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Parish Office - Palm Sunday in Lent - April 14th. 2019.

Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm. Monday to Friday.

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Holy Week and Easter - a time of spiritual understanding.

For those who wish to be reminded of the meaning of life and death, the coming week should provide all the answers. The Lord Jesus, by His own example, has promised us that because He himself conquered death, we too can hope for the same future after death. Such reasoning then gives a greater meaning to life and the way in which we should live. Let us learn from the many different activities, ceremonies and celebrations within Holy Week.

Easter Ceremonies / Mass-Times.

Bundoran / St. Joseph's / Belleek / Garrison Parishes are required to work together in the coming Easter times. Our Parishes have seven Churches and while all ceremonies cannot take place in each Church, we have to arrange what is possible. We have only **two** full-time Priests and **one** retired Priest in our two Parishes - a great change from the **EIGHT** priests available to us twenty years ago. It is no longer possible to have full sets of Easter ceremonies taking place in every Church- so asking parishioners to make the effort to travel to where Easter Ceremonies will take place in larger Church areas will become the norm, now and in the future. The following has been suggested by Canon Munster and Fr. Beggan, with the help of Canon McGourty in both Parishes. Holy Thursday Mass (7pm in Bundoran). Good Friday Ceremonies 3pm Bundoran and 8pm in St. Joseph's Ballyshannon. Holy Saturday Ceremony 7pm Bundoran. Easter Sunday Masses - 10am in St. Joseph's Ballyshannon / 8.30am, 11am & 12,30pm in Bundoran.

Historical Note - many small churches founded more than one hundred years ago were built within a few miles walking distance from surrounding homes. Until about fifteen years ago, the number of priests available allowed each church to function in a full-time manner. Families no longer provide large numbers of clergy for Irish dioceses so the work-load of present- day and aging clergy must be lessened and centred in areas which can take larger numbers. Such are the reasons behind Easter and other decisions for today and the future. Further amalgamation of Parish areas and activity will be necessary in days to come.

Confirmation in Clogher Diocese.

Confirmation will take place in Bundoran Church on Sunday May 12th. at 2pm.

Very Rev. Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (P.P. Enniskillen) will represent the Diocese at our ceremony. The Bishop and Canons of the Diocese will each celebrate at least five Confirmation ceremonies, to allow all to take place within three weeks. Canon Munster will celebrate Confirmation in Ederney (May 10th), Dromore (May 11th). Tempo (May 17th.) Derrygonnelly / Botha (May 18th), Cleenish / Belcoo (May 19th).

First Holy Communion will be celebrated by Canon McGourty in St. Joseph's Church on Sat. May 18th. 11am. First Holy Communion will be celebrated by Canon Munster in Bundoran on Sat. May 24th. 11am.

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Saturday 7pm. Denis & Della Porter (Church Road), Joan Breslin & Carmel McGloin (West End), Margaret McGagh (Church Road), Michael Daly (West End). Thomas, Mamie Campbell & Dec Mbs McNulty Family (East End).

Palm Sunday: 8.30am Margo Devanney (St Brigid's Tce) 11.00am Grace Gilliland (West End) M.M.

Monday 10am. John Devine & Jean Murphy (Bundoran).

Tuesday 10am. Hugh Roddy (Church Road).

Wednesday 10am. Prayer Service.

Holy Thursday 7pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday Ceremonies 3pm

Holy Saturday Ceremonies 7pm.

Peggy & Paul Kelly (St Colm's Tce), Mary (Mamie) Leonard (Station Road) & Patrick Convey.

Easter Sunday 8.30am. Seamus Brennan (Main Street).

11.00am. People of the Parish.

12.30pm Dec. Mbs. Kerrigan Family (Ardfarna).

Special Ministers for April.

7.00pm. R. Doherty, L Ryan & N.Carr.8.30am. M. Mulreany & K. Gallagher.11.00am. B. Connor, A. Gaye & M. Smyth.

April Ministers of the Word.

7.00pm. Rhya Doherty.8.30am. Cormac Meehan11.00am. Breege Connor.

April Altar Society:

Marie Gormley.

Weekly Ministers 15/04/2019

Minister of the Eucharist Breege Connor
Ozanam House Breege Connor
Minister of the Word Breege Connor

Prayer Service Leader for Week Commencing:

15th April 2019: Mary Mulreany.

Church Collectors for April.

7pm: Cindy O'Beirne, Paul McGee, Doris McGurren. **8.30am**. Patricia Brennan, Mary Mulreany. **11.00am**.Donal Breslin, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Matthew Lingard.

April Altar Servers:

Holy Thursday 18th April @7pm: Maria Keenan, Megan McNamara & Ava Fallon.

Holy Saturday 19th @ 7pm: Orlaith & Sean O'Neill & Conall Gavigan.

Easter Sunday 20th @ 11am: Megan McNamara, Rebecca Corr Kane, Ryan Sharpe, Niamh & Aoibhe O'Donnell.

Palm Sunday April 14th. 10am.

Gracie Breslin (West Port).

James, Agnes & Michael Cleary (Dunmuckrum).

Monday 10am. Mass.

Tuesday 10am. Mass.

Wednesday 10am. Mass.

Holy Thursday 10am. Prayer Service.

Good Friday 8pm. Ceremonies

Easter Sunday April 21st. 10am.

Paul Coyle (Laughill).

Liturgy Teams for April:

Minister of the Word: Bernie Boyle.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kathleen McDaid & Joan Duffy.

Church Collectors:

Front. Eamon Daly. **Back.** Patrick McKenna.

Altar Society:

Kathleen Lawless & Maureen Connolly.

We remember all those who have died recently:



May They Rest in Peace.



Neil (Dutch) Doherty (Mountain View)

Cassie Granaghan (Ballinacarrick)

Tom Calpin (Ballyshannon)

Brenda O'Sullivan (West End/Creevy)

Roisin Chapman (St Colm's Tce)

St Joseph's Church Finances, April, 7th.

Priest Dues 73 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €900.00 Baskets €237.00 Total €1,137.00
Development Fund: 0 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €0.00 Baskets €0.00 Total €0.00

Thanks to those who have made separate donations.

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances. April 6th – 7th 2019.

For the Support of the Priest: €2,191.00 Envelopes Returned (91)

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