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Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

31st March 2024

Turning from Death to Life

He
is
Risen



What shocked Alfred Nobel when he read his own obituary notice in a French newspaper was not that he was reported dead. That didn't bother him at all. He was confident he could refute that claim. (They'd got the name wrong when his brother Ludwig died).

What did bother him was the headline "***The Merchant of Death is Dead***". He wasn't any more comfortable when he read on: "***Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday.***" Alfred didn't like the tone of that one bit. He had been afforded the rare if painful privilege of "seeing ourselves as others see us". His reaction was different from that of mythical Narcissus who loved no one till he fell in love with his own reflection in water. Unable to leave it he pined his life away and reappeared as the plant now known as narcissus lily. (Inspiring the Dubliner's term of love and affection "Me oul flower?")

Nobel didn't admire his image in that paper. He had achieved a lot. A brilliant scientist, he had devoted himself to the study of explosives. Nitroglycerin on which he was working blew up a shed, killing five people including Alfred's own brother Emil. This didn't divert him from scientific enquiry. He created a compound in 1867 which he at first wanted to call "Nobel's Safety Powder" - that would have been a fine piece of branding—but settled on the name **Dynamite** instead. Gelignite was his next invention.

That mistaken obituary is thought the reason Nobel began looking for some way to make himself remembered by a kinder tag than "merchant of death". He didn't have woman or child to fly the flag for his name after he died—as he one day must do even if he didn't blow himself up in the course of his scientific enquiry. Unknown to his family, friends or colleagues, he made a will leaving most of his wealth in trust to fund the awards now known as the **Nobel Prizes**.

If Paul of Tarsus had been killed in the explosion on the Damascus road a Christian might have written an obituary notice similar to Nobel's - *merchant of death*. Indeed when he got to Jerusalem he was treated as Alfred might have been if he were carrying a couple of buckets of his most volatile inventions. But he wasn't killed. He survived to be the great apostle of resurrection, telling us in today's reading "You have been brought back to true life with Christ " His conversion was mother and father of all conversions and he made the Road to Damascus famous. One of his top student/admirers, John Chrysostom, was out and out Pauline when he concluded "**at the Resurrection, Forgiveness has risen from the grave.**" **Happy Easter to All.** **J.L.**

Trust the past to
God's mercy,
the present to
God's love and
the future to
God's providence.

St. Augustine

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the shop or
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Mass Times after Easter

Mon 1st –Friday 5th
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday 6th April
10.15am

Mass of the Sick
3.00pm

Sunday 7th April
9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

Confessions Resume
Monday 8th April



St. Augustine: Sermon 235

Look, Christ is alive; is hope dead in you? Jesus appeared. He was seen with their eyes, and wasn't recognised. The Master was walking with them along the way, and he himself was the way. And they weren't yet walking along the way; he found, you see, that they had wandered off the way. We, they said, were hoping that it was he that would redeem Israel. O my dear disciples, you were hoping! So now you're no longer hoping? Look, Christ is alive; is hope dead in you? Certainly, certainly, Christ is alive. Christ, being alive, found the hearts of his disciples dead, appearing to their eyes, and not appearing. He was at one and the same time seen, and concealed.

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So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm

Source: Parish Notes

Bóthar

Limerick based Irish charity Bóthar are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar.ie

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EASTER BLESSINGS & THANK YOU

A word of thanks and appreciation to all those who helped us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, those who exercised the various ministries and those who participated in the ceremonies.

May Easter Joy and the hope of the Risen Christ touch all your lives today and always!

From the Augustinian Community.

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday 7th April

Mount St. Alphonsus
Redemptorist Church Limerick

Divine Mercy Devotions
Starting 2.30pm - Mass at 4.45pm

MASS OF THE SICK St. Augustine's Church Saturday 6th April

With the Anointing of the Sick the first Saturday of the month.