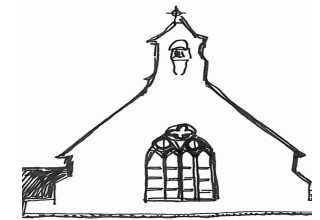


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Holy Week (March 28 – April 3, 2021)

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Palm Sunday, March 28 Mass by Zoom link at 10.00am

1st Reading: Jesus followed the example of the “suffering servant” in Isaiah. He did not strike back; he had faith that God would deliver him from evil.

Psalms 21: When we suffer, like Christ did, we can learn that God is at our side.

2nd Reading: An early summary of Christian faith: In Jesus, God emptied himself into our fragile existence. By his resurrection, we have been raised to a new life.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: The account in the Gospel of St Mark (shorter form) shows the humiliation and pain inflicted on Jesus in his last hours.

Those who had acclaimed him as hero, now mocked him. But there were some who dared to be different: Simon of Cyrene helped him to carry his cross; the Roman centurion came to believe in him; the women of Galilee continued to stand by his side and Joseph of Arimathea buried his body. This week we are invited to be among those who choose to follow Jesus, sharing in his passion so as to have a share in his resurrection.

Blessed Palms are available from both churches, along with copies of this newsletter and the Easter Triduum Booklet.

Resting in God’s Embrace: *Anniversaries:* John Joe Linehan (Main St., Killavullen); Ned Quirke (Hunting Hall)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30, 31.

Mass is offered privately each day.

Confessions each evening at Killavullen Church Reconciliation Room from **7.00-8.00pm.** (The Reconciliation Room is Covid-19 safe, with sanitization measures in place). The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be live-cast on Wednesday at 7.30pm from Cobh Cathedral: <https://cobhcathedralparish.ie/mass-streaming/>

Holy Thursday, April 1

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, by Zoom link **7.30pm**

Good Friday, April 2

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, by Zoom link **7.30pm**

Holy Saturday, April 3

The Easter Vigil, by Zoom link **8.00pm**

Easter Sunday, April 4

Easter Morning Mass, by Zoom link **10.00am**

A link to the Zoom liturgies for Holy Week is sent to all parishioners on the parish email list. The link is equally available in the “Events” or “Calendar” section of www.killavullenparish.ie website. The tuning-in process is very simple and usually involves a single click on your tablet, smartphone or PC. Participants are asked to stay on mute during the call, though messages can be typed to one another or the group in the “chat feature”. The Zoom calls are kindly hosted by Paul Murray. Fiona Hannon, the director of the parish choir, is the soloist.

Holy Week forms the most sacred days in the Christian calendar. It lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its highpoint at the Easter Vigil when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. At the Easter Vigil Mass we commit our lives to Christ by the renewal of our Baptismal promises.

I invite you to read the Scriptures of this week, to celebrate its rituals, insofar possible, and keep its symbols (such as the cross) close by your side. This week is an especially appropriate time to make the Stations of the Cross – each of our church’s has a beautiful “Way of the Cross” - taking a moment before each station is a powerful exercise of prayer. Making a prayerful walk to appreciate the natural world is another way of entering the week’s mysteries. This is the meaning of the poem by Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887-1916): “I see his blood upon the rose and in the stars the glory of his eyes. His body gleams amid eternal snows, his tears fall from the skies. ...”

For the second Holy Week in a row, our public authorities are not permitting even limited gatherings in churches, even though the Church has implemented the required Covid-safety measures and churchgoers are, by nature, careful. During the pandemic, the Republic of Ireland has imposed the most restrictive limits on public worship of any European country. The benefits of allowing Christians to gather in small, socially distanced groups has not been appreciated. As well as being foundational to personal wellbeing, religious practice contributes to the Common Good (GC)

Nano Nagle Birthplace Webinar: ‘Wood You Believe - Coping and Hoping’. Presented by Fr. Jim Cogley, Our Lady’s Island, Wexford. April 13, 7.30-9.00pm. Cost €15 Booking required at 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie

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