

2020 SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Parents please encourage your child to continue their preparation in their THUMB Book. The Mass begins at Page 10.

Pages 59 – 61 tells The Story of Holy Week. Colour the picture for Palm Sunday.

CONFIRMATION – The Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to continue their preparation work in their Journal – You Shall Be My Witnesses and School Religion Book – Grow in Love. All Candidates are requested to write an Essay on the topic of “St Patrick” or on the “Saint you have chosen for your Confirmation Name”.

Essays can be dropped into the letterbox or posted to Fr. McEvoy, Parochial House, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow or emailed to jmce51@gmail.com

Closing date Friday, 17th April. Prizes for the best three entries.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Open wide the gates of the city, Open wide the gates of our churches, Open wide the gates of our hearts, Open wide the gates of our minds, That we might welcome the God who comes, not dressed as a king, not riding a stallion, but, on the back of a donkey, dressed as an itinerant preacher. Give us ears to hear his words, and grant that unlike those who shouted ‘hosanna’ on the first day of the week and ‘crucify him’ five days later that we will remain faithful to the king of kings.

With Mary we pray: Hail Mary...

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters. Also, any one scene can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the good news the story has for us. Here are some pointers for prayer. 1. Jesus is revealed as Messiah and Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? When has the willingness of another person to go to great lengths on your behalf been an eye-opener regarding their love for you?

2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes, but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?

3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion, where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving? John Byrne OSA Email jbyrneosa@gmail.com

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

4th & 5th April, 2020

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Pray for Rita Conway, Straboe whose Funeral took place on Wednesday with Burial in Grange Cemetery.

Pray also for Patrick Condren, Castledermot who died in England and whose Burial took place in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Rathvilly on Friday.

To their family, relatives and friends we offer our sympathy.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 4th/5th April

Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick’s Park

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mount Neill

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday, 11th/12th April

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh

Mary Gahan, 18 Collins Park

WEEKEND MASSES WITH NO CONGREGATION

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

All Anniversaries will be included at both Masses.

VIEW ALL MASSES ON OUR WEBSITE – rathvillykilteganparish.ie

The Parish FACEBOOK page is constantly being updated – rathvillykilteganparish

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Chrism Mass on Monday, 6th April at 7.30 p.m. in Carlow Cathedral.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7.30 p.m. **followed by one hour of Eucharistic Adoration.**

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3.00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil at 9.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

HOUSEBOUND

For the April visit, Fr. McEvoy will replace his visit with a phone call.

During the telephone conversation he will lead some prayers.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READINGS – 5th – 12th April, 2020

Sunday: Mt 26: 14-27:66 Mon: Jn 12: 1-11 Tues: Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wed: Mt 26: 14-25 Thurs: Jn 13: 1-15 Fri: Jn 18: 1-19:42
Sat: IX Mt 28: 1-10 Sunday: Jn 20: 1-9

Important information on the Trócaire Boxes and upcoming events

- **Trócaire Boxes:** This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Please do hold onto your boxes until further notice and we will be in contact about how to return them when it will be safe for people to do so.
- Donations can be made online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>
- We have **several resources** available online at www.trocaire.org/parish. In particular, we have a Stations of the Cross resource that we would encourage you to use on Good Friday.

The below **workshops** may be of interest to **parishioners:**

- **Family reflection:** Monday 6th April, 11am. This will be a short, prayerful time suitable for families and children. It will be led by Anna from our church team and will be delivered over Zoom. To register, please email anna.keegan@trocaire.org
- **Workshop on Laudato Sí:** Wednesday 8th April, 11am. This workshop will be led by Jane Mellett, our Living Laudato Sí officer, and will be focused on how we can all care for our common home. To register, please email jane.mellett@trocaire.org
- **‘Trócaire Together: From our home to yours’.** Starting after Easter, these will be short videos of reflections, prayer and solidarity led by staff members from across the organization. They will be available on our social media channels for you to access at times that best suits you. Please keep an eye on our social media for these – the first one will be posted at noon on Thursday April 16th

COVID-19 Diocesan Update

Funeral Masses: The most recent advice from the government suggests once there is a clear limit of ten people attending the Mass and 'social distancing' norms adhered to, Funeral Masses (without Holy Communion) may continue. Individual Churches may also put in place restrictions which respond to specific parish circumstances. The limit of ten people applies also at cemeteries and 'social distancing' must once again be observed. We are as much at risk in a cemetery as we are in a Church. I am told further guidance from the HSE is now being developed.

Webcam Celebrations: I very much encourage the use of webcam, Facebook and any other device that brings your message into parishioners' homes. As mentioned already do not restrict the webcam or parish radio just to Mass, offer other liturgies and reflections as you see appropriate, such as greetings of support, encouragement and continued connection with your parishioners.

Adoration Time: It has been suggested while church buildings are now closed, the Blessed Sacrament should be exposed at the usual times and the times well publicised. Committed adorers and others might be encouraged to endeavour to go to a quiet space or room in their home, and, perhaps if possible with the aid of Webcam, spend their usual time in reflection and prayer to the Lord. We hardly need to be reminded of the great need for prayer at this critical time.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will take place, under very restrictive conditions next Monday, 6th April in the Cathedral. iCatholic will broadcast the ceremony streamed onto the KANDLE website, so that a greater number across the diocese can join us.

Holy Thursday: It will be celebrated in a greatly scaled down manner. The Washing of the Feet is omitted. Perhaps a jug of water, a bowl and towel could be placed on a table, allowing those following on webcam to focus their attention on the tremendous service of healthcare frontline teams in these coronavirus days. At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle.

Good Friday: Once again keeping it very simple will speak volumes to those following on parish radio, webcam or Facebook. An additional general intention will be issued around the coronavirus pandemic. While a Cross is venerated, it is not kissed, but perhaps time is given through the webcam for those at home to make their spiritual veneration. I recommend where possible that the Stations of the Cross be offered on the webcam at some time during that day.

Easter Vigil: There is no preparation and lighting of the Easter Fire. The Vigil begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. There are no baptisms at the Vigil this year, just a Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.