

5th April 2020

PALM SUNDAY



Edenderry

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Daily Mass
9am

(No 9am Mass on
day of funeral)

Saturday
7p.m.

Sunday
10a.m. & 11:30am

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Did Jesus Overthrow the Empire?

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the jubilant crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. As we come into church waving our palms and singing 'Hosanna' it is easy to recapture the pageantry of the day. On Palm Sunday, we remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a mob shouting for his crucifixion. What went wrong? The people who supported Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem that day had high expectations. They had been looking for a Messiah capable of overthrowing the Roman Empire and they believed Jesus to be that Messiah. They had seen Jesus work miracles and believed that he could overthrow the Roman Empire with political might. By the end of the week Jesus had not only disappointed their aspirations but exposed them as hollow and futile. So if Jesus hadn't come to Jerusalem to overthrow the Roman Empire, then why? In truth, Jesus had come not just to overthrow the Roman Empire but to overthrow the notion of 'Empire' itself. To overthrow a human empire only to replace it with another human empire would have been futile. Instead, Jesus faces the greatest threat the Roman Empire can pose, death by crucifixion, and turns it on his head by rising again. The Empire cannot beat him. Death cannot beat him. Human empires rise and fall but the way of life that Jesus taught us, with its promise of life everlasting triumphs. Today we come into church waving our palms and singing 'Hosanna', but we have different expectations. As Christians we do not ask God for power or wealth, we simply promise to follow a better path in life. We vow to follow Jesus' uncompromising path of humility and love.



LOVING AND HEALING GOD.

We, the people of Kildare and Leighlin turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. O God of creation and life, We place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

St Brigid, pray for us.

St Conleth, pray for us.

St Lazerian, pray for us.

May all the saints of God, pray for us.

Due to continued restrictions, Fr PJ will be cocooned in his house and will not be able to offer daily Mass via: Webcam. Therefore instead Deacon Paul will provide a **Service of the Word**, including the readings from the daily Mass. This will be held at the same time as required Mass....

Daily Mass Monday-Friday @ 11am

Saturday evening Mass @ 7pm

Sunday morning @ Mass 11:30am

To view the Service of the Word via: Webcam

Go to edenderryparish.ie

Click on Live Webcam

Anniversary names will be called out by Deacon Paul, and Fr PJ will pray for all on the list on Saturday and Sunday in the privacy of his own home.



IN ORDER TO PULL TOGETHER, WE MUST STAY APART

Baptisms: No Baptisms will take place until further notice

Baptism Preparation Course: will not be held until further notice.

The Staff of Ofalia House: want to touch base with the community and say we are all keeping safe and well in our little cocoon up here. We miss our relatives and friends so much, and we really hope they are all well. If anyone (young or old) has spare time on their hands we would love to hear from them, so feel free to drop us a line. We would like to say well done and thank you to everyone staying at home in order to keep us all safe, and we cannot wait for the day when we can hug our nearest and dearest again!

The Monthly St Pio Rosary: due to take place on Monday 13th April has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Eucharist Adoration: which takes place each Saturday morning has been suspended until further notice due to Covid - 19.



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

*Marcella Rushe nee Furey
Derrinturn, formerly Drumcooley, Edenderry*

*Christopher (Christy) Pehlan
formerly Edenderry*

*Maisie O' Grady nee Connolly
Castleview Park, Edenderry*

*May they Rest in Peace.
Our Sympathy to their families*



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We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Migle Giedraityte

Please note: Our Church is **CLOSED** until further notice

Bishop Denis will address Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the coming days.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Via: Webcam; Tommy Maher, **Months mind Mass;** Damien McKeon, **1st Anniversary;** Sean Connolly; Michael Hoey; Kathleen & Pat McGrath; John & Mary O' Connor

Sunday 11:30am: Via: Webcam; May Glennon & Kit O'Meara, **Months mind Mass;** Bridget McDonnell; John McDonnell; Eileen & Bernard Holohan; Colin McLachlan; Sean Colgan; Theresa, Stephen, Michael & Jim Maher; Philomena Murphy; Jim, Norrie & Sheila Martin; G. Lynch

Monday 11am: Via Webcam

Tuesday 11am: Via Webcam: Marie Brereton

Wednesday 11am: Via Webcam

Holy Thursday No morning Service of the Word

Good Friday: No morning Service of the Word

Holy Saturday 9pm: Via: Webcam; Philip Maher, **1st Anniversary;**

Kathleen Doyle; Patrick & Christina Dempsey; Patrick Dempsey Jnr; Peter Dempsey

Easter Sunday 11:30am: Via: Webcam; For the people of the Parish;

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) 11am:



We Pray for the following whose Anniversary occurs around this time.

*Mick & Brigid Cleary
Elizabeth Smullen
Ann Rowe*