



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

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From the Rural Dean

To the Parishioners of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

As previously announced, all services and activities in the parish have been cancelled for the moment. This includes Sunday services and the scheduled Easter Vestries in both parts of the parish. We are in the middle of a very serious crisis and this is the only responsible course of action.

So much of what we do is communal - meeting for worship, meeting for coffee after church, meeting for Bowls or Thursday Club outings, Lent Bible Study and so on. We are going to have to try to work out how to be church without meeting up and that is not easy.

For the moment, I commend some of the on-line resources you can access on your phone or computer:

The Daily Worship app is a Church of Ireland app available for your phone. It has the text of a service each day with the Psalm, readings and prayers. There is a choice of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or Holy Communion.

The Diocesan website <https://dublin.anglican.org> has the latest news and the archbishop's letter and prayers.

Sunday Services are being live streamed from the cathedrals and that is a good way of taking part, under the circumstances and indeed enjoying cathedral worship for a change. This is a fine way to make our cathedrals relevant to the Diocese.

<https://christchurchcathedral.ie/worship/video-stream-1/>

<https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/worship/video-stream/>

Christ Church Cathedral has a service at 11.00am and St Patrick's Cathedral has services at 9.15am, 11.15am and 3.15pm on Sundays. RTE also broadcasts a Sunday morning service.

In the days ahead we will think of other ways to communicate and keep in touch.

If any parishioner needs a hand with shopping etc, please contact the Parish Office and we will do our best to help out.

During the vacancy it falls to me as Rural Dean to make some of these decisions on your behalf. I am also responsible for your pastoral care at the moment though, of course, this is curtailed in the circumstances. Karen, your Parish Administrator, does a great job and she is the main contact if you have any queries.

Take all precautions and stay well.

Every good wish
Nigel Waugh

Hi Everyone,

PINS looks very different this month—no page at the back listing the services for the month, no details on all the clubs and associations in the Parishes, no dates for coffee and lunch—but I hope you will find the contents useful. Having said that, things are changing so quickly at the moment that some of the content could be out of date when you read this.

First of all, if you need help for any reason, perhaps living alone, or self-isolating, or the person who does your shopping has had to self-isolate, please get in touch with me at 087-2866889. There is a large group of volunteers in the Parish who would be only too happy to run errands, do shopping, collect prescriptions, etc. They will leave anything you need on your doorstep. In fact that is how you have received your copy of PINS if you usually collect it in church.

I miss seeing you all and catching up on your news, but this will not last forever and we will have a massive get-together when it's all over.

Stay safe and follow the health guidelines.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter.

Karen x

HSE Advice on Covid 19

Coronavirus is spread in sneeze or cough droplets. To infect you, it has to get from an infected person's nose or mouth into your eyes, nose or mouth. This can be direct or indirect (on hands, objects, surfaces). Keep this in mind. It will help you remember all the things you need to do to protect yourself and others from the virus.

Symptoms of coronavirus

It can take up to 14 days for symptoms of coronavirus to appear.

Look out for one, some or all of the main symptoms:

- a cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- shortness of breath
- breathing difficulties
- fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) or chills
- fatigue, headaches, sore throat, aches and pains.

Social distancing

Social distancing is important to help slow the spread of coronavirus. It does this by minimising contact between potentially infected individuals and healthy individuals.

Some of the things you can do:

Do

- keep a space of 2 metres (6.5 feet) between you and other people
- reduce interactions with people outside the workplace and home
- reduce the number of people you meet every day
- avoid communal sleeping areas
- avoid crowded places
- work from home if possible

Don't

- do not shake hands or make close contact, if possible

Help slow the spread of coronavirus

To help slow the spread of coronavirus:

- anyone who has symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days
- everyone should limit unnecessary social contact as much as possible
- at-risk groups should avoid close contact with people outside the home

Advice to protect yourself and others from coronavirus

Do

- Wash your hands properly and often.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people - keep a distance of 2 metres (6.5 feet) between you and others.
- Avoid crowded places, especially indoors.
- Follow the travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- Stay at home if you are sick to help stop the spread of whatever infection you may have.

Don't

- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Do not share objects that touch your mouth – for example, bottles, cups.
- Do not shake hands.

Getting a test for coronavirus

- Only people who have symptoms of coronavirus will be tested for the virus.
- If you develop symptoms you will need to self-isolate until you can be tested. The people in your household will need to restrict their movements.
- Phone your GP. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. The GP will assess you over the phone.
- If they think that you need to be tested, they will arrange a test for you.
- Make sure your GP has the correct mobile number for you. This is so we can contact you with your test details.
- Do not ring GP out-of-hours services. They cannot arrange testing.
- HSELive cannot order coronavirus tests. It is an information line only.
- Testing is by appointment only. Do not go to a test centre without an appointment - you will not be seen.

Keep a daily diary of where you've been and who you've had contact with—it could be needed later for contact tracing

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the coronavirus and covid-19
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn
the loss of each and every person who has died
as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days
of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hand Sanitiser

The Parish has a limited supply of hand sanitiser. If you are over 70 or fall into the vulnerable category, and would like to fill a small container, please contact Karen to arrange a 'fill'.

Sustentation

Usually your envelopes for sustentation, or donation towards the running costs of the Parish, would be attached this month. If you are in a position to donate as normal to keep the Parish afloat, please do so by using the bank details below. It is very important to reference your name please.

Bank: AIB, Church Rd., Greystones

Account Name: Select Vestry Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

IBAN: IE72AIBK 9335 5415 2450 30

BIC : AIBKIE2D

Registers

Newcastle Church

13th March 2020

Sophie McCormick, 13 Castlewood Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

14th March 2020

Elsie Norse, Kilmartin House, Newcastle, Co Wicklow

Elsie Norse

Elsie was a long-standing and active member of our Parish. She was involved in many activities such as singing in the choir, helping with flower arranging in the church (her arum lilies from around the lake at her home were famous!), helping to run the cake stall at every parish fete, going on all the parish outings, and, of late, attending the monthly parish lunch in the Parish Centre. We will miss her funny comments and interest in parish life.

Sincere condolences to James, Mary, Ed and all the wider family and friends, near and far.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SERVING YOU
Let's support them at this tough time
by shopping local when we can

Watchorns' Shop in Newcastle has gone the extra mile to protect their staff and customers with a hand sanitiser station, a one way system, customer distancing at the till, and a protective screen installed at the till. Further services are detailed below in a message from Jonathan.



Newcastle XL

Our phones are now open for orders. 0870575976

Ideally this is how we hope the system will work:

1. Text in your order to the number above.
2. Shop staff will arrange the groceries and call you with a total amount. Payment can then be taken over the phone
3. Drive to the shop and ring when outside. We will then deliver the order to the car

Please be patient, it could be an hour before you get a call back.

Alternatively we can take orders over the phone, but we would prefer to reserve this service for people who may not be able to text.

If delivery is required please let us know and we will try to arrange with some of the great volunteers putting their name forward!

Want to get ahead of the crowd? Text us for the following morning, this will actually help us to plan stock levels. We're delighted to say that local residents are not showing signs of stock piling so keep up the good work!

A big thanks to all the shop team led by Paul and Stevie. Nothing is phasing them...just remember to obey social distancing and you won't have to deal with General Kelly enforcing law and order!

NORTH WICKLOW COUNTRY MARKET
at the Community Centre, Newcastle



We are taking orders for vegetables, eggs, flowers, jams, marmalade, brown bread, etc. These orders will be ready for collection outside the Community Centre on Saturday between 10.30 and 11.30am. Social distancing in place. Get your orders in as early as possible to Jacky at 086-8034237

This service will continue for as long as possible.

KEITH GRANT
MASTER BUTCHER

Based in Roundwood, Keith will deliver orders at 087-9299618

Good Friday Meditation

A useful resource that I have used over the last few years is Ken Gardiner's Good Friday Meditations which can be found on line at kengardiner.co.uk.

The section I will be reading and reflecting on this year, in my solitude, is 'At the Foot of the Cross' Section A 3 (pages 13-16).

I intend to do that at 3 pm on Good Friday and if anyone wishes to join me virtually that would be great but you could of course do it in your own time.

Wishing you all peace at this time.

Marjorie Travers

The Easter Story

Told in Nine Bible Passages

(No substitute for Easter services but be encouraged to read the full texts)

Entry into Jerusalem

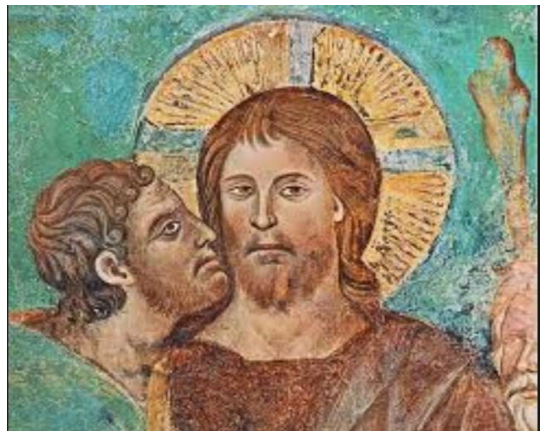
They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting...



Matthew 21:7-9

Jesus

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.



Matthew 26:14-15

He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Matthew 26:18



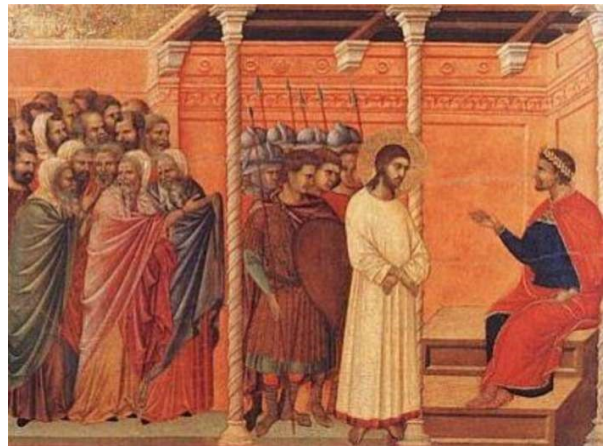
Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, Sit here, while I go and pray yonder. Matthew 26:36

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39



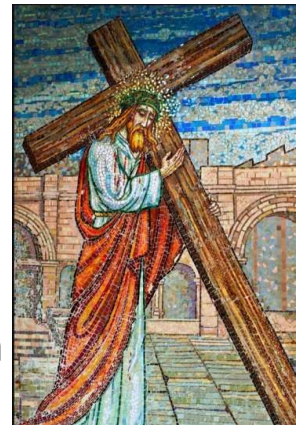
Pilate

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Matthew 27:1-2



When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" ... John 19:6

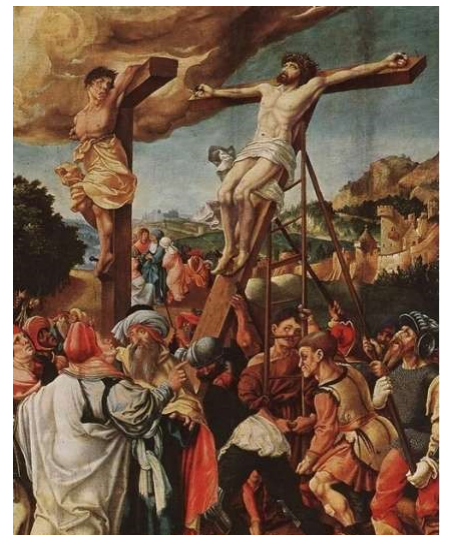
And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. Matthew 27:30-31



Crucifixion

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. Mark 15:33

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

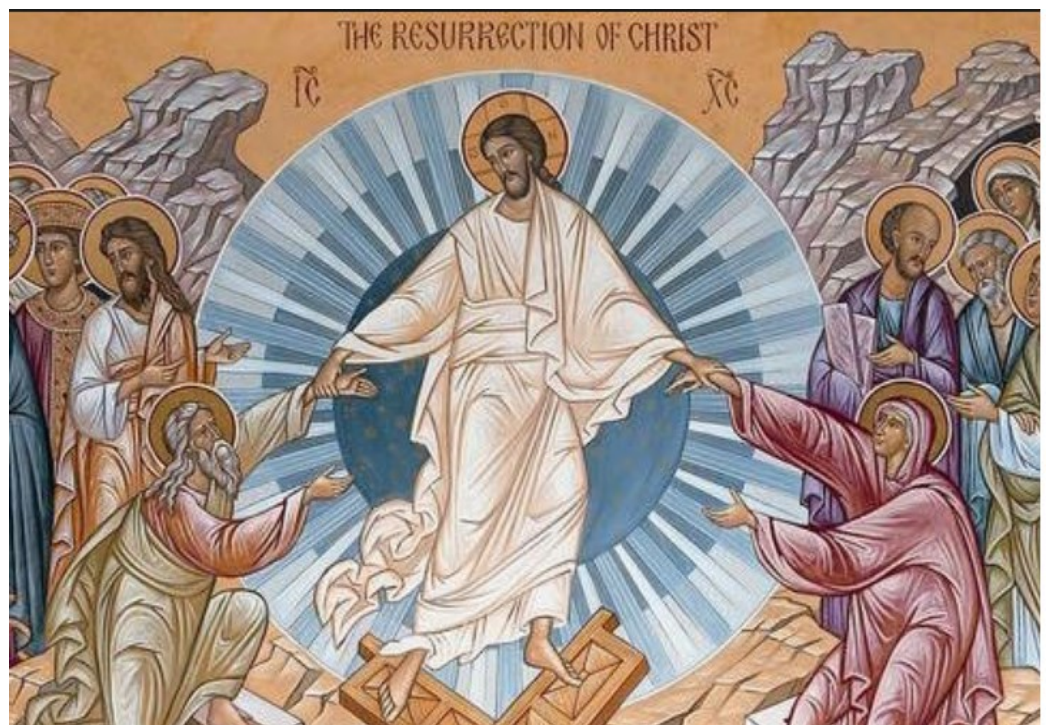


When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud. Matthew 27:57-59
So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. John 19:40-41



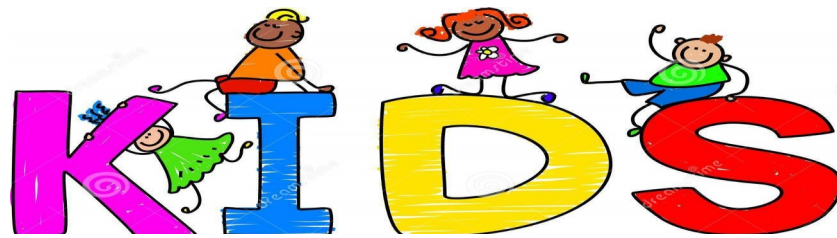
The Resurrection

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body



of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:1-6



COMPETITION TIME!

Competition 1

Paint, draw, sketch an Easter picture. It can be of anything you like as long as it has to do with Easter. Then take a photo of it and whatsapp, text or email it to Karen.

Competition 2

Take a cute or funny photo of your pet or any animal. Send it to Karen by whatsapp, text, or email.

Competition 3

Send Karen a photo of something you have been doing outdoors while you've been off school (after you've done your school work of course!) The more unusual the better.

Competition 4

And lastly, let's see something you've made. It can be a craft, baking, woodwork, sewing, anything you like. Use your imagination.

We'll post the winners on the Parish whatsapp group text group, email and on Facebook. Make sure you include your name and age. Get busy!

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day

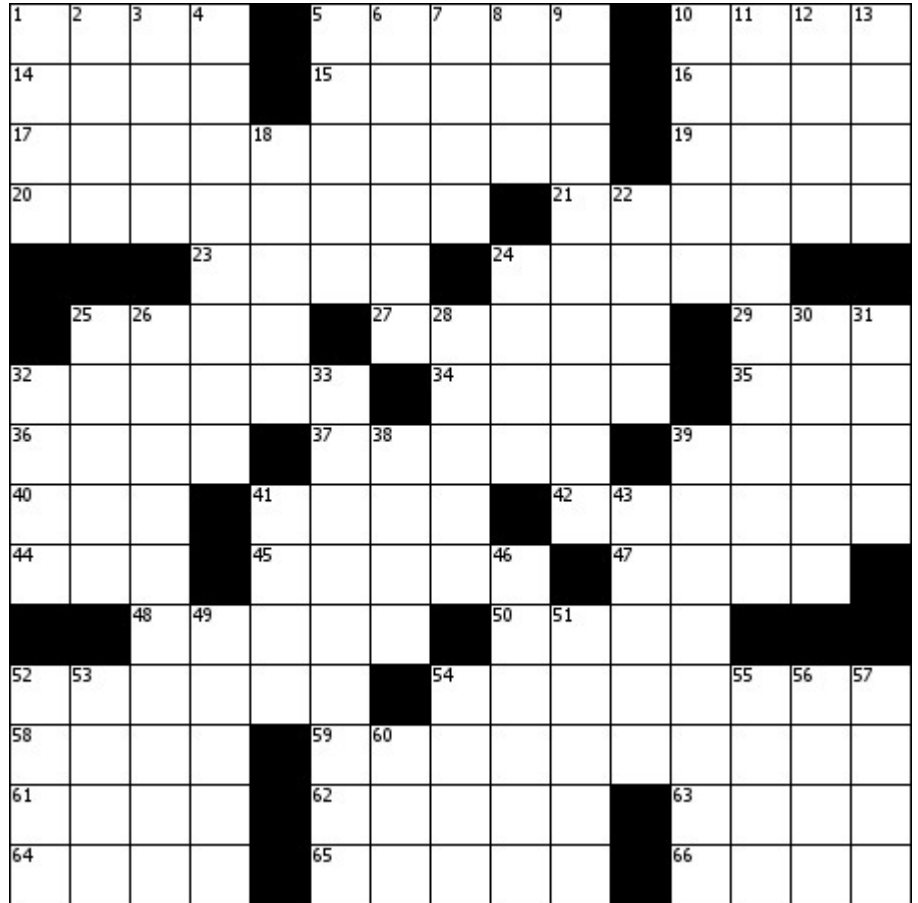


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TIME

Across

- 1. Lectern platform
- 5. Exasperated
- 10. Risked a few points
- 14. Aquatic plant
- 15. Yonder
- 16. Ballerina's move
- 17. Revenuer's quarry
- 19. Highly collectible
- 20. Certain operators
- 21. Gave one's two cents
- 23. "... lamp ___ my feet"
- 24. Rock composed of quartz
- 25. Without alteration
- 27. It's a wrap!
- 29. Thomas Lincoln, to family
- 32. Landscaping tool
- 34. Dietary, in advertisements
- 35. Valuable club
- 36. Artist Magritte
- 37. Weasel out of
- 39. Bed with bars
- 40. Chang's twin
- 41. "Pardon me"
- 42. Sci-fi creatures
- 44. Sidekick
- 45. "El Lider"
- 47. Jazz singer Anita
- 48. Determine if it's gold
- 50. On
- 52. Cinophile's collectible
- 54. First showing
- 58. Moreover
- 59. Overly romantic
- 61. Level
- 62. "Rubber capital of the world"
- 63. Rugged rock
- 64. It may go to blazes
- 65. Theater chain
- 66. Hard to pin down



Down

- 1. Four-footed moms
- 2. Baseball's Moises or Felipe
- 3. "Prince ___"
- 4. Optimistic
- 5. "Some Like ___"
- 6. Myopic mammals, informally
- 7. Some collectible dolls
- 8. Poet's preposition
- 9. Lowered in rank
- 10. Sail-crossing spar
- 11. Solar system models
- 12. Joyce's land
- 13. Exploit
- 18. Common thing
- 22. Glazier's unit
- 24. Dry as desert sand
- 25. Where sports events may be held
- 26. Shades
- 28. Bowie's last stand
- 30. Sourish
- 31. Ball girls
- 32. Medical ritual, briefly
- 33. Wedding run-through
- 38. Exceedingly
- 39. Flap on medieval breeches
- 41. Church projection
- 43. Capacious
- 46. Taper gradually
- 49. Lay away
- 51. Black-capped gulls
- 52. It's often beaten
- 53. Melange
- 54. Trim away
- 55. "Jane ___"
- 56. Tangible
- 57. Showing strain
- 60. Ref's call



Spring by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Nothing is so beautiful as spring—
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.
What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden.—Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

