



*Prayer for Easter*  
by Liam Lawton

Lord,  
The lilies are blooming in the fields  
The hyacinths sway in the breeze  
All the nature knows the greatness  
of this time.

From the frozen winter  
Life blossoms forth  
Shedding the harsh cloth of snow  
Paradise has kissed the earth  
So all can know  
The beauty of this time.

The stone is rolled from the tomb  
Death that we once knew  
Is gone forever.

We are not born to die  
We are born for eternal life  
With death comes not the dark  
But the beauty of the Easter light.

May I see in Easter time  
The promise of eternal life  
In every flowing stream  
In every sunlight beam  
In every field of green.

In every evening sky  
In every bird that flies  
In every child that cries  
In every living thing  
Your Easter Presence.

Lord, roll away the stone  
From broken empty lives  
From greed, from hate, from lies,  
From hearts trapped within  
The darkest night of night  
For all who live without a life.

Let me run to the tomb  
Before the sun's rise  
Let my heart know surprise  
To see before these eyes  
The folded cloths  
The shroud of suffering  
Replaced by translucent beauty.

Give me the joy of Magdalene  
The first from history  
To reveal the mystery  
Of Your Resurrection.

May her words re-echo  
As once she said  
That You are risen from the dead  
Yes, Christ is truly risen  
From the dead.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 9.00 p.m.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b> -
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b> - - -
<b>Monday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> Una Hannon Gerry Brauders Amelia, Vincenté, Kasha & Michal Kozyra (Birthday Blessing)
<b>Tuesday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b> Matt & Ellie Myler Jadwiga Czekaj Jadwiga Fabianowska
<b>Wednesday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> -
<b>Thursday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b> Bernadette Hunt
<b>Friday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b> -
<b>Saturday</b> 11.00 a.m.	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Elizabeth (Betty) O'Toole (month's mind)

**Gathering Hymn:**  
**CHRIST IS ALIVE, WITH JOY WE SING**

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name.  
**R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
Yielding a harvest of new life. R/

He is the vine set in the earth,  
Sharing our life, becoming man,  
That man might share in God's own life. R/.

Weekly Notices for the Churches of  
**Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown**  
Commencing Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



**NOTICES**

**Happy Easter to all parishioners and a warm welcome to all visitors.** Sincere thanks to all who helped out in any way during Holy Week and with preparations for and the celebration of Easter, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned **Easter Dues**.

**Mass Times:** there will be one morning Mass at 11.00 a.m. during the coming week, including Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Usual Mass times will resume on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The annual parish fast for **Mutomo Hospital** took place on Good Friday. Many thanks to all who took part and supported the fast. All cards and sponsorship can now be returned to the Parish Office.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Ceremony** takes place in St. Michael's Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30p.m. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in the Church of Sts. Mary & Peter each Tuesday and Friday from 2.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. and on Sunday from 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
**Michael Burke** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Recessional Hymn:**  
**LET THE EARTH REJOICE AND SING**

Let the earth rejoice and sing, Alleluia,  
At the triumph of our King, alleluia.  
He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia,  
Reigns now at our Father's right, Alleluia.

He who died upon a tree, alleluia,  
Now shall reign eternally, alleluia,  
He who saved our fallen race, alleluia,  
Takes in heaven his rightful place alleluia.

Jesus victor hear our prayer, Alleluia,  
In thy triumph let us share, Alleluia,  
Lift our minds and hearts above, Alleluia,  
Strengthen all men in thy love, Alleluia.

**Join us for a family fun walk/climb  
on CROGHAN MOUNTAIN**

Annual walk in memory of Tony Barron, Founder of NANDRI



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

Free draw for a Hamper of Manuka Honey  
for all walkers/climbers - that'll give you buzz!

Sponsorship Cards and Information available in the  
Parish Office, Árus Lorcaín (0402-31716)

In aid of Fr. Michael's Charity in Tamil Nadu, Southern India.

**For more information and to register  
please contact the Parish Office  
(0402-31716)**