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Saturday 1st April 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 2nd April 9.00 a.m. **Pro Populo.**

Sunday 2nd April 11.30. **Michael English & deceased family members.**



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:

Masses from 3rd April to 9th April 2023.

Mon: 9.00 a.m.

Benefactors living and deceased of Poor .

Tue: 7.00 p.m.

Conor Campbell.

Wed: 9.00 a.m.

(Convent)

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Lily and Charlie Costello. (Parish Church)

Confessions :

After Mass on Wednesday evening and after celebrations on Thursday and Friday.

Ministers of The Word for Next Weekend:

Sunday 11.30 a.m: *Margaret Hyland and Brenda McKeon.*

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Aras Phádraig. Drumshanbo.

Commencing Wednesday 12th April 2023 @ 8p.m.

(see poster in porch for details.)

Daffodil Day.

Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

€3169 collected.

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday

8.00 p.m. *Mass of The Lord's Supper (Parish Church)*

Good Friday

12 noon *Stations of the Cross (Convent Garden)*

3.00 p.m. *Celebration of The Lord's Passion (Convent)*

8.00 p.m. *Celebration of The Lord's Passion. (Parish Church)*

Holy Saturday

9.00 p.m. *Easter Vigil (Parish Church)*

Easter Sunday

6.00 a.m. *Dawn Mass (Convent Garden)*

11.30 a.m. *(Parish Church)*

Poor Clare Chapel will close on Wednesday after 9.00 a.m. Mass and will reopen again on Sunday.



**To wash the feet of others is to love them,
especially when they don't deserve our love.**

It is to care for others even when they can't and won't appreciate that care.

It is to forgive others from the heart, even though they don't say "I am sorry"

It is to serve others even though the task is unpleasant, unseen and unappreciated.

It is to look into the eyes of another's sorrow and let them know that we care,
understand and are there for them. .

It is to turn the other cheek and bite our tongue instead of retaliating with the
cruel word or even with the more cruel silence.

It is to wait patiently and not complain even when others are not on time.

It is to listen attentively in silence when it would be easier to interrupt.

It is sometimes to be blamed in the wrong or let others take the credit for something
we have done.

It is always ready to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

It is the love that never comes to an end.

It is to be The Face and Hands of Jesus in our place and in our time.

The Holy Week.

Holy Week begins as we celebrate the Sunday of the Palms, Passion Sunday this weekend. It is holiday time for the children and our school staff. Some of you are flying out to New York for the Leitrim match, which will be a joyful gathering and reunion of Leitrim friends and families far away.....go well.

This is the time of buds and blossoms, lambs and song of the birds in the early dawn. The daffodils decorate the longer light of our April evenings. This is a time of Hope, that great Hope that is the promise of Easter, the promise of Summer, the promise of our Resurrection and an eternal summer.

But it is a hope and a promise rooted in the cruelty and torture of "THE ONE WHO HAD DONE NO WRONG". The unspeakable torture of betrayal and crucifixion is transformed on the Lips of Jesus, not as retaliation but as forgiveness and reconciliation.

This week we travel that Way of The Cross with all who have felt betrayed and with all those who have known the cruel face of violence, abuse and torture and the worst that men can do. The road to Calvary in 2023 winds its way through the devastated cities of Ukraine, from Yemen to Syria, from Somalia to the Congo reaching the West Bank near to the place where HE lived and died.

The Cross of Christ stands forever as a reminder of the horror that is Good Friday violence but it's also a Hope, endless Hope, the Hope that is beyond hope, that will always be the message of Easter Sunday.

- We are so happy to be back in the Convent for The Stations of Good Friday and the Dawn Mass at 6 a.m. On that morning we will remember Sean Logan in a special prayer.
- The Poor Clare Sisters will join us for Mass in the Parish Church on Thursday and for the Easter Vigil. Regretfully we can't have the Washing of The Feet this year again but I promise to have my favourite religious ritual next year.
- May this Holy Week be a truly holy time for you. May you take the time to pause and reflect and walk with mindfulness and compassion the sacred steps of these holy days following the Footsteps of Christ. (Fr. Frankie)