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*April 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection*

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

For Christians, Easter is the day when Jesus rose from the dead. It is truly the "Day of the Lord". It is on this day when Jesus shared with us the fruits of his victory.

**First Reading:** (Acts 10:34; 37-43)

This reading is part of the early sermon of St. Peter.

**Second Reading:** (Col. 3:1-4)

Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mystery way.

**Gospel:** (John 20:1-9)

On discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty, the disciples begin to grasp what the Scriptures had foretold, namely that He would rise from the dead.

**Reflection – The First Christians**

*Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, it was said:*

*These Christians love one another,*

*They never fail to help widows,*

*They save orphans from those who would hurt them.*

*If a man has something,*

*He gives freely to the man who has nothing,*

*If they see a stranger, Christians take them into their homes,*

*And treat them as a brother.*

*If they hear that one of them is in jail,*

*Or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer,*

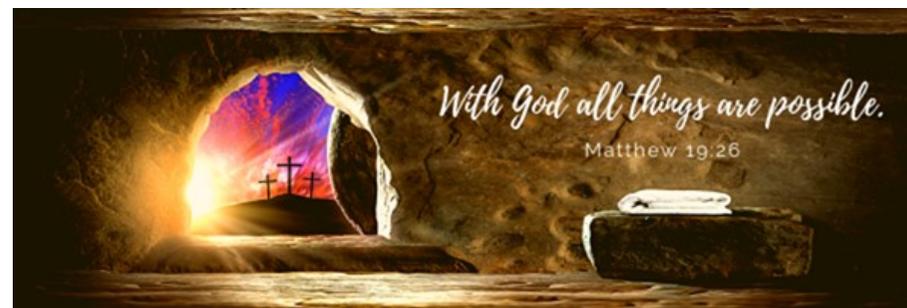
*They all give him what he needs.*

*We are dealing with a new kind of person,*

*There is something divine in them.*

**Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes** for the support of the Clergy of the Diocese are being handed in at present. Envelopes are available from the tables at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Blessed Easter Holy Water** will be available from the Sacristy during the coming week at 10.30a.m.



❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

*All Masses on Easter Sunday are celebrated for the Intentions of the People of the Parish.*

❖ *Pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased:*

**Jo O'Neill, Margaret Morrissey, Tom Bermingham and Ann Gormally.**

❖ **Remember also those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Patsy and Nora Sheehan, Molly Mahon, Nora and Patrick Moran, Gerry McCarrick, Michael Kinsella, Mary Conroy, and deceased members of the Cullen family.**

*May they Rest in Peace.*