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Palm Sunday (Cycle B) 25th March 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sat : 6pm 24/3: Intentions of Orla Sheehan

Sun :10am 25/3: Marie Sloan RIP

Mon: 9am 26/3: Rosaleen Healy RIP

Mon:1pm 26/3: Harry McGinley RIP

Tues: 9am 27/3: Lana Corrigan RIP

Tues: 1pm 27/3: Deceased members of the Brannigan family

Wed: 9am 28/3: For John Gough's intention and those he daily takes for granted

Wed: 1pm 28/3: For Marie & Jim Burn's on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Thurs: 9am 29/3: No Mass. (**Reflection on the Meaning of Mass (by Fr. James)**)

Thurs 11am 29/3 : CHRISM MASS AT ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL

Thurs: 1pm 29/3: **NO MASS**

Thurs 6pm 29/3: Mass of the Lord's Supper (For Pope, & all Bishops, Priests)

(After Mass till 9pm Watching at the Altar of Repose)

Fri: 30/3: (Good Friday) No 9am; No 1pm Masses.

Fri 30/3 1pm: Reflection on The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.

Fri: 3pm 30/3: (Good Friday) Liturgy of the Passion Fri: 30/ 3: 5pm Turas na Croise (Stations of the Cross)

Sat 31/3 No 9am; No 1pm; No 6pm Masses

Sat 31/3(Easter Vigil) For all parishioners of St Mary's/living&dead

Let us remember the SICK in our Prayers: Padd y Gilliland, Michael Ryan, Peter Monaghan, Joe Faszczka & Betty, Jack Burns, Jan & Malachy, Martin Donaghy, James, Clare, Terry Fullerton, Elsie Cooney, Eileen Delaney, Anne Lambe, Donna Carey, , Danny Mc Kee, David, Dolores Kelly, Dinny Murphy, Sinead Ward, Colette Kearney, Sarah Keyland, Cian Travers, P McCloskey, Mary O' Neill, Maria Antonia Peres, Shannah Smyth, Pat Carville, Sheila Smith, Barry Mulholland, Paul Connolly, Joan Smith, Briege, Kumacho, Nora Mc Mahon, Marie Mc Guigan, Paul Kelly, Annie Crawford, Nuala Mailey, Paul Mc Larnon, Patsy Mullan, Larry Mc Gurk, Bernadette Boswell, Seán & Phyliss Smyth, , Linda McDonald, Christopher Browne, Kevin Heaney, Louise Green, Marian Hunter, Colm Gallagher, Margaret Mc Cafferty, Anna, Kohl Thelis, Deirdre O'Neill, Bridie Mc Crossan, Brenda McKervey, Margaret McCriskin, Margaret Mc Kenna, Jean Kelly, Joseph Duffy, Elizabeth Magee, Joel Rivera, Nora McDonagh, Maire Mc Kenna, Eddie O' Neill, Billy Houston, Mick Hughes, Annie Mc Nally. Patrick McAnulty; Tony Lindsay, Paddy McGeogh; Alex Vernon, Kathleen McMullan, Sean Mc Donnell, Eadie Staton, Gretta Whyte, Eileen Foley, Howard Marshall, Michael O' Neill (Canada). Irene Lee, Philomena Lee; Anne Marie, Martin Jones; Jeannette Lee, Jim McAnespy, Charlotte Miskelly, Christopher Brown

ONE COLLECTION THIS WEEK 25/03

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS : 1. £326 ; 2. £370

THIS WEEK TWO COLLECTIONS 25/03: Up Keep of Church

NEXT WEEK TWO COLLECTIONS :1.Heat and Electricity; 2: Easter Coll.

FRIDAY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: £195.

SILVER CIRCLE: Gerry Keon; Patricia Harvey

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE This means that we do not eat flesh meat on Good Friday and have only one full meal an two smaller ones. Fast and Abstinence does not apply to the sick, the elderly and those under 14 years old. **THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** is for the support of Christians living in thee Holy Land.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

[During the Easter Triduum we relive and retell the whole story of our Salvation] The word "Triduum" is a Latin word, which means "three days". The three days of the Easter Triduum are **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday**. The Easter Triduum is a three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ. We are called to church at various times during these three days to remember together what it is that Jesus has done for us. We gather at the Easter Triduum to remember the saving act of Jesus and the miracle of his Resurrection. Because Jesus died and was resurrected, we live on forever, after death. Death no longer is the end of life for us. In death "life is changed not ended." (Preface of the Dead) Death is the beginning of new life.

A THREE-DAY LONG LITURGY

We look at the Easter Triduum as one single celebration that lasts for three days. The Triduum is like a play in three acts. Holy Thursday's Eucharist has no dismissal rite; Good Friday's liturgy has no greeting or dismissal rite; the Easter Vigil does not have an entrance rite. *Each of these days "tells" a different part of the story of Jesus' saving act* **HOLY THURSDAY- [Has no dismissal rite] -**

All regular masses in a parish are suspended to allow for only one mass, the mass of the Last Supper held always on Thursday evening. There are no daytime masses held in parishes anywhere in the world, only the evening mass which begins the Triduum celebration. Holy Thursday is a remembrance of the Last Supper at which Jesus chose his apostles to serve and lead the Church (Institution of Priesthood) and gave us himself in the Eucharist. The sacred Scripture, which we hear this night, reminds us of the first Passover meal of the Israelites as they prepare for their journey out of slavery in Egypt. We then hear of the institution of the Eucharist by Christ and his admonition of "Do this, in remembrance of me." And then we have the wonderful example of the Service to which we all are called when Jesus, who is Lord and master, takes a basin of water and a towel and washes the feet of his apostles ending with the words, "What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do." Christ saves us from the slavery of sin; the Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us so that we can serve our brothers and sisters. In order to reinforce this important teaching of Jesus about service, the celebrant of the mass washes the feet of some members of the parish community. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is a beautiful and joyful celebration. During the singing of the Gloria, the church bells are rung and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night. **[Note that the Holy Thursday Liturgy has no dismissal Rite, as it is only the end of the first act of a story that is being played out over three days]**

GOOD FRIDAY: *(Has no greeting or dismissal rite)*

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. There are three parts to the liturgy of Good Friday: the Liturgy of the Word; the Veneration of the Cross; and Holy Communion with Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. We begin the service in silence with no procession. There is no need to process. This service does not stand alone; it is a continuation of what began on Holy Thursday. The priest prostrates himself as a sign of utter humility before God.

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL: *(Has no entrance rite)* The Easter Triduum, which began with the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil. The Easter vigil is celebrated on Saturday night. This celebration is a long one; there is a lot to be done and we need time to do all of these things well. The Easter Vigil is not just an ordinary mass that is a bit longer. There are things we do at the Easter Vigil that we do not do at other masses. As masses go, the Easter Vigil is considerably longer than a Sunday mass. But as vigils go it is relatively short. We cannot rush a vigil. In our daily lives we might keep vigil for much longer as we wait by the bedside of our dying parent or child or as we wait in the hospital waiting room for news of the diagnoses. These kinds of vigils take as long as they take. We bear with them. The same is true of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Experience its meaningfulness, not its length, and let it touch our inner being and move our soul. Jesus is Risen and we can wait in joyful hope for our own Resurrection!

"TRIDUUM DAYS - NOT DAYS OF "BUSINESS AS USUAL." We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We are called to church to gather and remember together. When we are not in church, we are asked to keep the spirit of those days in our homes or wherever we are. We try to live a quieter, simpler life focusing more of our attention on Christ and less on the secular world. These days are not days of business as usual. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Sunday, are the most important days in the whole life of the Church's Liturgy. Lent existed so that we could take a stock of our lives in preparation for this most solemn time in the Church year -- the Easter Triduum. Called by baptism as a child of God, every person is invited to experience the Easter Triduum with all Catholics throughout the world. To experience the fullness of the Triduum is to be present for the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the service on Good Friday, and either the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening or mass on Easter Sunday morning. It's like a play of three acts. Would you leave after the first act of the play?

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES OF SERVICES 2018

SAT 24/03: 6pm: PALM SUNDAY VIGIL/ Blessing of Palms/Procession

PALM SUNDAY 25/03: 10am & 11.30am (Gaeilge).

(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)

MON 26/03: 9:00am: Mass

12.00 – 12:55 CONFESSIONS

1:00pm: Mass

TUES 27/03: 9:00am Mass

12.00 – 12:55 (**CONFESSIONS**)

1:00pm Mass

WED 28/03: 9:00am Mass

12.00 – 12:55 (CONFESSIONS)

1:00pm Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29/03: NO MORNING MASS /NO CONFESSION

9am: Fr. James gives a reflection on “What is Mass”

11:00am: CHRISM MASS in St Peter’s Cathedral

6:00pm: Mass of the Last Supper

(After Mass till 9pm: Watching at Altar of Repose)

GOOD FRIDAY 30/03: No Masses today.

12-12.55: (CONFESSIONS)

1.00pm Reflection on The Seven Last Words of Jesus
from the Cross.

3:00pm: Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death

5:00pm: Turas Na Croise//Gaeilge

HOLY SATURDAY 31/03: NO 9am nor 1pm Masses:

12:00 – 12:55: (CONFESSIONS)

9:00pm: Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

(Blessing of New Fire/Paschal Candle and Baptismal Water:

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS;

EASTER ENVELOPE COLLECTION + Collection for Parish upkeep.

EASTER SUNDAY 01/04: Masses 10:00am & 11.30 Gaeilge

MONDAY 02/04: NO MORNING MASS. NO CONFESSIONS

1.00pm: MASS as usual

TUESDAY 03/04: MASSES AS USUAL @9am&1pm