



## Palm Sunday

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Parish Radio  
106.6fm  
Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 10am



As a person with some underlying health conditions I have been asked by Bishop Deenihan to restrict my activities and to reduce the number of weekend Masses. The Masses in the Parish are now temporarily reduced from five to two. Saturday 6.30pm vigil Mass and the 10am Sunday morning Mass in Tyrrellspass. One of the neighbouring parishes will be called upon in the event of a sick call. I continue to be available to all parishioners on the phone or by email (see above) It is still hoped that some basic limited Holy Week and Easter ceremonies from Tyrrellspass will be available online. Problems with broadband and supplies are currently causing problems with this. We are working on it. Please keep safe yourself as we continue to pray together with our Bishop to be spared from the worst effects of the virus. God willing, that will be achieved through our prayers and efforts. **Fr. Barry Condon**

### Masses from St St. Stephen's Church Tyrrellspass (No congregations present)

- Saturday 4th of April** - Paul Sheerin  
Noel and Margaret Maher.  
May Fitzgibbon.  
Noel and Margaret Daly late of Tore  
Johnny Garvin and deceased members of the Garvin Family.
- Sunday 5th of April** - Palm Sunday Holy week begins
- Thursday 9th of April** - Mass of The Lord's Supper at 6.30pm
- Friday 10th of April**  
**(Good Friday)** - The Passion of the Lord at 6.30pm.  
Stations of the Cross at 9pm.
- Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil at 6.30pm. Ann Collins.
- Easter Sunday** - Easter Sunday Mass at 10am  
- Paddy O'Brien and Dec. members of the O'Brien Family  
Eileen Linnane and her brother Tom O'Connor

### Please continue to pray for all frontline medical staff

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities.

We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. Keep them safe from the Coronavirus, protect them from exhaustion, and guide them with your abundant goodness in their selfless care of the sick. Amen.

*To our children of Sacramental classes and their Parents. We will all celebrate your special day once it's safe for everyone to do so. Obviously in the light of the restrictions we are currently living under and with the safety of everyone as a priority, all First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies are postponed. The ceremonies will be re-scheduled once the school's and Church's re-open. God bless us, our families and our young people!*

Today, Palm Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had palms in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week: By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.

This year we have to stay at home and take part in the ceremonies on Local or National Radio, on Webcam from one of many churches or on Facebook live. The Holy week ceremonies are being broadcast on RTE television and radio from Mullingar this year. (*Mass Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be from Maynooth and Paris respectively*). **Sunday 5 April 11am-11.30am.** Mass on Palm Sunday. Rev Michael Mullaney, President of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, celebrates Mass in Maynooth, Co Kildare. (RTÉ One TV / RTÉ Radio 1 Extra / LW252 / Digital Radio platforms.)

**Holy Thursday** 4.40pm-5.35 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Father Joe Campbell CC, Mullingar, Diocese of Meath, to celebrate Mass in commemoration of the Last Supper and Christ's agony in Gethsemane, from the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar. (RTÉ One TV and RTÉ Radio 1 Extra / LW252 / Digital Radio platforms. (The Mass will air on radio at the later time of 7pm.)

**Good Friday** 10 April 3pm to 4pm Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday. Live from the Cathedral of Christ the King, Father Derek Darby commemorates the Passion and death of Christ, (RTÉ One TV & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252)

**Holy Saturday** 11 April. 10pm-11pm Easter Vigil Mass. Bishop Tom Deenihan of Meath celebrates the resurrection of Christ, with a vigil Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar beginning with the lighting of the Paschal candle, the liturgy, which signifies the triumph of light over darkness and of life over death (RTÉ Two & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252).

**Easter Sunday** 12 April. 10-11am Easter Sunday Mass in the Dominican Convent of (Saint James the Great) in Paris. (RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra). 11am-11.20am Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message. Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing To the city and the world with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican.

*We can make the following Spiritual Communion.* My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

**A community helpline has been set up by Westmeath County Council to help respond to the needs of all vulnerable people in our community. The number is 1800 805 816**



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