

Children's Corner - An Easter Word Search



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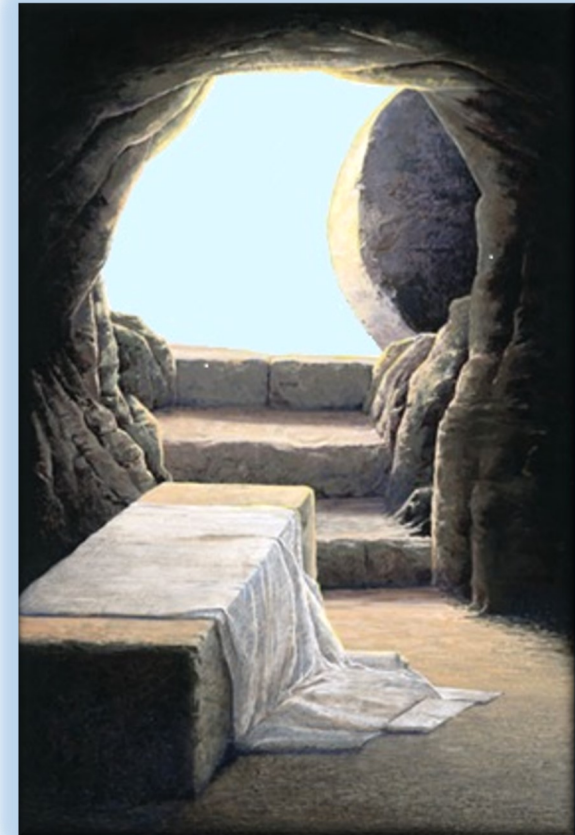
SHROVE TUESDAY	PALM SUNDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
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Easter Message from Father Mackle

It's the very heart of our Christian faith—the great feast of Easter, which we celebrate in April. Without the resurrection, our faith is in vain, St Paul tells us. What we celebrate at Easter is something beyond words. God raised Jesus from the dead to new life. On the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, the feast of the Ascension, Jesus gave a very comforting promise to the disciples, “Remember, I am with you always”.

Do we believe this promise?

Do we really believe what Jesus said?

Do we really believe that He is with us?

Every encouragement is being given to everyone today, by Pope Francis, to rediscover the joy of a personal encounter with Jesus, who said “I am with you always”.

I wish you every joy and blessing this Easter.

Thought for the Day

Seven prayerless days make one weak.

Prayer for Our Family

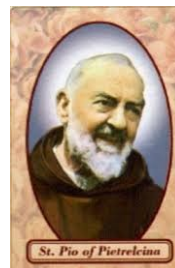
Heavenly Father,
bless every member of our family.
Help us to cultivate in our home,
the values for faith, hope,
love and service.
Like Jesus, led by your Spirit,
may we reach out to others
building your Kingdom of justice,
peace, joy and love.



Paschal Candle

One of our parish's "Small Groups" in detail

In this edition we look at - The St Pio of Pietrelcina Prayer Group



St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Our St Pio Group is an ardent 20 plus strong gathering, one of over two thousand worldwide. Its Certificate of Aggregation, dated 1982, hangs in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. They come together each Monday evening (except public holidays) to pray to the 20th century Italian Friar, Mystic and Saint. Mostly they pray for the sick, because as leader Kay Dick puts it “They are least disposed to pray for themselves due to pain and anxiety”. The one-hour meeting includes reciting a number of his prayers, the Rosary and reception of Holy Communion. Once every two months it includes Mass. A fully authenticated relic, a mitt which St Pio wore on one stigmatised hand, is circulated. Petitions and names of the sick are collected and emailed to Italy weekly, to be placed at his tomb in the new (2004) St Pio Church, in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Who was this modern model of devotion? Born Francesco Forgione in 1887, he joined the Franciscans in 1903, was ordained in 1910, and bore, from 1918 until 1968, wounds (“Stigmata”) identical to those which Christ suffered at his Crucifixion. Though in constant pain, he was happy around his fellow friars and in his ministry. A profound realist, he inspired great devotion, assisting genuine pilgrims, while intolerant of the insincere. When someone bemoaned St Pio’s impending death, he replied “I can do much more for you from Heaven than I can from here on earth”.

Clearly a Saint worth getting on your side.

For more details of the Group and its meetings, contact Kay Dick on 942 7771

Pope Francis Tells Us



“Those who believe are never alone. Faith invites others to share in its joy”.