



There are Greater Causes than Our Happiness. April 24

The Cause: to save us from our sins. Jesus died for that cause. He had a choice in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was a painful choice. He threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want' (Mt 26:39).

People are prepared to die for their beliefs. Martyrs die for their faith and will not renounce their God. The Cause: honour the beliefs they uphold.

In 1916, people died for Ireland. The Cause: Irish freedom, seeking the freedom to allow a people to govern their own nation.

In Auschwitz, a group of prisoners was picked to be starved to death in a bunker to deter further escape attempts after a prisoner had escaped. When one of the selected men, cried out, "My wife! My children!" Maximilian Kolbe volunteered to take his place. He died for a cause, to save the life of this man for his own family.

People are making sacrifices for the people of Ukraine, putting the lives of these people before their own comforts.

At one side of the Ukrainian border, people are being killed while at the other side of the border, people are being cared for. What propels some people to be carers and givers? Why do people share their resources instead of keeping them for their own happiness?

We are instinctively gatherers and hoarders. We want to accumulate more and more. That has been the way since the first man 200,000 years ago. We see it in the animal kingdom. Those that come to mind are the bees, ants and squirrels. For animals, hoarding is about gathering and storing food. But they store it in a location hidden from other animals, where it's not accessible to others. We'll see that trait in the young child. The child wants to keep his toys for himself only. Even when he has an exorbitant and excessive number of toys, he's not for sharing. As we grow older, we open our hearts to receiving love from other people. Then we take the tentative steps to give a little love hoping it will be reciprocated. And we learn it is a risky business. We learn that when we open our

hearts to love, we also open our hearts to being hurt.

Heroic people do it for a cause, a cause sometimes greater than themselves. People will give themselves fully to another person in marriage. It will ultimately culminate in wanting to share their love in the birth of a new baby. The spiritual writer Richard Rohr says, 'Life is not about me; it is about God, and God is about love. When we don't know love, when we don't experience love, when we experience only the insecurity and fragility of the small self, we become restless'. **Let me be for life and something greater than myself.**

From a song by the Bay City Rollers: 'Give a little love, take a little love. Be prepared to forsake (sacrifice) a little love'. Then we can take on Causes greater than our own happiness

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the families of Marie Fitzpatrick, Eamon Hannon Bohercoyle., Margaret (Maggie) Hurley., Crossagalla and Maura McKeown, Derrynane, Old Cork Rd. May they rest in Peace,

Mary Immaculate College's Open Day at MIC takes place on Friday next, 29th April 2022 from 9.30.a.m - 12.30p.m. A special team will be on hand to advise the Ukraine community on study options Many thanks, Fr. Mick Wall 086 2550436

Maytime Melodies present a Concert in aid of the Bicenentary Church celebration in Ballyneety Golf Club on Wed. 18th May at 8pm



Featuring Knockea church choir, Drombanna Singers, Francis Barrett, John Kelly, Donal Fahey, Marian Crawford Group, Olive O'Brien, Marie Gleeson Trad group, Miriam Dawson Donoughmore Choir, Tony Doyle, Special guests Charlie Reynolds, Eve Stafford, Michael Nash, Ciaran Collins,

Pascal O'Grady Music Director Bryan Meehan, MC Tony Doyle Adm €15 raffle on door ticket plus spot prizes

| Remembered In Mass | | |
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| Donoughmore | | |
| Sat 23rd | 7pm | John & Alice Shanahan, Mary, Richard, Jackie & Sr. Kathleen Butler. Denis & Mary Meaney. Paddy & Tess Wade & family & Eamonn Higgins |
| Mon. 25th | 10 am | |
| Tues 26th | 10 am | No Mass |
| Fri 29th | 10am | No Mass |
| Sat 30th | 7pm | Patsy O'Connell |
| Knockea | | |
| Sun 24th | 11 am | John Smith |
| Wed 27th | 10am | |
| Sun 1st May | 11 am | Parish Intentions |
| Roxboro | | |
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Parish of Donoughmore/

Happy Easter

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Easter water is available in our Churches please take a bottle home with you

Easter Dues Many thanks for your support and our thanks also to the people who generously distribute the envelopes in the parish.

Trocaire Boxes can be dropped into our churches thanks for your generosity and to the recent appeal for Ukraine

Weekly Lotto €1,600 winning No. 1.12.17.19.No Winner. Lucky dips 1.Mary O'Neill 2.Ger Carmody 3.Anthony O'Gorman 4.The Costelloe family 5.Catherine Grant 6.Naomi Cleary Graham Next Jackpot €1,700 Draw Tues. 26th April 9.30pm The Cat's Cradle Thank you

Rathuard Residents Dear Friends ,we would love to hear from anyone interested in helping to maintain flower beds along our road during the summer months. Looking forward to hearing from you. Susan and Mary

