

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter  
27th / 28th March 2021  
Palm Sunday  
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**Sat. 7.30 pm:** PJ Costigan, Coolkerry  
Kieran O'Dea, Level Meadows, Clonmeen.

Mary Edwards, nee Keane, Castlefleming

**Sun. 11 am:** Kathleen Carroll, Kilbreedy

Angela Tighe, Kylemelawn

Jack & Mary Gleeson, Knockardgannon

**Monday** No Mass

**Tuesday 10 am:**

**Wednesday 10 am:** Brin Fitzpatrick, Clough Rd, Ballacolla  
101st Birthday on April 2nd

**Thursday 7.30 pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 2nd April:** Good Friday

See back of page for details of Easter Ceremonies

**Recent Death:**

Maeve Wallis, Coolkerry

Michael McEvoy, Rapla

**Anniversaries:**

Matthew Clancy, Rapla

Jer Kilmartin, Coolowley

Kathy Dowling, Daly Terrace

Jack & Mary Carthy, Moore St.

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Sat. 9.00 pm:** Easter Vigil

Katie Dowling, formerly Barney, ErrillMonths Mind

**Sun. 11 am:** Easter Sunday

Nora Ryan, Ossory Terrace

Nicholas Kearney, his father Edward & mother

Nora & all deceased relatives.

Anna Delaney, Rossmore

### Three Ideas to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at Home

In Rathdowney parish we will be celebrating Holy Week and Easter from the church in the best way that we can and within the limitations placed upon us in these challenging times. I welcome all of our parishioners and those beyond our parish borders to join us for any or all of these broadcast liturgies. Please log on to our website [www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie) and tap on to the webcam.

I would also like to suggest three ideas for you to celebrate Holy week and Easter at home.

**Holy Thursday.** At the Last Supper Jesus washed the Disciples' feet to show that nobody is above serving their neighbour. At Mass every Holy Thursday we wash the feet of twelve people who in some way serve our community. In this past year we have seen extraordinary service provided by our healthcare workers and all the other frontline personnel who are keeping our essential services running. By our constant washing of hands we are not just protecting ourselves we are also protecting and serving our neighbours. Within our homes we are the recipients of so many simple acts of love and service. This year again on Holy Thursday I suggest you place a basin of water and a towel out on a table as a focus for the day and a reminder of service received and given. If appropriate and you feel comfortable doing it maybe at some point during the day a washing of each other's feet could happen, parents for children, children for parents, spouses or partners for each other.

**Good Friday.** The Cross is at the centre of the commemoration of Good Friday. When we gather to reverence the cross on Good Friday everyone is equal, nobody is excluded. I suggest that on Good Friday take down a cross that may be hanging on a wall, you may have one in a box never opened and if you don't have one why not try to make one, the rougher and simpler the better. Place that cross prominently in your home and at some point during the day (ie when you may be following the ceremony on TV or our webcam) reverence and venerate the cross.

**Holy Saturday Night/Easter Sunday Morning:** Light is the most powerful symbol of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, the paschal fire, the paschal candle, the sunrise at dawn. We will be lighting the new Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil in the church on Holy Saturday Night but I also suggest that each household light a candle, any candle and perhaps as many do on Christmas Eve place the candle safely in a window. This is a great Irish Christmas tradition to lighting the way for Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. This Easter the candle in the window is a signal to all that Jesus has risen from the dead and that He is with us in this time of trial and challenge.

### Adoration

There will be no Adoration on Holy Thursday during the day but it will take place after Mass at 7.30 pm until Midnight

No Adoration in Errill on Good Friday

Normal times will resume next week



## Holy week and Easter Celebrations 2021

*With the exception of The Stations of The Cross from Grogan on Good Friday all ceremonies available on Rathdowney Church Webcam [www.rathdowneyparish.ie/webcam](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie/webcam)*

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm: Celebration of Reconciliation in Preparation for Easter

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at 7.30pm Mass of Chrism from St. Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty.

(Available on <https://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/web-cam/>)

**Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at 7.30: Mass of The Lord's Supper

Adoration will follow until Midnight (If you would like to attend at a particular time please note your intention to do so in the book which is in the church)

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Good Friday** at 7pm Service of Stations of The Cross from Grogan Church

*(This service is available on the Parish Website [www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie) and NOT the webcam and will continue to be available on the video section of our website afterwards)*

**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 9pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at 11am Mass for Easter Sunday