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PARISH NEWSLETTER



Monday 29th March – Sunday 04th April 2021.

- Monday, 29th March. MONDAY in HOLY WEEK**
8.00am: Special Intention.
10.00am: John O Connor. (A).
- Tuesday, 30th March. TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK.**
8.00am: Deceased members of the O Neill and Prunty families
10.00am: Patrick and Rosetta Macken, son J.J. & DFM.
7.00pm CHRISM MASS.
- Wednesday, 31st March. WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK**
8.00am: No Intention.
10.00am: Deceased members of the Mc Glynn and Walsh families.
7.30pm: Penitential Service. only via: www.longfordparish.com
- Thursday, 01st April. HOLY THURSDAY.**
7.30pm. MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER.
- Friday, 02nd April. GOOD FRIDAY**
3.00pm PASSION OF THE LORD.
7.30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
9.00pm. TÁIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS.
- Saturday, 03rd April. HOLY SATURDAY.**
9.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL.
- Sunday, 04th April. EASTER SUNDAY – The Resurrection of the Lord**
6.00am. Dawn Mass.
8.00am: No Mass.
10.00am: Patrick and P.J. Doris. (A).
11.30am: *Shared:* Thomas Feeley & DFM, Thomas & Brigid Mahon & DFM.
Byran Grant Roberts & Edward Lloyd Roberts. (A).
1.00pm: Betty & Paddy Dowd. (A)
6.00pm: No Intention.

REST IN PEACE: We pray at this time for the happy repose of the soul of Richie Hanafee, St Brigid's Terrace whose funeral mass will take place in the Cathedral on Monday at 11am. He will be laid to rest in Newtownforbes. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to € 2,075.00. You may drop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. Or you may prefer to offer financial support electronically, the following are our banking details: St Mels Cathedral Account. Permanent TSB. BIC: IPBSIE2D; IBAN: IE48IPBS99073152096969

PETITION BOX: As our 'Taizé Prayer Around the Cross' will be held virtually again this year we are inviting people to script their short prayer of petition that will be included in the Prayer on Good Friday night. The Petition Box is in the main porch from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA commences Good Friday immediately after the 3 o'clock ceremony and will continue on-line up Saturday 10th April.

TRÓCAIRE: we encourage families to continue to contribute to the Lenten Trócaire collection that can be handed into the Presbytery any day during the week.. Much of the money raised this year will go to help people displaced in Southern Sudan.

CEREMONIES for HOLY WEEK & EASTER

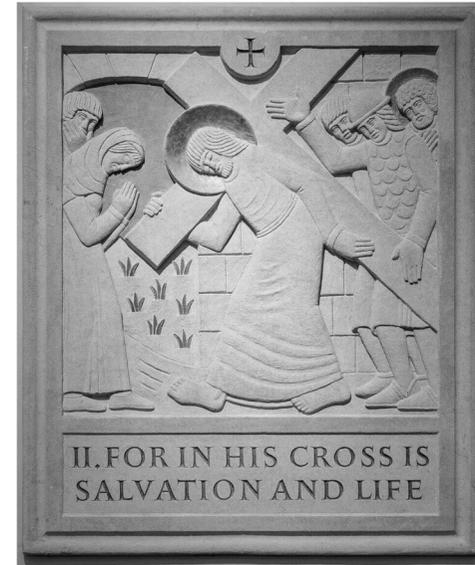
Please note that all ceremonies can be followed on-line at longfordparish.com

- CHRISM MASS:** *Tuesday at 7.00pm*
- PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** *Wednesday at 7.30pm.*
- HOLY THURSDAY:** *Mass at 7.30pm.
Washing of the feet at home.*
- GOOD FRIDAY:** *Passion at 3.00pm.
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.
Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 9.00pm.
Outdoor Stations of the Cross.*
- HOLY SATURDAY:** *Easter Vigil at 10.00pm.*
- EASTER SUNDAY:** *Dawn Mass at 6.00am;
10.00am; 11.30am; 1.00pm; 6.00pm.*

GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY *Mark 11:1-10*

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
"Why are you doing this?" say,
"The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here immediately."'”
And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
And they told them what Jesus had said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!'



HOLY WEEK 2021

As we begin our celebration of Holy Week for a second year under Covid-19 restrictions, we look at what we can do. Of course, we can prayerfully follow the liturgies on-line, but we can also adapt rituals for use in the home. Some rituals are suggested in the pamphlet produced by the Diocesan Liturgy Committee, *Celebrating Holy Week at Home this Year*.

Unfortunately we cannot celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at this time. You are invited to join us for a Penitential Service on Wednesday at 7.30pm. This is not the sacrament but an opportunity for prayerful acknowledgment of God's mercy.

On **Holy Thursday** families in the Syro Malabar tradition have a family ritual of washing of the feet at home. Wouldn't that be a great acknowledgment of the central place the home as the Domestic Church? It may be accompanied by a prayerful reading of John's Gospel account of the washing of the feet.

On **Good Friday** there will be an opportunity for people to pray the Stations of the Cross outdoors around the grounds of the Cathedral. The outdoor stations are copies of the stations carved by Ken Thompson inside.

For many people the highlight of Easter in Longford is the Dawn Mass that is celebrated in the grounds of the Famine Graveyard in Saint Joseph's. On Easter Sunday morning this year **The Dawn Mass** will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 6am.