

## Reflection from Fr. Colm on Easter Tuesday

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Good morning everybody. I hope your Easter went well. As I write two finches are busy working away building a home for their future family under my windowsill here. Sometimes I catch sight of them with their building materials, in and out. I know the construction of their home will be safe and solid. These are the small things that ordinarily I would have missed just too busy, too preoccupied. now it's an exercise, not an exercise in meditation or mindfulness it's my reality whether I like it or not; and I do like it. I like to see the ordinary and thank God I can do this. I cannot see the construction that these feathered beauts are making but I do know what's happening. The small signs of hope, to be cherished.

However, I open my newspaper and find on the front page a most poignant of pictures two nurses in the city of Leganés in Spain utterly devastated on the death of one of their colleagues due to coronavirus. Gowned, hair nets and masks, they seem to make the photo more real somehow. Their faces etched in grief, I'm deeply and profoundly touched. They so inspire me. I don't know them. Another moment of inspiration in these sad and tragic days.

Mary leaves the empty tomb not with this devastation that should accompany a visit to a tomb, but she rushes away with hope, with new energy, with a love that refuses to give in. Two finches, two nurses, two central figures in the Gospel for today all lifting my spirits in these difficult times. Such is the message of Easter.