

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

28th March

Palm Sunday

Blessing of the Palms



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 28th March 10.00am (Palm Sunday)

Paddy Kearns (2nd Annv) Noel Cullen (3rd Annv)

Pat McDonough (5th Annv)/

Seamus McHugh/ Bridie Perry/

Barbara Leonard/ Mary Vijerberg/ Liam Collins/

Alan McNulty/Special Intention (Job Success)/

Special Intention (90th Birthday)

HOLY WEEK ONLINE

Holy Monday: 29th March 8.00pm

(Special Night of Prayer for Holy Week)

Holy Tuesday 30th March 8.00pm

(Penitential Service specially prepared for the Pandemic)

Holy Wednesday 31st March

Special Night of Prayer for Holy Week 8.00pm

Holy Thursday 1st April 8.00pm

Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion

8.00pm Taize Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday Morning 3rd April

The Harrowing of Hell: Morning Prayer 10.00am

Holy Saturday Great Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm

Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday) 10.00am

Monday 5th April through to Sunday 9th April

Mass Every Morning at 10.00am (Online)



The Deep End: The journey of discipleship

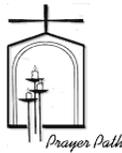
Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified. We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise We will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathaea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning. *We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.* (Bishop Donal McKeown) [Triona Doherty: Email trionad@gmail.com](mailto:TrionaDoherty@gmail.com)

Other Church Services:

Holy Day Masses: *Vigil 7.30pm;
10.00am, 1.10pm*

Confessions: *Saturday after 10.00am Mass*

Baptisms: *Second Sunday of every month*



View the Live Broadcast of our services

Go to www.balallyparish.ie/balally-goes-live/ for a live streaming of our liturgies...

The Rosary: is recited every morning at 9.40am before 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome.



Eucharistic Adoration with prayer and reflection - is held here in the church every Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass

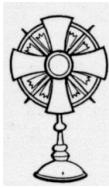
St Mary's Sandvford, Mass times:

Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*

Sundays: *9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m,
6:00p.m*

(Youth Mass) Mondays to Fridays:
10:00am.

Holy Days: *10.00am and 7.30pm.*



Sacrament of Reconciliation :
after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request

Palm Sunday Evening Josie Smith

This time

There will be no flight into Egypt.

This donkey has too much to carry, too far.

The shadows wait for me:

Around the table at Passover,
among those in high places,
in the condemned cell,
on the hillside.

Fear haunts my waking moments
and I cannot sleep.

Why has God forsaken me?

The crowd today is with me,
but not for long.

They are the powerless ones
(the ones that matter).

The ones who count are counting.

Time is running out.

This time there will be no flight into Egypt.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred time for us as followers of Christ. It is the week when Lenten penance should be exercised in a special way by taking time personally, as a family, and in the parish community to journey with Jesus into his death on the Cross, and beyond. The stages of his journey are: **Palm Sunday**: from being celebrated to being forgotten; **Holy Thursday**: from giving himself to his disciples in the Eucharist to being denied by them; **Good Friday**: from surrendering himself to God's will, to being abandoned even by God in death; **Holy Saturday**: from complete emptiness in death to new life. During Holy Week we journey through all these stages with Jesus so that he may bring us new life and hope.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Balally Parish 400 Club



*March Draw
was held 27th March*

**Did you ever think of join
Subscription: €10 per month**

We would like to remind members of the 400 Club to continue leaving their subscriptions into the Parish Office. As we are still under level 5 Covid-19 restrictions it is proving difficult to collect at doors and payment into the Parish Office is a great help and very much appreciated.

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296

ONLINE LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK:

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- *The Harrowing of Hell: Morning Prayer 10am*

- *GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS 8pm*

Easter Sunday: 4th April 10am

Celebration of Easter Mass

Easter Monday: 5th April 10am Mass

Easter Tuesday: 6th April 10am Mass

Easter Wednesday: 7th April 10am Mass

Easter Thursday: 8th April 10am Mass

Easter Friday: 9th April 10am Mass

Easter Saturday: 10th April 7pm Vigil Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday: 11th April 10am Mass

You call me teacher and Lord and rightly so, for that is what I am.

If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet. You should also wash one another's feet.



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To find out more **free phone 1800 303 545** or email fitline@ageandopportunity.ie. You can also visit our website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/>.

Clarification for Parishes regarding Level 5 Restrictions

04/03/2021

Further to questions raised at some of the deanery meetings during the week, I have been asked to clarify the following matters:

- The sacrament of Baptism must be celebrated only in exceptional circumstances, that is in danger of death.
- Under current restrictions all religious services continue to take place online.

In the interest of health and safety priests and parishes ought not to succumb to requests to distribute Holy Communion before or after Mass, in or outside churches. Drive-in Masses are not permitted as no gatherings of people outdoors or indoors are permitted. Holy Communion can only be distributed in the church to mourners attending a Funeral Mass, to those celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage and to the essential ministers that make celebration of Mass online possible, (e.g., Minister of the Word, Sacristan).

- Arrangements for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation should not be made until Government / HSE / diocesan guidelines indicate that it is safe to do so.
- Churches remain open for private prayer only. Liturgies and devotions (exposition of the blessed sacrament, rosary, stations of the cross) can take place in closed churches, online only.

These queries arose at the deanery meetings via Zoom earlier this week. I hope these clarifications will help solidarity between confreres and parishes so that together we can overcome the threat of the coronavirus in the community. Hopefully we will be able to return to public worship and the celebration of the Sacraments as soon as possible thus strengthening and supporting faith communities on our pilgrim journey.

**Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin**

As we prepare for the Journey of Holy Week take a moment to think about

THE PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside just before putting him into the box.

There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world.

Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be."

One: You will be able to do many great things - but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time - but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark."



The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.



We are like pencils...

We are created by the maker for a unique and special purpose. You were made to do great things

Three Rock Panorama Community Magazine



The April edition of your local magazine is on sale this weekend at all the usual outlets. It is also available online on our

Website : threerockpanorama.ie

Articles/ submissions for our magazine are always welcome.

Email: threerockpanorama@gmail.com

Get well

knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we hope all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, day by day

We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.





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How can I actively participate in the Holy Week Liturgies?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Prepare your sacred space Use a lid of a biscuit tin or a plate and place the following items/Holy Week symbols on it:

- A small evergreen branch,
- A piece of bread or biscuit,
- A cross (you can bind two little twigs together)
- A stone
- A candle
- A piece of purple ribbon or cloth
- A piece of white ribbon or cloth
- An Easter Egg/treat

Palm Sunday
Holy Thursday

Good Friday
Holy Saturday Morning
Easter vigil
Good Friday
Easter Sunday



2. Pick a green branch
3. Make your own cross (pick up some twigs on your daily walk bind it in the form of the Cross fix with blue-tack or tinfoil)
4. Pick up a stone from your garden or from your walk, you will need it for the special "Harrowing of Hell" on Holy Saturday Morning. In Easter week you can place it on the grave of a loved one.
5. Place the cross in a prominent position on Good Friday, drape a purple cloth around it.
6. On Thursday after the 20.00 Mass the Blessed Sacrament (the Altar of repose) will be in the window of the Church till midnight
7. Make or buy a beautiful white candle for the Easter Vigil: it can be decorated with flowers, 4 nails can be placed close to it as a reminder of the 'wounds' that the priest will insert into the Paschal Candle, a clear recipient with fresh water. The purple draping on the cross can be replaced with white.
8. The Easter Egg (you probably don't need instructions for its use!)

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Walking Holy week

Monday ~ Reflect on the story of the Passion.

There are so many characters in this story, disciples, friends, and betrayers. We can recognise bits of ourselves in each of them.

Place yourself in the story as it unfolds each day. Be honest with yourself and think about what you would have done as one of Jesus' followers.

Tuesday ~ Wear or carry a small cross in your pocket today as a reminder of God's great love for you.

Wednesday ~ Make a small sacrifice for someone today. Make a special effort to be respectful to those you encounter today.

Holy Thursday ~ What did you hope to achieve and experience this Lenten season? What steps can you take today to bring yourself closer to that goal? Do one thing of service today for another joyfully!

Good Friday ~ When you make the sign of the cross today, remember that God is with us in our suffering with endless mercy & love. As you walk through today look around your community can you see 'the Crucified One & the crucified ones in your community?' Notice those who are outcast & suffering.

Holy Saturday ~ Tonight, light a candle as a symbol of Christ's light in your life, a light that dispels darkness. If possible light this candle during your prayer time in the Easter season.

Easter Sunday ~ New life! Is there a change you want to make in your life? The joy of the resurrection is to be shared – so smile! How can you share this Good News? Write a brief note to yourself on this day of transformation. and, enjoy the chocolate!!



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