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Easter Message 2024

For Christians, Easter is a time of joy and hope.

Saint John Paul II once said “We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song”.

How right he was.

In Holy Week we reflect on the life, suffering and death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning we celebrate with a blaze of light and a chorus of song the resurrection. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is good news. It is the event that destroyed the power of sin and death once and for all.

The death and resurrection of Jesus – the Paschal Mystery – adds profound meaning to human life. Bearing in mind that each individual, created in the image and likeness of God, is ‘the apple of God’s eye,’ it is true to say that each and every person is loved by God, yes, you included. The resurrection affirms this.

The resurrection also brings great hope as we are called to an eternal life with God. Death is not the end.

In the meantime, Jesus calls us to follow him in the here and now, and, in doing so, to put into action his values and his attitudes as we endeavour to love God and love one another.

The Lord is ever present in our midst; he walks with us to guide us and support us. We are not alone, he is always near.

I wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter because Christ is risen, alleluia.

+ Francis Duffy
Archbishop of Tuam