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Parish Office - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - 24th March 2024.
Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran & St. Joseph's Ballyshannon). Website: www.magheneparish.ie
Facebook: Magh Ene Parish Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

The Last Week of Lent

The final week of Lent is called the Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. During this week, Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ, that is, the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem.

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion.

- 1. Palm Sunday** recalls Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to the praise of the townspeople who laid palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. Let us also pay homage to our saviour.
- 2. Holy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine into his body and blood. In the morning, bishops typically gather with priests from their diocese for the Chrism Mass. They bless holy oils during the Mass. Then the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening.
- 3. Good Friday** is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized.

The events of Good Friday are commemorated in the Stations of the Cross. This is also a day of obligatory fasting except for invalids, aged and minors. There is no Mass, so Communion comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are

left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

4. Holy Saturday remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave resting. The Easter Vigil takes place at the end of the day. The vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled, and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is our life and light.

After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the water of the baptismal font is solemnly blessed and any catechumens and candidates for full communion are initiated into the church.

Wishing all of you a prayerful holy week
Fr. Jeremiah Munyoki wa Kalekye.

The Stations of the Cross: in Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea on Good Friday at 12noon

Confessions in Bundoran Church:
No Confessions on Easter Saturday, except on request.

Coeliacs: gluten intolerance hosts are available, please contact a member of the Sacristan team.

Easter Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office.

Church of Our Lady, Bundoran:
Eucharistic Ministers for March:

7pm Kathy McEniff & Donna Cheshire.
8.30am. Patrick McGloin.
11am Bernie Ward, Grainne McGloin & P.J. Davey.

March Ministers of the Word:

7.00pm. Claudia Kennedy.
8.30am. John Campbell.
11.00am. Bernie Ward.

March Altar Society:
Celia Warnock & Sheila Clancy.

Church Collectors for March:

7pm Cindy O'Beirne, Mary Herryty & Kathy McEniff.
8.30am. Kevin Garvin, Cormac Meehan & Patrick McGloin.
11.00am. Donal Breslin, Padraig Davey, Jim Herryty and Grainne McGloin.

St. Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon:
Eucharistic Ministers for March:
Seamus O'Neill & Bernie Boyle.
March Ministers of the Word:
March Altar Society:
Bernie Boyle & Breege Loughlin.
Church Collectors for March:
Patrick McKenna.

St. Joseph's Church, The Rock:
Palm Sunday - March 24th at 10am:
Alan Kane (Portnason).
James Gethins (Finner) & Anna Campbell (Portnason).
Good Friday Ceremony - March 29th @ 3pm
Sunday - March 31st at 10am:
Easter Sunday.

Church Finances: March 16th & 17th 2024:

St Joseph's Offertory Collection:
Envelopes: €306.50 Baskets: €184.00
Total: €490.50

St Joseph's Development Fund:
Envelopes: €160.50
Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea.
Envelopes: €1,169.00 Baskets: €1,312.00
Total: €2,481.00

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran.

Saturday - March 23rd Mass at 7pm
Jim O'Gorman (Tullan Strand Road).
Neil Doherty (Mountain View).

Sunday- March 24th Mass at 8.30am:
Patrick, Peggy & Paul Kelly (St. Colm's Tce).

Sunday- March 24th Mass at 11am:
Palm Sunday.

Monday - at 10am.
Holy Week.

Tuesday - at 10am.
Holy Week.

Wednesday - at 10am.
Prayer Service.

Holy Thursday - at 7pm.
Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday - at 10am.
Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday - at 3pm.
The Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday - March 30th Mass at 7pm
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

Easter Sunday- March 31st
Mass at 8.30am:
Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Sunday- March 31st
Mass at 11am:
Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection.

 **May all who died recently** 
Rest in Peace.

Patsy Lally (Rossnowlagh).
Kathleen Gaffney (Chicago & Askill),
sister John Kown, (Belleek Road,
Ballyshannon).

**May the Lord protect, guide and help us
in the week to come.**