

We pray it also because we wish to become close to Jesus, who loves each of us so deeply. We walk this to get a glimpse at the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, who is alive today and experiencing the Journey of the Cross wherever our sisters and brothers are suffering throughout the world. We give thanks as we walk this journey. We walk our journey this Lent with the families of Awut and Ajak, who are on our Trócaire box this year, and all the people of South Sudan.

The Way of the Cross has brought hope and the possibility of new life into the dark places of our lives. Journeying with Jesus Christ allows us to become aware of where God is walking with us in our lives, and where we are called to be with others on their journey. Millions of people in South Sudan have walked miles and miles, fleeing conflict to find some safety and shelter in refugee camps within and outside their own country borders. Many people seek refuge in other village communities within South Sudan just as the families of Awut and Ajak have done. The South Sudanese people are striving to overcome war and poverty so that their families can survive and thrive.

‘Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice.

Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. *You* can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.’ (Nelson Mandela)

There are still Trocaire boxes and Trocaire ‘stamped addressed envelopes’ at the back of the Church if you wish to contribute to Trocaire’s LENTEN CAMPAIGN FOR 2021

For the second time the Holy Week ceremonies will not take place publicly in our Church. Instead the Passion of Jesus will take place in the lives of people in our Parish
Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions for 6.30pm Vigil Mass & 8.30am Mass will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass via the Parish webcam
Sat 6.30pm Alice Roe(An)
Sun 8.30am Kitty O’Brien(An)
Sun 11.15am Dr Frank McCarthy(An)



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Special Intention	
Mon 10.00am Joseph Murphy	Sat
Tues 10.00am Special Intention	Easter Vigil 7.00pm Easter Bouquet cards
Tues 10.00am PJ O’Carolan	
Wed 10.00am Peter J O’Carolan	
Wed 10.00am Health Intention	
Thurs 10.00am Special intention	Sun 11.15am Easter Bouquet cards
Thurs 10.00am Anne Wynne	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Next Sunday we will have Blessed Palm after 12noon when the Church opens. Church will be open for following times over Easter :
Holy Thursday..8pm.to 9pm
Good Friday..12pm.to 1pm.and 4pm.to 5pm.
Easter sunday 12pm.to 1pm.



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My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power



Passion (Palm) Sunday

HOLY WEEK

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Newsletter Sunday 28th March 2021

Concluding the newsletter on St. Joseph whom Pope Francis in his letter *Patris corde* writes “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Praying the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week

In our current lockdown you cannot unfortunately walk around the Church and pray the stations. Instead you are invited to stand/sit at the back and pray them.

We pray this familiar prayer to be with Jesus Christ, who walked this journey, carrying the cross, the instrument of His death, out of love and commitment to us.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you,
a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.....St. Colmcille (Celebrating 1500 years)*



Penitential service – Tuesday 30th March at 7.00pm

This will be streamed via the webcam on a text provided by the Liturgical Office of Dublin. This **IS NOT** a sacramental celebration but a celebration of God's mercy as we journey to receive the Lord's forgiveness of our sins.

As access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not readily available, people can make acts of perfect contrition in order to attain forgiveness and return fully to the state of grace. When the sacrament is available again please go to receive it at the earliest opportunity.

Easter cards

The Easter card with the Holy Week timetable (*all online*) and the Easter dues envelope are at the back of the Church. Please take one.

Easter Bouquet Cards

These cards are now available for sale in the Sacristy and Parish Office. They cost €5 each and the Mass will be offered on Easter Vigil/Sunday. They make a lovely Easter gift, especially if you would like to send one abroad.

Trocaire

If you haven't taken a Trocaire Box and would still like to make a contribution, Trocaire has supplied envelopes which you can post direct or leave in Safes or Sacristy

Mass Intentions

How can a book a Mass during these Covid times

- 1) You can email your request to the Parish Office at stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com
- 2) Call to the Sacristy *before Mass* between 9.40am and 9.55am and *after Mass* from 10.30am to 10.45am or by phone 01-8400547

• **Holy Week Timetable**

This is in the Easter cards and in notices displayed around the church

• **The 7 Last Words of Christ**

At the back of the Church is a leaflet detailing the 7 last Words of Christ using Fr. Timothy Radcliffe's book which I read during the Level 5 Liturgy. It usually formed the basis of the 'Stations of the Cross' when we walked Swords Main St on Good Friday. Please take one and use as an aid to prayer during this Holy Week

• **Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm. This is via webcam only. See Archdiocese of Dublin 'homepage'

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Denise 086 0610463 from Sunday 28th March to Saturday 3rd April. Please phone after 6pm. More details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today we hear the account of the passion according to Mark. On Friday we shall hear John's. Mark's story of the passion is dominated by two questions: What happens to the disciples? What happens to Jesus? The disciples who were called to be with him at the beginning of the Gospel, all forsook him and fled. And Jesus in this cruel and shocking presentation is portrayed as one alone, alone in suffering and alone in power to save. (*Source: St. Paul's Missal*).

The Sunshine Fund part of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul which provides summer holidays for children living in disadvantaged areas of Dublin. The annual collection due to take place on Palm Sunday this year has again unfortunately been cancelled. Donations this year can be made online <https://www.sunshinefund.ie/donations/the-advocate-collection-donation-for-sunshine-house/>

The Meaning of Triduum

"Triduum" comes from the Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) which mean 'a space of three days'. But since we have four days with special names – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – the 'three' may be confusing to some.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On high festival days the church counts a day in the same way as Jews count days and festivals; that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus, the Triduum consists of *three* twenty-four hour periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Solemn Pascal Fast

According to the above calculation Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday; thus, Holy Thursday itself is the last day of Lent. This doesn't mean that our fasting and Lenten resolutions concludes on Holy Thursday, however; the church traditionally kept a solemn forty hour fast from the beginning of the Triduum until the fast is broken at Communion during the Easter Vigil

Youth Initiatives YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Faithfest Online

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place 5 March from 6:30 – 8:30 online. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie