

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

27th. and 28th. March 2021. - "Palm Sunday"

Priests Living within the Parish:

Liam Cassin (Parish Priest) Telephone: 056 776 8693 Mobile 087 231 2354

Peter Hoyne (Retired) Telephone: 056 776 8678 Mobile 086 373 8492

Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Sunday 28th. - Palm Sunday: Blessed Palm will be available in Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches after 10.00a.m.

Wednesday 31st. Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Wednesday in St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30p.m. It can be followed on webcam @ www.stmaryscathedral.ie

Thursday 1st. - Holy Thursday; **Friday 2nd.** - Good Friday; **Saturday 3rd.** - Holy Saturday

Pray For:

Anniversary: Bridget McCarthy, Knockdrinna

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are still suspended. No Public Masses or Ceremonies permitted during Holy Week.

Mass will continue to be celebrated privately each day by Fr. Peter and Fr. Liam and will be offered for your intentions. Churches may remain open for private prayer.

Attendance at Funeral Masses are still limited to **10** people.

Congratulations to all who celebrated **First Penance** in our schools during the past week.

It is hoped we can celebrate **First Holy Communion** late May or June. Dates will be arranged after Easter holidays.

Lenten Station:

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Lenten Station during Lent. Very much appreciated.

Trócaire:

Please return the Trócaire Boxes over the Easter Season as we need to get your contribution to where it is needed as soon as possible.

Summer Time:

Summer Time begins this weekend. Clocks go forward one hour on this Saturday night 27th. March.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support:

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Since the arrival of Covid 19, we have not been

able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer. To make an appointment, please phone 056 775 6538 or email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Sunday Mass Times (Local) on the Web every Sunday:

Callan Church: www.callanparish.ie at 10.00a.m. Thomastown Church: www.thomastownparish.ie at 10.00a.m

St. Canice's Church: www.stcanicesparish.ie at 10.00a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral: www.stmaryscathedral.ie at 11.00a.m.

Mooncoin Church; www.mooncoinparish.ie at 11.00a.m. St. John's Church: www.stjohnskilkenny.com at 11.30a.m.

Schedule of RTE Broadcasts for Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday - 28th March

RTE News Channel, 2.15pm, Mass from the Cathedral of SS. Patrick and Felim, celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes - <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>

Monday - 29th March

RTE News Channel, 10.30am, Mass, Holy Family Church, Ardfinnan, Co Tipperary - Fr Michael Toomey - <https://www.churchservices.tv/ardfinnan>

Tuesday - 30th March

RTE News Channel, 10.30am - Mass, Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines Dublin - Fr Andrew O'Sullivan
<https://www.churchservices.tv/maryimmacdublin>

Wednesday - 31st March

RTE News Channel, 10.30am - Mass, The Star of the Sea Church, Riverchapel, Courtown, Wexford - Fr Tom Dalton - <https://www.churchservices.tv/riverchapel>

Holy Thursday - 1st. April

RTE One, 4.40p.m. (repeated Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1900) - Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated by Fr Martin Smith (Chaplain, Carlow IT) with members of RTE Cor Linn

Good Friday - 2nd. April

RTE One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 3.00p.m. – 4.00p.m. - Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday from Knock Basilica. Chief Celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane.

Holy Saturday - 3rd. April

RTE One, 12.00Noon. Countdown to Calvary (Rpt). Downton Abbey star and Cambridge University theology graduate, Hugh Bonneville, tells the story of the last days of Jesus' life.

RTE One, 10.45p.m. Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 2300-0015 - Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica, which is to be recognised by Pope Francis on 19 March as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine.

Chief Celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane. 2240-2355 on RTÉ One. (Radio will air it with a slight delay at 11.00p.m.)

Easter Sunday - 4th. April

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 10.00a.m -11.00a.m. - Easter Sunday

Mass from « La Carità » COVID hospital in Locarno, Switzerland, celebrated by the Archpriest of Locarno, Fr Carmelo Andreatta, with commentary and translation by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (This Mass will air with a delay on Radio 1 Extra / LW252 in our regular slot at 11.00a.m. – 12.00Noon). From 12.25 - 12.55 (approx) Pope Francis' Easter Urbi et Orbi Message and Blessing.

This will be followed by live coverage of the 1916 commemoration by President Michael D. Higgins

Sunday 28th. March 2021

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes – in short, the whole Sanhedrin – had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him: Are you the king of the Jews? He answered, It is you who say it. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again: Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you! But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews? For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again: But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews? They shouted back,

Crucify him! Pilate asked them, Why? What harm has he done? But they shouted all the louder, Crucify him!

So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into

a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, Hail, king of the Jews! They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross! The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said, He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying: Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, In truth this man was a son of God.

There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was

already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who bought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

Wednesday 31st. March: Mass of Chrism:

Members of our parish are invited to join with Bishop Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator, and the

priests of our diocese for the annual Mass of Chrism at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 31 st March. While

the Chrism Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors at St. Mary's Cathedral the celebration will

be available online at stmaryscathedral.ie. During the Mass the priests of the diocese will renew

their vows and the holy oils for use at Baptisms, Confirmations, the Anointings of the Sick and

Ordinations will be blessed. The Sacred Chrism for use at the ordination of our anticipated new

bishop will be consecrated.

Forty-two candles representing the prayers and petitions of parishioners in each parish in the

diocese will be lit during the Mass and later returned with the Sacred Oils for use in the local

community. Please join with us in this important diocesan celebration.