

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	27 Mar	7.30pm	Tommy Gannon. Johnnie & Willie Dunne.
Sun	28 Mar	10.00am	Tom & Margaret Ennis, Blackstick. Christy Hannon & remember his son Trevor, his parents Lena & Tommy, his brothers-in-law Willy Carthy & Christy Delaney & his son Christopher. Margaret Kealy.
Mon	29 Mar	9.30am	
Tue	30 Mar	9.30am	Rita & Jim Schofield.
Tue	30 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	31 Mar	9.30am	
Thur	01 Apr	7.00pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Fri	02 Apr	12.00pm	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
Fri	02 Apr	7.00pm	Good Friday - The Passion
Fri	02 Apr	8.00pm to 8.30pm	Good Friday - Prayer Around The Cross
Sat	03 Apr	7.30pm	Easter Vigil.
Sun	24 Apr	10.00am	Easter Sunday Mass.

### CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Financially for the parish, like so many other businesses and you at home, this past year has proved to be a very challenging time for us, as our income has largely disappeared. Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our parish in the absence of public Masses.

Please continue to put aside your weekly contribution in your envelope and when the restrictions are eased you can bring your envelope back to the church or the parish office.

You can drop off your envelopes into the post box (on the left) at the parish office Thursday & Friday mornings.

You can donate online to our bank account – details on our parish website [www.prosperousparish.net](http://www.prosperousparish.net)

You can donate online via Kandle.ie website

We appreciate your continued generosity and thanks to the many people who continue to support us with their contributions. God bless and thank you.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart

### A PRAYER ON EASTER SUNDAY

Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence.

Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life, You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials  
we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the world, with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.



PARISH OF CARAGH  
**Church of Our Lady  
and St. Joseph  
Prosperous**

PALM SUNDAY

28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

No 1184

### BRINGING HOLY WEEK HOME 2021

#### A PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY COMPANION

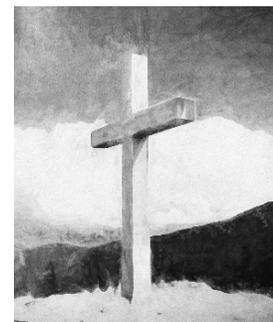
#### A most special week

For Christians, Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Holy Week lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its highpoint in what we call the Easter Triduum – those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Scriptures and turning to ritual and symbols, Christians throughout the world, journey with Jesus through those final days of his life, his passion, his death and resurrection. In the process, we experience God's redemptive presence, our faith is deepened, our hope is renewed and our commitment to living a life of love of God and one another is strengthened.

#### A different way of praying as a community of faith

Again this year, our celebrations will be very different due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a Christian Community we cannot gather together for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives. (Taken from *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021*, Dioceses of Clonfert, Elphin and Kildare & Leighlin

#### Some suggestions for Keeping Holy Week



**Create a sacred space** in your home for the week. It can be as simple as a candle and a bible. You can add particular **symbols for given days, palm on Palm Sunday, a water bowl & towel on Holy Thursday, a cross on Good Friday, a candle and holy water for Easter Sunday.**

**Take time each day for prayer:** Join in a livestream liturgy from your parish / use the daily prayer ritual in *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021* on Kandle.ie or the Kandle Facebook page / read the readings of the day and go out for a walk as you reflect on them.

Visit your local parish church for some private prayer and a physical connection with your parish

See *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021* for 'to do' suggestions for each day of Holy Week.

**Blessed palm will be available in our church after Palm Sunday Mass. Please call in and take a Palm Cross home with you.**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The great gift of Easter is HOPE”

#### PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: **045-841806**  
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Parish Email: [parishoffice@prosperousparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@prosperousparish.net)

#### Safeguarding children

##### Parish Designated persons:

Máiread Harman & Billy Carey

Contact through Parish Office on 045-841806

##### Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Mr Mick Daly

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##### Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Ms Michele Hughes Tel: 086-1710643

Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration as normal this week.

### LAUDATO SI

This is the right time to propagate your snowdrops. Lift the clump, separate the bulbs carefully, replant in your designated area an inch or two apart. Cover with soil and firm them in. Water them immediately, even if rain is due. Please allow dandelions to bloom and grow. They are a very valuable source of food for our pollinators when little else is available to them.

### CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass can be viewed via the Kildare and Leighlin Facebook page and iCatholic livestream. We are delighted to be able to share video greetings from our parishes from 7:10pm, with Mass beginning at 7:30 pm. Please join Bishop Denis for this celebration of the diocesan family. At the Chrism Mass the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and consecrates the Oil of Chrism. These oils will then be used in parishes throughout the diocese during the year.

#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### PALM SUNDAY – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

Blessed Palm Crosses will be left at the altar after Palm Sunday Mass so please call in and take one home for your house.

I urge parents to help children (especially our young children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion) to make a Cross out of wood and place it in the front garden of your home.

#### A Palm On Your Door

You are invited to place a piece of palm or any green branch on your front door to let people know it is Palm Sunday. **Together let us begin the greatest week of the Church year.**

We would love to receive photos of church and home doors. Photos can be sent to Cathriona Kelly at [cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie](mailto:cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie) or by Whatsapp to 085 145 0321. Cathriona is hoping to compile the video and post it on the evening of Palm Sunday.

### PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

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**

### HOLY THURSDAY

**Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our church at 7pm via webcam**

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-st-joseph>

Gather with members of your household if you can. Place a jug of warm water, a bowl and a towel in or near your sacred space. Parents might act out 'the washing of feet' with their children and explain to them the reason behind this tradition. The washing of feet is a symbol for washing away all our faults – the hatred we harbour in our hearts – a way to cleanse away our faults.

Take time on Holy Thursday to sit down together for a family meal but before you eat explain the importance of Holy Thursday and remember the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. It is important to point out that families must work

together and that every person has a role to play. Families must share things and must look after each other. Our parents work to provide everything for their family. It is important that children can help out around the home – they can do small jobs ie. Set the table / empty the dishwasher/ tidy their rooms/ help put out the bins etc.

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Please join us via webcam for The Stations of the Cross at 12noon and The Passion at 7pm and Prayer Around the Cross from 8pm to 8.30pm.**

I ask parents to help their children make a Crown of Thorns and place it on the Cross in the garden or in your sacred space. The Crown of Thorns symbolises our pain and suffering in this life. As a family you might consider sacrificing a meal today to join with our brothers and sisters who struggle every day because of hunger. I suggest that as a family you might take the Palm Cross with you and go for a walk and reflect on the Stations of the Cross and how Jesus loved us so much he gave his life for us.

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Please join us via webcam for the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening at 7.30pm or Easter Sunday Mass at 10am.**

During Lent we made promises to change our life for a new beginning. Remember our promises that we made before Jesus and light an Easter Candle and ask God to help us carry out our promises in our everyday lives.

As you are aware we normally renew our Baptismal Promises during the Easter ceremonies. This year I ask you to join with me and renew your Baptismal Promises at home – after the blessing of water. If you have some holy water please bless yourself after you renew your Baptismal Promises.

#### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

**Celebrant:** My dear brothers and sisters through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask:

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** And all his works?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** And all his empty promises?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the dead and life everlasting?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

### EASTER WATER

You are invited to leave an empty bottle with your name on it into the church porch and Fr. Bernard will fill them and bless the water as part of our Easter Vigil on Saturday night. People can call back and collect them after Easter Sunday Mass – they will be left near the altar.

### CANDLES

You are also invited to leave in a candle with your name on it and Fr. Bernard will bless them along with the Pascal candle at our Easter Vigil Mass. These will also be available for collection after Easter Sunday Mass.

### TROCAIRE

Please remember to give generously to our Trocaire Lenten campaign.

### BRINGING HOLY WEEK HOME 2021

Is a resource for the home for Holy Week. In it you will find, for each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, a note on the day, a piece of scripture, some things to look out for when joining a livestream liturgy, a short prayer ritual for use in the home as well as some 'to do' suggestions. Along with visits to the church, we can still celebrate Holy Week well this year in spite of the restrictions.

You can find the complete resources on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie). The daily resources will also be posted on the kandle Facebook and twitter pages