looking at the provision of further housing on the rest of the site. This is known as the Donore Project. There are posters about this on the church railings and in the church.

CHANGE the Clock for Sunday 28 March!

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayer William Guiney, SCR who died during the week.

SCHOOLS: CHILDREN, STAFF and PARENTS
Have a great Easter holidays!

YOU GOT THE JAB! HOW WAS IT?

Soon after the pandemic began in 2020 our hopes moved to the day we would have a vaccine against it. There must have been immense efforts taken place to bring out one vaccine after the other now. In Pastoral Parcel 12, Professor Luke O'Neil kindly addressed a letter to us encouraging us to take the vaccine. In Pastoral Parcel 13, Dr. A. Kennedy, shared her experience getting the vaccine.

Over the last weeks I heard from more and more people from our parish getting the vaccine. We all hear about the debate around vaccines. Some people tell me for them the side effects are mild. Others feel them more strongly. Still, overall I think most people prefer these side effects to the condition caused by the virus. Important is to understand properly how a vaccine works: It may have side effects; it takes time until it comes fully into effect. You still need to follow the guidance (mask, distancing). It gives you high protection and will help if you get the virus nevertheless to overcome it more easily.

For this Pastoral Parcel, I asked some parishioners for a short comment on getting one of the vaccines:

To have the virus had been some experience. It was frightening because I did not know what happened. I was on my own with it. And I prayed, Lord, what are you doing here? Cure me! The Lord did help me. Relatives helped me to get a rosary and organized coming home. Prayer kept me in toe. The first vaccine gave me no trouble. I was a bit tired for two days. The second vaccine is to come soon. I put my trust in the people who are doing the vaccinations. EP

I got both injections already. My GP rang if I could come that day. I immediately said yes. The first time, I drove there myself. The second time I had a driver. I know that some people refuse the vaccine but I think it is their loss. Probably it makes me feel safer though not immediately. A vaccine takes time to come into work. I feel no side effects whatsoever. SH

The doctor told me I might get a headache or feel awfully tired. But I was grand and still feel good much later. Now that I got the vaccine I think it is easier and safer to see my husband in a nursing home – after months. KC

It was excellent to get it. I got the appointment and went. I did not feel anything then nor later. I am delighted that I got it and I feel safer now. My daughters assisted in the organisation. Now I am waiting to hear when I will get the second jab. NB

No bother at all! I got it. I felt no pain in my arm or any other side effects. I feel at least 50% protected now. DB

The GP rang and they made an appointment. B. gave some thought to it in a positive way. M. was very keen to get the jab. They had no hesitation to get it. Afterwards, one felt grand and one felt a bit sore. Their point is you have to understand properly how a vaccine functions. It is preventive and would help you to overcome any infection. You still need to follow the rules (mask, distancing) but it gives you safety. The date for the second jab was given to them already. They are sure, the doctor who knows your general condition would not give it to you if it would do you any harm. MBB

In summary, most parishioners had no great problems. Some had minor side effects. However, one nurse was very unwell a few days. One person developed clotting of the blood and had to go to hospital but feels better now. One person had decided not to get the vaccine but to trust in God and to pray and do everything not to be a danger to others.

Therefore, think about it, ask your doctor, take into account your general health condition, and do not be surprised if you have side effects.

Fr. Alois

Coping with Covid *'Finding Meaning'*

by Geraldine Conlon, Psychotherapist MIACP

It is with great pleasure that I get to accompany you all in the mutual struggle against the many consequences of Covid in our lives. I hope you found the 'breathing techniques' and 'movement suggestions' of the last pastoral packs to be helpful. This time, I thought we might use our 'thinking' to help us through, that is to help us find 'Meaning' in this very difficult time.

Now a year into living with Covid 19, enduring restrictions, grief, loss, and adversity, I'm sure like myself, you find yourself wondering, 🤔 'What is this all about?' 'Why has such devastation and hardship been thrust upon us?' 'Will we recover psychologically, physically, financially from this very difficult time in our lives?' When thoughts like that occur, it can be helpful to consider these profound words, written by Viktor Frankl, a Psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, in his book, *'A Man's Search for Meaning'*...

"Life is never made unbearable by circumstance, but only by lack of meaning and purpose."

If we are to take Viktor Frankl's words of wisdom and apply them to Covid 19, it may initially seem more challenging than Covid 19! 🤔 but what if we could find 'meaning'? Would it bring purpose and insight to our troubles? Would it help us to get through each day with less despair, anxiety, and stress?

In my own personal life and professional experience, as I work therapeutically with individuals, I have found without fail, that when we find a consequence of appreciation amidst our suffering or when we use a terrible experience as a means of helpful personal change, we not only diminish distress, but transform suffering into something worthwhile, enabling the opportunity for you to flourish amidst a difficult time.

Simple ways to assist the thinking mind into finding meaning and purpose is to challenge yourself to reflect on the following **frequently** through the day **every day**.

- ❖ **In living with Covids restrictions and cocooning requirements** *Have I learned a new skill? Found more time for myself and what I enjoy doing? Am I more aware of the beauty of nature or now listen to the sweet singing of the birds?*
- ❖ **In grief and bereavement** *Can I come to appreciate my life and the lives of those close to me more greatly? What valuable message do I take from the life of the person I have lost? Would I benefit from changing the ways I interact with, relate to and value the people in my life?*
- ❖ **Gratitude** *What are the things, people, qualities, or circumstances that I now recognise as valuable and significant? What am I more appreciative of now, in comparison to pre-covid times?*
- ❖ **Opportunities** *What new possibilities exist for me now, or in time to come? Is there a hidden benefit, or perhaps a freedom to what is no longer in my life? What is new or different in my life now, that I like?*
- ❖ **Connection** *Who do I connect with / speak with, now, whom I never did with before? What new ways have I learned to connect?*

These are just some of the many ways and means of finding the **'good in the bad'**, the **'light in the dark'** and **'peace in the turmoil'**. What is important is that you find one method to help you flip those unhelpful thoughts into something more helpful, more purposeful and more meaningful. 🤔

Have a lovely Easter, I hope it is 'eggstra' meaningful. 🐣

***"Challenges are what make life interesting,
overcoming them is what makes life Meaningful "***

QUESTIONS

Thank you to Brannagh, Odhran, Eirnan, Senan, & Dunlaith Cullen for this editions questions to us.

WHAT JOB WOULD YOU HAVE HAD IF YOU WEREN'T A PRIEST?

Alois: A teacher for history and religion.

David: Painter and decorator.

John: Teacher/footballer

Sam: As a young girl I would have liked to be a priest. The only alternative was to be a nun and this role didn't suit me. I always wanted to be able to celebrate the Mass and be part of the leadership of the church. It was only in my mid 20's that I realised lay women have a very important place within the church and there are positions equal in their importance to the role of the priest. But I haven't given up hope just yet of the top job! 😊

WHY IS GOOD FRIDAY CALLED GOOD FRIDAY? IT WAS A PRETTY BAD DAY.

Alois: This is how the day is called in English. In other languages that differs. In German for example it is Karfreitag – the Friday of mourning.

David: Yes. You are right, it was a pretty bad day. Who was the good? The Bad? And the Ugly?

John: From that day we need not be afraid - Jesus has given His life for us and is always cheering us on. He has opened our horizons and is always there to support us. He will never let us down.

Sam: Good Friday for me is the day when I take a deep breath and say all of this happened so we could hear and share in the Good news and truth of God and his kingdom. The day is not Good in itself, but what we learned following the events brings great joy and happiness.

WHY DID THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS BEFORE HE WAS CRUCIFIED? WAS BEING CRUCIFIED NOT BAD ENOUGH?

Alois: Crucifixion was an intelligent-sadistic sequences of punishments. It was regarded as the worst punishment you could get. A Roman would never be crucified, only slaves and non-Romans. Besides physical tortures and pain, psychological torture played a big role: humiliation, mockery, evil treatment. Sometimes the soldiers appointed were rough guys working in a country which hated them. That contributed to their willingness to blame the victims.

David: The Roman soldiers treated all their prisoners like this. They made an example of him.

John: Perhaps in treating Jesus so horribly they tried to block their consciences from seeing him as another human being.

Sam: Sometimes people want to hurt others when they themselves are scared, and especially in front of their friends or people they look up too. Hurting others makes them feel more important or in control of the situation. Jesus saw through all of this behaviour and forgave them because he recognised that they were probably just as scared as he was.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR?

Alois: Green and yellow in combination

David: It was Blue. Now it is Red.

John: Green

Sam: Turquoise green, it reminds me of the ocean on a beautiful day and makes me feel calm and happy.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Alois: Besides some dishes from home, I am always happy to go to an Italian restaurant with you.

David: Vegetarian nut roast with pepper sauce

John: Fresh tuna steak

Sam: Pasta, I always want to cook pasta for dinner which my boyfriend always argues about because he would love meat and potatoes every day!

WHERE DOES COMMUNION COME FROM? DO THE PRIESTS MAKE THE BREAD?

Alois: The bread or wafers are often made by sisters and their employees. In mission countries, a priest has to make his own somehow.

David: We buy them from the Carmelite Sisters in Roebuck. I know a priest who baked his own.

John: Hosts we use for Mass are made without yeast - they may be made by anyone, but there are some communities of Sisters who specialise in this baking and help to support their communities as Parishes purchase their hosts from them

Sam: I love celebrating Mass in someone's home. During those times we make unleavened or pitta bread and break up the loaf like Jesus would have done with real bread at the last supper.

7. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Alois: I like to read, art, travel...

David: Walking. Art. Reading interesting life stories / Autobiographies

John: Sport!! Now golf when the courses re-open ~ Whoopie

Sam: I like to swim, so I do that as often as I can, even in the winter sea! And I also love to sing so whenever I get the chance I join friends online or turn up my favourite cd at home and sing loudly.....but not often perfectly!!

Jokes

The new assistant priest decided to use a visual aid for his homily. As he began, he put a live worm into a jar of alcohol. The worm struggled and died. "What can we learn from this demonstration?", he asked. Someone answered: "If you drink you won't have worms!"

The preacher announced that after the service, there would be a meeting of the board. The board gathered and found a stranger among them. "Friend," said the preacher, "do you know that this is a meeting of the board?" "Yes," replied the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just as bored as anyone else!"

Two nuns are running away from a bear, who is gaining on them. "Do you think we'll be able to outrun him, Sister?" one of the nuns asks the other. "I don't have to outrun him, Sister. I only have to outrun you," said the other nun.

Recipe

MINI EGG LOAF CAKE

A delicious and easy oil based chocolate cake topped with Mini Egg themed buttercream frosting, and all of the mini eggs!

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

Cooling/Decorating Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Total Time: 4 hours

Servings: 10 Slices

- 150 ml Vegetable Oil
- 150 ml Whole Milk

Ingredients

Cake

- 200 g Self Raising Flour
- 50 g Cocoa Powder
- 200 g Light Brown Sugar
- 3 Medium Eggs

Buttercream

- 125 g Unsalted Butter (room temp)
- 250 g Icing Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- Purple/Pink Food Colouring

Decoration

- 200-300 g Mini Eggs
- Sprinkle

Instructions

For the Cake

1. Preheat your oven to 180C/160 Fan, and line your 2lb loaf tin with parchment paper!
2. Add in the flour, cocoa powder and sugar to a large bowl and whisk to combine.
3. Add the eggs, vegetable oil and milk to the bowl and whisk briefly until combined again.
4. Pour into your tin and bake for 50-55 minutes, or until baked through. I test my cake with a skewer!
5. Leave the baked cake to cool in the tin.

For the Buttercream

1. Beat the butter on its own for a few minutes to loosen and make it smooth.
2. Add in the icing sugar and beat again! If necessary, add in 1tbsp of boiling water (ONLY IF IT'S VERY THICK)
3. Add in the vanilla and beat again.
4. Split the buttercream into three - colour one to a purple colour, the second to a pink colour, and leave the other.

For the Decoration

1. Add your buttercream to a piping bag - it's easiest to add the buttercreams onto some cling film in lines, roll it into a sausage, and then add into your piping bag.
2. Pipe onto your cake using your favourite piping tip, and however you want to pipe it. I did swirls, in rows!
3. Add on some Mini Eggs and sprinkles for decoration!

Recipe

EASTER SIMNEL CAKE

A quick history: The name simnel probably comes from the ancient Roman word *simila*, meaning fine flour. Simple, everyday, simnel bread has been made in Ireland & England since as far back as the 11th century. We don't quite know how it tasted but it's often described as being boiled as well as baked. Around the 17th century, fancy simnel cakes came to be associated with springtime – they turn up in Mothering Sunday celebrations, Easter or the 'day off' from the religious fast of Lent known as Refreshment Sunday. The same version was not made everywhere and different regions had their own take. A simnel cake today is a light fruit cake. It has a layer of marzipan baked in the middle and a second layer on top. It's decorated with 11 balls to represent the Apostles minus Judas, and sometimes there's a ball representing Christ in the middle.

Ingredients

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| 250g mixed dried fruit (a mixture of sultanas, currants, raisins & mixed peel) | 175g plain flour |
| 1 orange, zested and juiced | 100g ground almonds |
| 500g pack marzipan | 1 tsp baking powder |
| 250g pack butter, softened | 1 lemon, zested |
| 200g light brown soft sugar | 2 tsp mixed spice |
| 4 eggs, plus 1 beaten to glaze | 1 tsp vanilla extract |
| | 100g glacé cherries, halved |
| | 3 tbsp apricot jam |

Method

- Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2 tbsp water. Cover and microwave for 2 mins, then leave to cool completely. Alternatively, heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.
- Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/Gas Mark 2. Roll out a third of the marzipan and use the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template to cut out a circle. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining two-thirds of marzipan and set aside for later. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer of parchment. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla (all in one go) and mix until well combined. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.
- Scrape half the cake mixture into the tin. Top with the disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.
- Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan and use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the Apostles. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the Apostles in a circle on top around the outside, and brush them with a little egg too. Put under a hot grill for a minute or two until just starting to caramelize – be very careful as the marzipan will burn easily. Leave to cool and wrap a ribbon around the cake, if you like. *Will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin.*

Any need of an office desk? – For doing homework? As a worktop in a shed? **Or a filing cabinet?** For storing files, or general storage or for growing mushrooms? **Also rather large three seater brown settee?** These goods are second hand and no longer needed by the project that used them. **Contact David at the parish house if you are interested in any of them.** There are four desks and five filing cabinets.

Liturgy Suggestions

As Part of our Triduum preparations we are providing resources and ideas of items you can make or display at home for each of the different liturgical moments to enable you to pray, reflect and feel fully immersed in the events of Holy week and Easter. Feel free to use some or all of the suggestions, or be creative and find your own items which speak to you personally for each part of the liturgy.

Palm Sunday: Palm branches, last years palm cross or greenery from the garden

Penitential Service: Some small rocks or stones, Pottery

Holy Thursday: A small bowl of water and towel for cleansing

Holy Hour Adoration: A candle, Red rose petals (representing the sweat of blood)

Morning Prayer: Tissue Box Tomb, (template and explanation of how to create on a separate sheet), Picture or Icon of Jesus

Passion Reading: Nails, Small Cross, Red Rose Petals (representing the blood of Christ), Tissue Box Tomb

Stations of the Cross and Prayer around the Cross: Candle, Tissue Box Tomb (Closed)

Morning Prayer: Tissue box tomb (Closed), Icon or Picture of Jesus

Easter Vigil Mass: Small Candle, your heart filled with the joy of the Resurrection!

Easter Morning: An open Tissue Box Tomb and a small Easter Garden

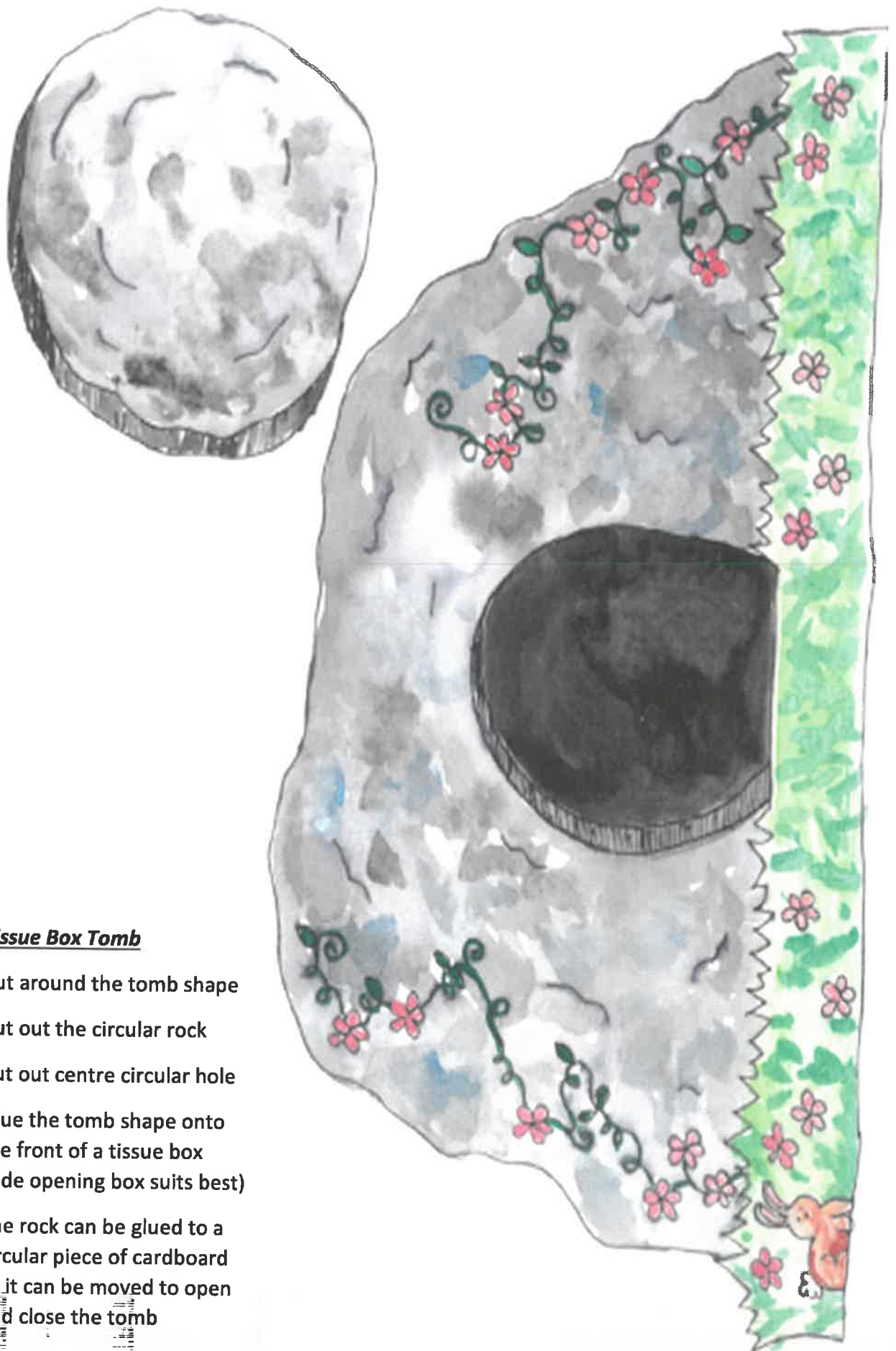
Key elements of an Easter Garden

- 3 empty crosses (these can be made with lollipop sticks)
- An open tissue box tomb with the stone rolled away from the door
- An Easter garden made with vases of real flowers or by painting or sticking flowers onto a paper plate and surrounding the tomb
- An optional piece of white cloth to represent Jesus' wrappings left behind

Don't forget to tag us in or share pictures on our facebook page of your Easter Garden.

Easter gardens are a special way to celebrate Easter. Tradition is that an Easter garden is built to remind us of the garden where Jesus rose from the dead. The Easter garden should be colourful and full of joy to reflect the Easter story of joy in the Resurrection. It remains in place for 50 days of Easter up until Pentecost.





Tissue Box Tomb

Cut around the tomb shape

Cut out the circular rock

Cut out centre circular hole

Glue the tomb shape onto
the front of a tissue box
(side opening box suits best)

The rock can be glued to a
circular piece of cardboard
so it can be moved to open
and close the tomb



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Easter Word Search Puzzle

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betrayal
 church
 crucifixion
 disciples
 Eastertide
 Easter Triduum
 empty tomb
 fasting
 Good Friday

Holy Week
 Jesus Christ
 Judas Iscariot
 Last Supper
 Lent
 Mary Magdalene
 Mary, Mother of God
 Maundy Thursday
 Pasch

Passion of Christ
 Passover
 penance
 Pentecost Sunday
 prayer
 redemption
 religious holiday
 resurrection
 springtime