

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Newsletter for 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

We enter Holy Week once more with the Church closed to public worship and the pandemic still at a serious level. We are pleased to have the webcam in place this year. We will broadcast all ceremonies online and we invite you to participate from home.

Since we cannot get together in Church for Palm Sunday, the blessing of Palm will be done remotely and there will be no procession. You might have a sprig of palm or other greenery at home, which you can hold out for blessing, during Mass.

**Reflection for Palm Sunday:** During the Mass, the mood changes very fast. The Gospel account from Mark Chapter 15 is the account of the Passion and Death of Jesus. We could meditate on any part of the account or on any one of the characters in it. This year we might choose one person and one sentence from the narrative – Simon of Cyrene. The Gospel tells us very starkly: “They enlisted a passer-by to carry His Cross”. We pause for a moment with these words! How often in this past year of COVID have you been asked to be a helper?.. A consoler?.. A Simon? How often, too, have you been helped by others, invited or on the spur of the moment? Let us thank God that His goodness is expressed through us .. and for us. [Sr. Mary Bridget]

**Summer Time:** This begins at 2:00 am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. You should ensure that all clocks are advanced by one hour. Mobile phones and other digital devices may have this done automatically.

**Easter Dues & Clerk's Collection:** Collection envelopes are now available in the Church, organised by area. If you are able to deliver a batch in your home area, your help is much appreciated.

**Mass of Chrism:** On Holy Thursday at 10:00 am, this Mass will be streamed from St. John's Cathedral.



#### Mass Intentions

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 18:00 | Michael Geary (A)                    |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 10:00 | Michael Leonard (A)                  |
|                          | 11:30 | Ann O'Connor (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 10:00 | Pro Popolo                           |
| Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 10:00 | Mary Brosnan (A)                     |
|                          |       | John & Marie Murphy (A)              |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Apr | 10:00 | Gerard Mulvin (A)                    |
| Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr  | 10:00 | <i>No Mass at this time</i>          |
|                          | 18:00 | Imelda O'Connor Rem.                 |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | 10:00 | <i>No Mass at this time</i>          |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr  | 21:00 | <i>Easter Vigil</i>                  |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 10:00 |                                      |
|                          | 11:30 | Ann Roberts Rec.Dec.                 |

Let us remember all who have died from the Covid-19 pandemic. May their faithful souls rest in peace.

### Holy Week Ceremonies Online

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

#### Holy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April):

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00 pm

Elements in which people would normally be involved will be altered this year. There will be no processions or “washing of feet”. After Mass, the Church will be open until 9:00 pm for personal visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Please remember the necessary Covid precautions: use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering, observe social distancing.

#### Good Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> April):

- The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

The Cross is central to Good Friday as we ponder the depth of God's love for us through Christ's suffering on our behalf. We cannot have the usual Veneration of the Cross in Church today. As you watch online, you might have a Crucifix or a Rosary Beads to hand.

#### Holy Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> April):

- Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 pm

Again, we must adapt those elements which normally involve a congregation. We will not light a fire outside or have a candle-lit procession. You might have your own candle at home. Please also have a bottle of water to be blessed remotely during Mass.

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (4<sup>th</sup> April):

- Mass at 10:00 am & 11:30 am

### Resources from Diocese of Limerick

[www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

The Pastoral Outreach Team has produced an array of resources to support families and parishes during Holy Week. In advance of the main ceremonies to be streamed from the Cathedral webcam, liturgies will be presented at 8:00 pm, Mon to Wed, on the Diocesan Facebook page. See diocesan website for details.