



**OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday
28th March 2021**

Our Lenten season is now drawing to a close. This final week of Lent is called Holy Week. These are the most important days in the liturgical calendar each year. We recall the last earthly days in the life of Jesus and we celebrate the events that are at the very heart of our Christian faith and Christian living. Sadly our ceremonies are closed to the public yet again this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions. All ceremonies will be live-streamed on the Parish Webcam.

On **Holy Thursday** we recall the Last Supper of Jesus and his gift to us of the Eucharist. We remember too the example of service he gave in washing the feet of his disciples at that meal. We then watch with Jesus in prayer in memory of the time he spent after the Last Supper meal in his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

On **Good Friday** we remember the Passion of Jesus and the sacrifice he made in giving his life for the salvation of all humanity. We venerate the cross in memory of the cross on which Jesus died for us all. In the Stations of the Cross, we mark particular moments on that journey of Jesus from Jerusalem to Calvary.

On **Holy Saturday** we gather in the evening to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the pivotal event that gives meaning and perspective to our lives as Christian people. We rejoice in the risen Jesus Christ, the light of the world, symbolised in our lighting of the Paschal Candle. We renew the promises of our baptism and we re-commit ourselves to living as the disciples of Jesus in the world today.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Lenten Talks

The final talk in our series of Lenten Talks this year will be available on the Parish Webcam from 7pm on Monday.

29th March: *How to Discern God's Will - Fr. Patrick Cahill*

A Celtic Lenten Journey

A two-part reflection "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" from Avila Carmelite Centre, prepared by Mary Louise and Teresa O'Donnell and friends, can be viewed on the following links.

Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu8GDvSUZ_Y

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90>

Holy Week and Easter

Due to Covid-19 restrictions all Holy Week and Easter ceremonies will be online via the Parish Webcam. A card with the Holy Week and Easter timetable is being distributed to as many homes as possible in the parish. Details of the ceremonies are also available on the Parish Website.

Service of Reconciliation

Individual confession for Easter is not possible in any great numbers due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. An opportunity to reflect on our lives and ask God in the quietness of our hearts for his mercy and forgiveness will take place via the webcam on Tuesday 30th at 7.30pm.

Chrism Mass

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday 31st at 7.30pm. During the Mass the Archbishop will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and will consecrate the Oil of Chrism for use in the sacraments throughout our Diocese in the coming year. All are invited to join the Archbishop for this Mass via webcam at www.procathedral.ie

Trócaire

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