



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Palm Sunday annual collection on
March 28th please donate online at
www.sunshinefund.ie



A few words from Fr Joe.....

Thank God for Zoom and the webcam! This week, as during the entire pandemic the livestreaming of liturgies and prayer from the church has been a lifesaver. Beginning on last Thursday with the brilliant Jessie Rogers giving the Lenten talk from her home and going out live by Zoom and then available on the website, followed on Friday with the beautiful evening of reflection and prayer led by the funeral ministry group. We were able to login and follow Fr Brian celebrating a warm, gentle and uplifting funeral for a lady who was 101 on Saturday.

Sunday morning Mass streamed almost without interruption and allowed me to address the distress experienced by the families and friends of those effected by a recent communication from the Vatican.

Monday morning was the regular Mass to pray with and for the sick. Then for me the absolute highlight of the week, 57 families with their candidate for Confirmation came to a Zoom meeting and we listened to their prayers and music and watched their baptismal candles being passed from one generation to the next.

This is how we meet the challenges of the present moment, by turning them into opportunities! This Holy Week will be another moment that we stay apart to stay safe, but we will be praying in common as we join the parish liturgies, those on RTE or the wider church.

Surely the Spirit of God is leading us into the deep and powerful experience of being church at home, with the family as the congregation and the screen being our window into mystery.

So, take the most you can from this way of sharing in the life and liturgy, it's not perfect but it is a lot more than nothing. Happy Holy Week.



Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday the 2nd April.

Prayer leaflets will be on the Church table.

Feast of Divine Mercy is on Sunday the 10th April.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th 10.00am

Margaret Moran – A
Nuala Hanna - A
Maurice O'Sullivan – 1st A
Mary O'Neill – R
John O'Connell – R
Moira McGrath and
Patty Browne – A
Margaret Donnelly – M.M

Monday 29th 10.00 am

For all who are ill

Tuesday 30th 10.00 am

Liturgical Service

Thursday 1st April 10.00 am

Celine McCormack – A
Molly and Killy Scanlon –
Special Intention

Easter Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday 04th April 10am

Tom Costello – 1st A
Carmel Fleming – 1st A
Reddy Day – A



MOUNT MERRION PARISH

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK
VIA WEBCAM ON

www.mountmerrionparish.ie

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY - 10am MASS

Jesus enters the City of Jerusalem on a donkey. A big crowd welcomes Him. They shout 'Hosanna', wave palm branches and lay them, along with their cloaks, on the ground for Him. At 10am Mass Fr Joe will bless palms as we together begin our journey into Holy Week and read The Passion from St Mark's Gospel. Blessed palms may be collected from the church after Mass.



MON - TUES - WED: 10am MASS / LITURGY IN MOUNT MERRION AND PARISH TRIDUUM IN KILMACUD - "Easter Hope in the Time of Pandemic"

10am Mass & 7.30pm Prayer Service each day led by Fr. Laurence Gallagher CSsR. Reconciliation, reflection and renewal in preparation for Easter - via webcam on www.kilmacudparish.ie

HOLY THURSDAY - 7.30pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



Jesus and the Apostles gather together in the Upper Room for a special meal - The Last Supper. We remember the words Jesus said at that meal; 'Do This in Memory of Me'. We recall that Jesus washed the feet of the 12 Apostles. Perhaps place a jug and bowl of water on a table nearby as you too join the Mass of the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY - 3pm - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

We enter into the Passion through the account from St John's Gospel and we recall the Way of the Cross. 'Hosanna'...replaced by 'Crucify Him'... and then finally, "It is accomplished". In our homes we can venerate the Cross and remember again the love Christ showed for us when he stretched out his arms on that Cross.



HOLY SATURDAY - 10am - WAITING WITH THE WOMEN OF THE CROSS

After the grief and sorrow of Good Friday, now there is only silence. We may feel bereft, empty after the events of yesterday. The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee must have felt the same. Join us via webcam at 10am on Holy Saturday morning, as we spend some time with them in music, prayer and reflection.

EASTER VIGIL – 11pm RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252. - Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica



EASTER SUNDAY – 10am MASS:

Early in the morning some women go to the tomb. Jesus has risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Perhaps prepare an Easter table with spring flowers, Easter eggs, maybe your baptismal or another candle, and join with Fr Joe as he lights our Paschal Candle.

POPE FRANCIS' Urbi et Orbi Message & Blessing – 12.25-1pm (approx) RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the climax of Jesus's mission. Today we see him enter Jerusalem on a donkey, as the cheering crowd joyfully proclaims 'Hosanna', waving palm branches.

As the story of the Passion unfolds in the **Gospel**, the mood soon changes. Viewing Jesus as a threat to their religious authority, the chief priests plot to bring about his end. The crowd now turns on Jesus, shouting 'Crucify him'. Then we accompany Jesus in his suffering to his last breath, hearing those desolate words, 'My God, my God why have you deserted me?'

We respond with these same words to the **Psalm**, which describes the humiliation that Jesus will suffer in order to save us. In the last verse, however, the mood changes from dejection to praise and glory.

Though the **First Reading** also touches on suffering, the servant takes strength from God's presence with him, even in the worst circumstances.

Paul urges the Philippians to be more Christ-like in their behaviour. Jesus came amongst us in humility as a servant, showing his great unconditional love for us by dying on the cross. **(Second Reading)**

As we accompany Jesus through Holy Week, no matter what trials we may be facing, let's pray for confidence in God's presence, that we may be strengthened by it and filled with hope as we look forward to Easter.

Easter Hope in a time of Pandemic

Parish Triduum

29, 30, 31 March

10.00am Mass and 7.30pm prayer service led by Fr Laurence Gallagher, CSsR.

Join us on the Kilmacud webcam for Reconciliation, Reflection and Renewal as we prepare for Easter.

Reconciliation Service Tuesday