

Clonmel Apostolic Workers

Fr Paddy Barry SMA, St Theresa's Parish, Chainda, Lusaka, Zambia celebrating Easter Sunday Mass. His vestments are from the Clonmel Apostolic Work Group.

The Ushers lead the Offertory Procession, carrying the contributions in three boxes – one for men, one for women and one for children. Every Sunday amount collected on the previous Sunday is announced for each of the groups. It helps to 'encourage' the members to give more to get their group in first place. Thus far, the women have always been the largest contributors (mainly because many more women attend Mass than men).



A hen is in the blue plastic bag. We got four that day. We also received Rice, Orange Squash, Eggs, bottled water and Toilet tissue in the Offertory gifts. Fr Paddy passed two of the chickens and some of the food to the local Convent.

The women are very well organised: they make sure that over a number of weeks the gifts are all useful for the priests and save them having to buy in the market.



And here are the Eggs!



Finally the water and wine for the Mass are brought to the Altar.

We had over 600 at Mass on Easter Sunday morning. Most received Holy Communion, which a number of Lay Ministers of the Eucharist helped to distribute. Others brought Communion to a small number in their homes.

There was also Mass in St Agnes' Church, Ibex Hill where Fr Paddy is completing a Maternity Clinic, including Delivery

suite. The Zambian Government provide the staff and medicines for the Clinic but the people (i.e in this case the parish) must construct the buildings.



Fr Paddy incenses the Paschal Candle during the Mass. In the background the Stellas (one of the Liturgical Dance groups) sing and dance in praise of the Risen Lord. A local man did the picture of the Resurrected Christ.



Sincere Thanks to Clonmel Apostolic and your supporters for the Vestments, Albs, linens etc which you sent to Fr Paddy.

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