

**Easter Octave April 18th** Four ways we can recognise – or fail to recognise – the Risen Christ. Several years ago, Channel 4 broadcast a series called *Undercover Boss*. As the title suggests, it was about company bosses who went undercover to see what was really going on in their company. The other employees had no idea that this new person stacking shelves or doing an inventory was actually their boss.

One episode featured company director Ray Pope. He is a director of multi-million pound car giant Hyundai in the UK. Ray steps out from his cosy office and into very unfamiliar territory by going undercover on the shop floor of the firm.

The programme finally enables him to get his hands dirty. He is able to get an invaluable insight into what is really happening in his company. Staff are frank and open and uninhibited with him because they don't know who he is.

He is their boss, but they fail to recognise him. To them, he is simply a new employee, a stranger. It's a little like what happens in the wonderful story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Today's Gospel begins just where that story finishes. The two are telling their friends about what had happened on the road and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread.

The story of the two dispirited disciples encountering the stranger on the Emmaus road points to four ways we can recognise the risen Christ. First, in gathering together. Christ is present whenever two or three gather together in his name. As Jesus was present to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, even though they did not recognise him, Jesus is present to us the moment we come together. He is here with us now, present in this community.

Second, in Scripture. Jesus is present to us in the Scriptures. According to Vatican II, "Christ is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the church." Do we really believe this? We too must listen to Christ speaking to us in the Scriptures with open, eager hearts.

Third, in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist. When we receive Holy Communion, it is Christ himself whom we receive. The question is, do we really recognise him, really believe this is Christ with us, Christ within us, just as the two disciples rec-

ognised him present with them at the breaking of the bread?

Fourth, in others. Jesus is present to us in all we meet. Remember the judgement scene in Matthew 25. On judgement day, on what basis will God separate the sheep from the goats, the saved from the lost? "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome..."

As Christians, we are called to see the face of Christ wherever we look, especially in the uncomfortable places. In the face of the asylum seeker, the junkie, the mother struck down with cancer, the homeless boy shivering in a doorway on a freezing winter's night. The Risen Christ is present to us, with us, at all times and in so many guises. You could say he is our undercoverboss.

**Recent death** Our prayers and Sincere sympathy to the family of William Fitzgerald Pallasgreen and late of Fitzgerald Skip hire Rathbane May he rest in Peace

**The question is**, how good are we at recognising *The following is food for thought...*

- The most destructive habit is worry.
- The greatest joy is giving.
- The greatest loss is that of self respect.
- The most satisfying work is helping others.
- The most endangered species are dedicated leaders.
- Our greatest natural resources are our young people.
- The greatest boost we can get is encouragement.
- The greatest problem to overcome is fear.
- The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind.
- The most crippling parasites to progress are excuses.
- The most powerful force in life is love.
- The greatest soother and comforter is prayer.
- The most dangerous pariah is a gossip.
- The world's most incredible computer is our brain.
- The worst thing to be without is hope.
- The deadliest weapon is a sharp tongue.
- The two most powerful words are 'I can'.
- Our greatest asset is faith.
- The most worthless emotion is self pity.
- The most beautiful attire is a smile.
- The most appreciated word is 'Thanks'.
- The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm.
- To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world.
- Be yourself, be proud of who you are and let your light shine.
- Don't let anyone take away your something special and live life as full as you can today because we have no idea what tomorrow might bring.

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat 17th	7 pm	John & Alice Shanahan. Mary, Richard, Jackie Sr Kathleen Butler Jack & Annie Smith
Mon 12th	10 am	
Tue 13th	10 am	
Fri 16th	10 am	
Sat 24th	7 pm	
Knockea		
Sun 18th	11am	Thomas & Frances Tuite. Ford & O'Connor families
Wed 14th	11am	
Sun 25th	11am	Eamonn Higgins (3rd) Paddy & Tess Wade
Roxboro		



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**Trocaire Lenten Campaign:** Thanks for your support & the return of boxes, can also donate to Trocaire [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

BCDA's Brid Lang presenting a cheque for €4,000 to John Donworth of the Lisnagry Parents Association. This is half the funds raised from the BCDA 5K challenge. The other half of the funds raised will be used by BCDA to pay bills to keep the facilities operating during lockdown eg. electricity, insurance, water rates, IT charges, etc.




**May Bank holiday** South Liberties fundraiser promoting Mental health awareness, whilst helping your Club to invest in your future, 5km/walk/Run/Cycle/Crawl, Donate €20 Adult, €10 Juvenile through the link [bit.ly/SouthLibs](http://bit.ly/SouthLibs) fundraiser towards our Club and donation to JIGSAW Limerick. **Congratulations** to Nancy Delahunty on her 94th Birthday during the week. **Mass Cards / Get well cards** available in parish office Sat. 11am - 12.15pm **Easter water** available in our Churches and the Inver shop in Ballyneety



