

**Easter Message
from Bishop William Crean
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“Let not your hearts be troubled”

My dear friends,

The Pandemic has really rattled us all over this past year and we are not “out of the woods” yet. More patience and resilience is being asked of us.

It is wearisome for many but we have reasons to be thankful. Many have fallen victim to the deadly virus and their loss has been so difficult to grieve properly. Great solidarity and support has been shared. We continue to remember them in prayer.

We are thankful for the sacrifices so many on the “front line” have made and continue to make to nurse the sick back to health.

We are grateful to have vaccines being made available so that, God willing, within the next few months more and more will be protected from the virus.

The children are back at school and soon they will be free to play and engage in recreation through the Summer.

Not being able to gather for Holy Mass has been difficult and especially not being able to gather for Holy Week ceremonies for a second Easter in a row. We must bear this Eucharistic fast in a spirit of Christian faith where we forego our desire for public prayer in the service of the common good until such time it is safe to do so.

Through all this time the Church is open for private prayer. I invite you and your family to set aside some time to visit over this Holy Week. It is an opportunity to pray the ‘Stations of the Cross’ to join the redemptive suffering of Jesus to the suffering of humanity at this time.


So I look forward in a spirit of Christian hope, trusting in Jesus’ invitation to have courage

“Do not let your hearts be troubled
Trust in God still and trust in me” (John 14:1)

We will prevail

May you be blessed with the abundance of Easter Joy.

Yours in Christ Jesus,


Bishop of Cloyne