

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Feast Days During Coming Week

Wednesday: Spy Wednesday
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Sunday: Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners

We hope that you are all keeping well and that you are coping with the strange times that we are living in. It is not easy for you since you cannot move about as you would wish and you are missing the human contact of loved ones and friends. But by staying at home and staying safe you are saving all our health workers and you are saving the lives of others. So please be patient and abide by the restrictions that are in place. This time will pass and every week is a week nearer the crisis coming to an end. Keep up the prayers at home and remember in your prayers our health workers, those who are sick with the virus, those who have died from it and also their families.

*It is also a very different time for us priests, but please be assured that we are thinking about you and praying for you and that we offer up Mass each day for you our parishioners. We thank you for all your phone calls and offers of help and support - it is very much appreciated. We find it strange offering Mass in empty churches and cathedrals but we are delighted to be able to link in on line with you for some of our Masses. We are both getting very good at cooking and are managing fine! We apologize for not being able to get around on our normal First Friday visits, but we must abide by the restrictions in place and not put anybody's health at risk. If you need to make contact with us don't hesitate to ring us. We will both be celebrating the Holy Week ceremonies behind closed doors but you will be able to link in to some of them on line. We have given details elsewhere in this newsletter. Be patient, hopeful and prayerful. And remember God is always with us! Wishing you God's protection and blessing.
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Palm Sunday

5 April 2020



St Brigid's Church, Kill



Today, Palm Sunday, we begin our celebration of what was known in Gaelic as an tSeachtain Mór, The Big Week or Holy Week. Today we follow Jesus as he makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem when people waved palm branches and shouted *Hosanna*. *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*. This year will be a very different Holy Week for us all. We ask you to follow the Holy Week liturgies on screen and so follow the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All of us will be able to identify in a very real way this year with the mental torture that Jesus suffered in Gethsemane and the physical torture that he endured before his death on the Cross. We remind ourselves that Holy Week ends not with Good Friday but with the joy of Easter Dawn. The suffering that we are going through will also end and there will be celebrations of joy then too. Jesus put his trust in the Father throughout his ordeal. We too must do the same.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

PRAYERS IN A TIME OF NEED

A Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve defend them from illness and despair. Bless them with hope. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are at home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety give us your peace. Lord Jesus Christ heal, protect us and bless us. Amen.

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Holy Week Ceremonies In St Brigid's Church

Our thanks to Vincent Tully, Fr Yusuf and all involved in setting up the link <http://mass.tully.ie> so that people can link in to Mass and other liturgies in St Brigid's Church in Kill. This link has meant a great deal to people. Mass will be available on this link on this Palm Sunday at 10.00 and also on Easter Sunday at 10.00am. Also we are hoping to have the Good Friday and Holy Saturday ceremonies available on this link. We will be able to confirm this and give you the times of these ceremonies early in the coming week.

Holy Week Ceremonies in Cavan Cathedral

All the cathedral Holy Week ceremonies will be available on line during this coming week. All you need to do is to link in to www.cavantownparish.com and click on Webcam. Fr Liam will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on this Palm Sunday at 10.00am and on Holy Saturday night at 8pm. The following is the list of the Cathedral events which you can see online during the coming week:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Rosary: 4.00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Mass: 6.30pm

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8.00pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil: 8.00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord: 10.00am

Keeping in Touch

During this time when schools are closed and many parish and community events are cancelled it is important that nobody feels too isolated. A simple phone call to a neighbour to check in on them and to make sure that they are well is all that is required. So make sure that you are a good neighbour and while staying safe yourself please look out for the welfare of others too.