



Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion



Mass – Mon, Tues, Wed 10am
No morning Mass Thurs Fri Sat

KILLALLON Sun 10am – Ann - Willie & Mary Dalton & Kate Fagan, Ann – William Leonard

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am Ann – Donal McGuinness

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral Wed & 7.30pm

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:

HOLY THURSDAY - No Mass Killallon, Cers in Clonmellon & 7.30pm Ann – Maisie Reilly

GOOD FRIDAY – Cers CLONMELLON 3.30pm Confessions 3pm
KILLALLON 7.30pm – Confessions 7pm
Stations of the Cross in Clonmellon Village 2.30pm

HOLY SATURDAY 8pm – Easter Vigil
Mass of the Resurrection, Confessions 7pm.

NB - Masses from Easter Sunday by Summertime

Rest in Peace:

Christy Carr, Rathbrack
Eileen Ryan, Kilkenny

Adoration: Monday 2.30-8pm
Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month

Collection for Trocaire at mass Holy Thursday
Collection for the Holy Places At Cers Good Friday

Trocaire Boxes will be taken in at the Mass Sun April 15th. Please change small coins into notes

Sun April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday – Choir will sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet after 11.30 mass.

Next Sunday – Easter offering Day
M.Fund Draw 1st April

The P.P.A. (Parish Pastoral Assembly), together with Fr. Garland and Fr. Samuel invite all parishioners and their families to our Celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in both our churches.

CONFESSIONS with priests from neighbouring parishes:

Delvin - Monday 7.30pm

Clonmellon - Tuesday 7.30pm & Saturday 12 noon
(Conf. before & after ceremonies on each day)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

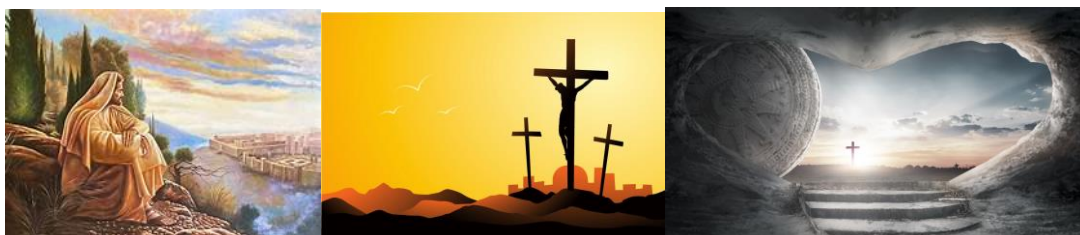
Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Might One, Hole Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Please take a copy of these notices to your home

Happy Easter to all our parishioners

My good and dear Jesus I kneel before you, asking you most earnestly to engrave upon my heart a deep and lively faith, hope & charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm resolve to make amends. As I reflect upon your live wounds and dwell upon them with deep compassion and grief, I recall, good Jesus the words the prophet David spoke long ago concerning yourself. They have pierced my hands and feet, they have counted all my bones.



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Points to Ponder

Many years ago, an artist wanted to paint a picture of Jesus as a young man. He searched around for a model and eventually found a very handsome young man. Years later, the same artist wanted to paint a picture of the Last Supper but had difficulty in finding a model for Judas. Eventually, he did, someone with an evil-looking face which put fear into people who looked at it. You can imagine the artist surprise when he discovered that it was the same man that he had chosen as his model for Jesus and Judas. Between the first painting of Jesus and the second one of Judas at the Last Supper the young man had got into bad company and had committed many crimes. This was reflected in his face. From a young man with much potential, he had become an evil person and failed to reach his capacity for greatness.

Each one of us has this capacity, that for greatness and that for evil. In today's gospel story in Mark, Jesus says or does very little. It is the various actors in the drama who decide for themselves what their relation to Jesus will be. They either accept or reject Jesus. It is the same for us. We decide by our way of life whether we want to be for Jesus and accept his ways or we turn away and go our own way. We choose. It is up to us and God will not force us. Today's gospel is another offer from God to us. Will we choose Jesus today or not?

Fr. Jim Kirstein SMA

Prayer of Pope Francis on Good Friday

O Christ, abandoned and betrayed even by your own, and sold for next to nothing.

O Christ, judged by sinners, handed over by the leaders.

O Christ, tortured in the flesh, crowned with thorns and clothed in purple. O Christ, slapped and beaten, and nailed in excruciating pain to the Cross.

O Christ, pierced by the lance that opened your heart.

O Christ, dead and buried, you who are the God of life and existence.

O Christ, our only Saviour, we return to you this year with eyes lowered in shame, and with hearts filled with hope:

The hope that your Cross will transform our hardened hearts into hearts of flesh that are able to dream, to forgive and to love; that it will transform this dark night of your cross into the brilliant dawn of your Resurrection.

We ask you to break the chains that keep us imprisoned in our selfishness, in our willful blindness, and in the vanity of our worldly calculations.

Oh Christ, we ask you to teach us never to be ashamed of your Cross, not to exploit it but to honour and adore it, for by it You have shown us the monstrosity of our sins, the greatness of your love, the injustice of our judgments, and the power of your mercy.

Amen.

