

Palm Sunday





HOLY WEEK

You are invited to join us in the journey of Holy Week - from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper, to Calvary concluding, but far from ending, at the empty tomb.

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We Are The Reason

What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday?

Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic

event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. That's a powerful thought. Knowing that we are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem, then we must honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Is 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9 17-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47



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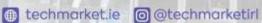
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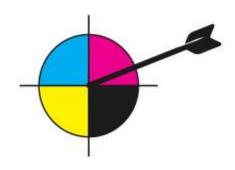


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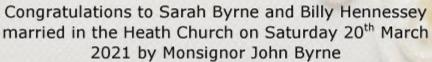
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Together, let us begin the greatest week of the Church year.

Photos can be sent to: Cathriona by Whatsapp to 085 1450321 or Cathriona.Kelly@Kandle.ie

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The Praise Parade

Jesus and his followers were travelling to the city of Jerusalem. The city was going to have a big celebration called Passover that would last for a whole week. Have you ever been to a party that lasted a whole week? Well, as they were travelling, they came to a place called the Mount of Olives. They stopped there and Jesus gave his disciples some special instructions. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied

there that no one has ever ridden. Until it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that donkey?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So the disciples went and found the young donkey, just as Jesus had told them they would. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owner asked them, "Why are you untying that donkey?" Hmm. . . now what was it they were supposed to say? Right! They simply answered, "The Lord needs it."

The disciples took the young donkey to Jesus and they put coats on its back so that Jesus would have a nice, soft seat as he rode it into town. Word spread quickly through the town that Jesus was coming. He had become quite famous because people had heard about his healing the sick and even raising the dead. As Jesus entered the town, a large crowd had gathered. People began to throw their coats on the road in front of Jesus. They cut branches from the palm trees and waved them and they began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

It must have looked like a parade as Jesus went through the streets of Jerusalem with everyone waving and cheering. But as exciting as all this was, the people really did not know who Jesus was. They thought he was going to set up an earthly kingdom and that he would do great things for them here on earth. They did not understand that his kingdom was in heaven. In just a few



days, these same people who were shouting, "Hosanna!" would be shouting, "Crucify him!" because he wasn't the kind of king they wanted.

The Good News today is that Jesus is King. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Today we are here to praise him and we shout, "Hosanna!" Do you know what that word means? It means "Save now!" That is why we shout hosanna, because Jesus saves us, Jesus alone.

Dear Father, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

He is our hope and our salvation. In his name we pray. Amen.



The Triumphal Entry

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story. Jesus sent two ______, saying to them, "Go to the _____ ahead of you, and at once you will find a ______ tied there, with her by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large ______ spread their ______ on the road, while others From the trees and spread them on the ______. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" BRANCHES COLT DISCIPLES HOSANNA SHOUTED CLOAKS CROWD DONKEY ROAD VILLAGE

LAUGH-A-MINUTE

Q. Why do bees hum?

A. Because they don't know the words.

Q. When is the best time to go to bed?

A. Anytime, the bed won't come to you.

Q. Why did the young boy take his scooter to bed?

A. He didn't want to walk in his sleep.







TIME TO THINK!

A SACRED WEEK

This is our Second Easter, in Lockdown. As restrictions continue, our television rooms have now become the place where we can participate in Mass, say our prayers and receive spiritual communion. However, despite the enormous challenges of the last year, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thank God, for the gift of science, and as the acceleration of vaccination takes place, soon we will be in a much brighter place.

This Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week, seven days, filled with Religious Symbolism and Rituals, from Washing Feet to Venerating the Cross. Holy Week, is indeed a true gift to embrace.

Holy Week, tells the very hopeful story of Jesus' great love and resilient compassion. A free love, given in an absolute fashion. A love, told powerfully by a God who "lay down his life for his friends".

For this reason, the days of Holy Week resonate with many emotions felt within all our hearts. The joy and intimacy at a family meal, the pain of not knowing our future, the emptiness, because of a loved ones death and the transforming hope and joy on Easter Sunday; Jesus risen from the dead.

This is a powerful story, a story that through the symbol of a cross continues to offer hope.

We All Have Crosses. When we look at the call to take up our cross, we tend to think of the way God asks us to accept and embrace the sufferings and hardships that come from living in this fallen world. While we have a difficult time understanding why a good God allows his people to suffer, we all know what suffering feels like, and we can understand how it can be linked to the cross.

This kind of suffering can be physical or spiritual or psychological. It can range from cancer to the inner wounds caused by someone who persecutes you because of your faith. It can come in the form of addiction, depression and anxiety.

It can come from our standing up for innocent life in a culture of death, or it can come from having to endure the pain of a broken relationship. Whatever its source, we all have situations in our lives that we could honestly call "crosses" that we have to bear.

It is important to see, however, that before we accept or embrace any cross we may encounter, we should feel free to ask the Lord to remove it from us. Yes, Jesus told us to carry our crosses. But at the same time he himself healed many people.

He removed their crosses because of his love and compassion. Just as Jesus removed the crosses from these people, there are many instances where he wants to remove ours. He knows all about our suffering, and he is with us. He loves to heal us.

One of the great models of the church in the Second Vatican Council is that of the church being a living dynamic community of faith "the people of God".



This week Jesus reminds us all that essentially our church is local; familiar places where we share meals, support and encourage. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with you". Jesus continues to wash our feet through the hands of parents, caring for their family, voluntary organisations who support often the most vulnerable in our society.

Jesus in Gethsemane reminds us that we are not alone. His fragile and very vulnerable experience of doubt, frustration and extreme anxiety is a powerful solidarity with so many who are uncertain and overwhelmed.

Jesus dying on the cross is an invitation to new life. His kingdom is not for those who have it all, but firstly, for those who are in want of something greater. His word to a dying thief – "Today you will be with me in paradise".

His dying arms outstretched are an invitation to all people to turn to his love. Jesus on the cross embraces the depth of our humanity and in doing so makes us new and powerful. "By his wounds we are healed". Without the cross we have no Easter. It is through suffering; Jesus gives us Easter – Hope.

The Prayer of Abandonment, written by Blessed Charles de Foucauld, is one of the most beautiful prayers of surrender in the Christian spiritual heritage.

Father

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you, with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

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Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the high point of the Church Year.

Pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence and pray:

Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.

Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey through Holy Week.

May we find time to listen again to the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There, may we discover the love of God, which knows no bounds.

We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and loss and the suffering, pain, worry and loss of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming Easter Day that Jesus is risen! May we have our hope renewed in God who brings good out of bad and even life out of death. Amen

Glory be to the Father ...

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our sympathy to their families.



In Loving Memory of ANDREW (Andy) &

KATHLEEN (Cáit) LAMBE
Ballydavis, Portlaoise, whose 21st and 11th Anniversaries
occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 28th April at 10am.

Your life was love and labour, Your love for your family true,

You did your best for all of us, we will always remember you.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family and friends.

May they Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of Our Daddy KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

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7th Anniversary away from Home - 1st April 2021



Next Thursday is the anniversary of the day that we lost you,
And for a time it felt as though our lives had ended too,
But your loss has taught us many things and now we face each day,
With hope and happy memories,
to help us on our way.

And though we are full of sadness that you're no longer here, your influence still guides us and we still feel you very near,

What we shared will never die, for it lives within our hearts, bringing strength and comfort while we have to be apart.

They say that time's a healer, but as the time goes on, We seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you've gone,

You'll never be forgotten and every year we'll shed a tear, but it's only because we love you and wish you were still here.

Oh daddy if we could turn back time and once more hear your voice, we'd tell you out of all the daddys you'd still be our only choice,

Please always know we love you and no one will ever take your place, though the years will come and go, your memory will never be erased.

Today God as you're listening from your home in Heaven above, would you go and find our daddy and give him all our love.

Always just a thought away. Loved and missed everyday.

From Becky and Dylan XX

May Kenneth Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN

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105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurred 26th March 2021.



Treasured thoughts of one so dear, Often bring a silent tear, Thoughts of scenes long past, Years roll on but memories last.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving father Michael, brother Brandon and sister Chloe, extended family and friends.

May Oraig Rest in Reace

In Loving Memory of our beloved Mum CARMEL RITCHIE née Fitzpatrick Riverview, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 2nd April 2021



If Roses grow in Heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my Mother's arms, And tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek, and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart, that will never go away.

Sadly missed and loved always; George, Elaine, Debbie, Peter, Richard & Liz, all your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Mum

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In Loving Memory of THOMAS BROPHY

Late of Market Sq. Portlaoise. 54th Anniversary occurs 25th March. Died 25/3/1967.



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We miss and love you dearly and we want you to know;
Your birthday is not forgotten and your memory lives on,
We celebrate the life you had, even

though you're gone, We will always love and miss you and will often shed a tear,

Especially on your special day, year after year.

Happy Birthday Ger

We love and miss you always, from Kathleen and all your family.

Rest in Reace Ger



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of GER DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla and 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise. 4th birthday away from home occurs 30th March 2021.



Wonderful memories of one so dear, Treasured still with a love sincere, In our hearts he is living yet, We loved him too dearly to forget.

Happy Birthday Ger

Sadly missed and always remembered by your sister Geraldine and family.

Rest in Reace Ger



In Loving Memory of MARIA McDONALD

10 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 25th March 2021



We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories, and
your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache, as
we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by her husband Oliver, sons Lee & Cody, daughters Sharon, Margaret, Sierra & Jan, grandchildren & sons-in-law, sister Angela & her good friend Kathleen.

Rest in Reace Maria





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In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary away from home - 31st March 2021

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Wednesday 31st March at 10am.



You left us without warning Not even a goodbye, and four years on, we still can't seem to stop asking the question "why?".

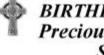
We didn't see this coming, it hit us by surprise, and when you left for Heaven, a small part of us died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day, No matter what they were going through, And everyday for the rest of our lives, we will be Missing You

Thinking of you in Heaven today and always

Loved and missed by all her loving family, extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Patricia



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Precious memories of a loving Son and Brother *MARTIN WALSH*

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 47th birthday remembrance; 26th March



Martin wishing you were here today so we could say Happy Birthday and see your lovely smile.

With aching hearts we whisper we love and miss you so much.

Your ever loving Mammy Margaret, brothers Anthony and Joseph, sisters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces.

Also remembering Martin's Dad at this time. May they both Rest in Reace



Anniversary Masses included on memorial notices must be

booked at reception prior to submitting your notice. Tel. 057-8621142 to book the Mass.

In Loving Memory of *JOSEPH HOGAN*

3 Powerscourt, late of Cloonagh, Ballyfin. 1st Anniversary occurs 31st March 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Wednesday 31st March at 10am.

If tears could build a stairwell and memories were a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven, and bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness, and silent tears still flow, what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Sadly missed by his brother Noel and all his loving family.

Rest in Reace Joseph



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Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. 6th Anniversary away from home occurs 29th March 2021.



As each day dawns and starts anew,
As each day ends we think of you,
And in between no matter where,
Deep in our hearts you're always there.
We do not need a special day to bring
you back to mind,
For days without a thought of you,
are very hard to find.

Will those who think of Bernie today. A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed and loved by all her loving family.

May Bernie's gentle soul Rest in Reace

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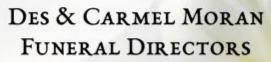


Send us your Prayer Requests: brigidaprayer@gmail.com



Philippians 4:6: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In

PORTLAOISE PARISH CHURCH

On

Sunday 11th April

Ceremonies will begin at 2:50pm with opening prayers



Why Divine Mercy? Jesus spoke directly to St. Faustina; "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all.

Whoever will go to confession and Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not be lost. I also promise victory over its enemies here on earth, but especially at the hour of death, I myself will defend your soul as My own glory."

<u>Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday begins</u> <u>on Good Friday</u> (after the 3pm Ceremony in the Parish Church)

As restrictions for this year greatly limit our interactions, it is enough to say the Chaplet and the Rosary for end of the current Pandemic, for those who have died with COVID-19, for victims and for front line workers and all their intentions, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Christ's plan for the world. This is enough to attain the indulgences associated with Divine Mercy Sunday this year, as many won't be able to make a good confession or receive Holy Communion. It is very much encouraged to attend the virtual ceremony.



Sat 12 June 2021 #CreativeIreland



Open Call!

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for children and young people (0-18) which celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity with free, local and activity-based events.

Laois County Council is inviting applications from individuals/organisations for innovative activities of all shapes and sizes for children and young people that foster creativity and engage diverse participation from visual and performing arts to workshops and adventures in heritage, culture, science, technology or climate action.

Events should be focused on children and young people with children and young people themselves consulted and included in creating the event. We particularly welcome applications that gives access to groups of children who haven't had such opportunities before.

For guidelines and application form, go to laois.ie/departments/creative-ireland/cruinniu-na-nog-2021

Closing date for proposals: Tuesday 6 April 2021

For any queries contact:
Laois County Council Arts Office:
057 8664033/13 or artsoff@laoiscoco.ie







Portlaoise Parish

Results for



25th March 2021

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No €17,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

MATCH 3s €1,000

Laurenta Ging C, E & M
Agnes Hyland
Joan Ferns
Anne Ging
Guys & Dolls
Trisha McLoughlin

Geraldine Greene
Jack Farrell
Mary & Tony Delaney
Roisin Fitzpatrick

10 Match 3s €100 each

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Next Week's Jackpot €18,000

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. *Thank you* to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we continue to be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
Direct payment by cheque or cash
Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
Donation facility on our website
Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre

Or Transfer directly to our Account Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

THANK YOU

Priests of the Parish



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Fr. David Vard C.C. Tel: 057 8661139



Fr. Theodore Tomasik SVD Tel: 057 8661605

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Tel: 057 8621142
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Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mick Daly dlp@kandle.ie



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Secretary: Julie Conroy Monday to Thursday 11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm 057-8692154

Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday Subject to availability of space E-mail: linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

> PARISH SHOP 057 8621142 - Claire Scully

Holy Week 2021

Palm Sunday | 28th

10am Mass

Good Friday | 2nd

10am Morning Prayer
3pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross
8pm Prayer Around the Cross

Holy Thursday | 1st

10am Morning Prayer
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday | 3rd

10am Morning Prayer 9pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday | 4th

10am Mass



All ceremonies behind closed doors. Please follow via our Parish Webcam, Parish Radio 106.5FM, Facebook Live and Shalom World TV



