

Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them
and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.
We pray for the world;
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice become
a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world. Amen.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

40/3/50

The **40** days of Lent are followed by
the **3** most sacred days (the Easter Triduum) of Jesus' Last
Supper with his apostles, his suffering death
and resurrection.

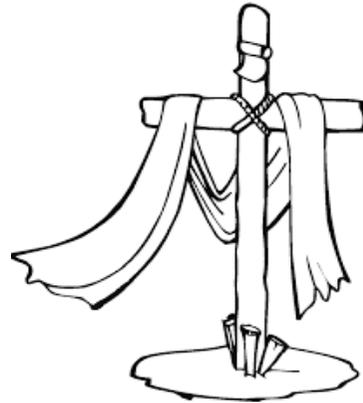
St. Augustine spoke of "the most holy triduum
of the crucified, buried and risen Lord."
These are followed by the **50** days of
celebrating Easter, that is, a week of weeks—
49 days, and on the 50th day we celebrate the
Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy
Spirit, promised by the Lord; thus **40/3/50**.

Trócaire Box

For the remaining few days of Lent, please con-
tinue to make a donation to your Trócaire box. Our contributions are
badly needed by millions of people in many places around the world.
You can return your Trócaire Box on Holy Thursday evening at the
Mass of the Lord's Supper (7.30 PM) or any time during the week.

Holy Week
Our Yearly Pilgrimage
from **Palm**
(Sunday)
to **Passion**
(Good Friday)
to **Passover**
(From death to life at Easter)

Holy Week
Our Yearly Pilgrimage
from **Entry**
(Into Jerusalem on
Palm Sunday)
to **Eucharist**
(Last Supper on Holy Thursday)
to **Empty Tomb**
(The Resurrection at Easter)



St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

April 2022

Holy Week, 10th-16th April 2022



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, 10th April

The waving of palm branches in welcome at the beginning of today's
celebration gives way to the reading of the Passion later in the
celebration. Palm and Passion - joy and sorrow, celebration and suffering,
life and death. It is a week of mixed emotions as we go from Palm to
Passion to Passover from death to life.

Monday of Holy Week, 11th April

In today's gospel, Jesus refers to 'the day of my burial' and 'you will not
always have me.'

'The chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well.' Obviously, the
decision had already been made to kill Jesus. The scene is being set and
the details are being filled in for later in the week. Jesus must be gotten
rid of. He is anointed with oil. The anointing with oil was normally done
after death. And we meet Judas who plays a significant part in the drama
of these days.

Tuesday of Holy Week, 12th April

The phrase: 'Night had fallen', says it all. It sums up the atmosphere at
the Last Supper. Judas is identified as the one who is to betray Jesus who
says to them: 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Even those closest to
him will desert him. Peter is told that he will disown Jesus. We are
moving quickly towards the events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Wednesday of Holy Week, 13th April

Judas and his thirty pieces of silver are still spoken of, as a summary of
betrayal. Preparations are being made for the Passover Meal with the 12
apostles. Jesus is going to his fate. We will be with him over the next few
days.

Holy Thursday, 14th April.

Today is a day for saying thanks. Thanks for two great gifts – the gift of
the Eucharist and the gift of the Priesthood. Two gifts so closely linked
that you can't have one without the other – no Eucharist without the
priesthood and no priesthood without the Eucharist. Both are celebrated in
a special way today.

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Pope Francis: Three Messages of Easter.

The First Message of Easter.

'...it is always possible to begin anew because there is a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures. From the rubble of our hearts, God can create a work of art; from the ruined remnants of our humanity, God can prepare a new history. He never ceases to go ahead of us: in the cross of suffering, desolation, and death, and in the glory of a life that rises again, a history that changes, a hope that is reborn.'

The Second Message of Easter.

'...faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now. He walks beside you each day, in every situation you are experiencing, in every trial you have to endure, in your deepest hopes and dreams. He opens new doors when you least expect it, he urges you not to indulge in nostalgia for the past or cynicism about the present. Even if you feel that all is lost, let yourself be open to amazement at the newness Jesus brings: he will surely surprise you.'

The Third Message of Easter.

'..Jesus, the Risen Lord, loves us without limits and is there at every moment of our lives. Having made himself present in the heart of our world, he invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life. Let us recognize him here in our Galilees, in everyday life. With him, life will change. For beyond all defeats, evil, and violence, beyond all suffering and death, the Risen One lives and guides history'.

(From Pope Francis's, Easter Vigil Homily, 3/4/2021)

Easter Collection: Support your Parish and your Priests.

The Easter Collection for the support of the priests of the parish is taken up at this time. The Easter Collection Envelope from your box of envelopes may be used, and there are also Easter Collection envelopes available in the church and in the porches. We encourage people who do not usually support the parish or the priests to consider doing so. It is one way of showing appreciation for the work the priests do in the parish. Financial support from loyal contributors has brought us through the pandemic. It cannot be left to the loyal supporters, please consider supporting your parish and your priests.



The priesthood at the morning Mass of Chrism in Waterford Cathedral and the Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. The time of silent prayer at the Altar of Repose is an appropriate time to continue our thanks of the earlier celebrations. At the end of the day all we can say is thanks. At the end of the day all we need say is thanks.

Good Friday, 15th April.

Today, day two of a three-day drama, is a day of sorrow. The Day of the Cross. Our celebration begins and ends in silence. Silence is the appropriate response to intense suffering as we join Jesus on this day. We are with him, step by step, blow by blow, fall by fall, during these last hours. 'Ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried.' (Isaiah 52)

As the cross is being uncovered, we are invited to 'Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the salvation of the world.' Despite the sadness of this day, there is a hint of joy, a hint of looking forward to the victory which the cross brings as we reply: 'Come, let us adore.'



Holy Saturday, 16th April.

Tonight's celebration is called the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. When celebrated as an all-night Vigil, the good news of the resurrection of the Son of God from the dead is proclaimed to coincide with the rising of the sun in the sky. A truly holy night when Jesus is raised to new life.

It is a new beginning for the world, and a new beginning for the human race. 'At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn'. (Psalm 39) Truly, the tears of Good Friday give way to the dawn of Easter Joy. 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our Song. St. Augustine.

Easter Sunday – The Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Easter Octave: 17th – 24th April 2022

Eight days, celebrated as if a single day: 'This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.'

