

Embracing the Gifts of Easter

Easter Light, bathe me in the warm, nurturing radiance of your glow; burn passionately through me, proclaiming the dazzling wonderment of resurrection.

Easter Word, echo again and again the story of our salvation—yesterday, today and forever; resound, from every human heart, from womb to tomb, the sacred story which is ours to share.

Easter Water, douse, drench, drown me with your water of life; cleanse my soul and wash over me with the torrents of your love that bring me to birth once more.

Easter Cross, proclaim in your height and your depth, your width and your breadth, the transformation of all who embrace you; from shame to glory, from passion to resurrection, from agony to ecstasy, stand visible through your people, as a sign of redemption and hope.

I welcome you Easter, I sit in your presence and contemplate you awhile and truly I exult:

Christ is risen.

Thanks be to God.



Family Prayer

Be with us Lord, as we continue our pilgrim journey as an Easter people.

Guide our footsteps with the light of Easter faith, that we may walk in your ways.

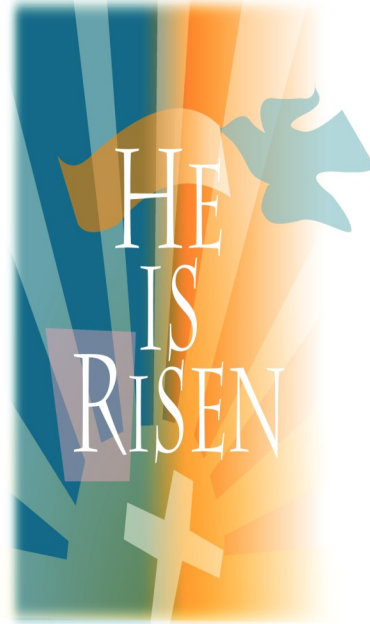
Bless our family.

Grant us health in mind and body.

Be with us always.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who has risen from the dead.

Alleluia. Amen.



Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Lent & Easter



*Where charity and love
are found,
there is God.*

(Psalm 136)

Prayers for Season of Lent

Lord, show me during these Lenten days how to take the daily things of life and, by submerging them in the sacred, to infuse them with a great love for you, O God, and for others.

Guide me to perform simple acts of love, kindness and prayer, the real works of reform and renewal .

Lord, help me not to waste these precious Lenten days of my soul's spiritual springtime.

As I make my Lenten journey to new life, remain with me and guide me in the days ahead.

Help me to recognise and accept your constant care for me in the desert of my life.

I ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

God be in us this day.

God ever with us stay.

God be in the night, keep us by thy light,

God be in our hearts,

God abide, never depart.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Prayer for Year of Faith

Lord,

may this Year of Faith be a time of renewal and commitment in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.

May we turn to you again, in the teachings of your holy Catholic Church.

May this year be a time when we strengthen our own personal faith and proclaim your Gospel with renewed joy.

With deeper affection, may we renew our friendship with Christ.

Journey with us, Lord.

We ask this in your name O Lord.

Amen.

Year of Faith

11th October 2012 to 24th November 2013

Prayers for Season of Lent

Compassionate God, You bless us with the abundance of your love and grace us with the gift of your eternal presence.

In this Lenten time, give us the wisdom to recognise our poverty and the compassion to share its treasure with those around us.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us.

Lord of our heart, give us vision to inspire us.

Lord of our heart, give us wisdom to direct us.

Lord of our heart, give us courage to strengthen us.

Lord of our heart, give us trust to console us.

Lord of our heart, give us love to mission us.

Lord of our heart, give us grace to root our lives in You.

*Come back to me
with all your heart*