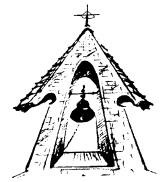


Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
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## NEWSLETTER Palm Sunday

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am  
Tues 7.30am & 10.30am  
Weds 7.30 & 10.30am &  
7.30pm  
Thur 7.30pm  
Sat : Vigil 9pm  
Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

#### St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 9pm Vigil  
Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings :

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

Col 3:1-4.

Jn 20:1-9.

### Gospel Reflection for Passion (Palm) Sunday

#### What's the Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Gregory Walsh, Mary & Billy Rowe, Bridie Flynn, Joyce Robinson and all members of the Conway family, Therese Marina, Bernadette Lyons**

### MASSES

#### St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

#### St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

8th/9th April 2017

Dave Cotter

Kitty & Jack Fitzpatrick

John Corcoran

Tom Mulcahy

Eileen Whitty

15/16th April 2017

Paddy & Eileen Foley

Philip O'Keeffe

Paddy & Maureen

Maloney

John Upton

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,318

*Thank you for your generous offering***Trócaire Lenten Appeal**

Please return your Trócaire Lenten Appeal boxes on Holy Thursday.

For the remaining week of Lent, we will collect non-perishable food items which will be donated to the SVP Men's Hostel. A basket will be left at the back of the church before and after all Masses. A selection of items will be brought forward as part of the Offertory Procession on Holy Thursday.

**Chrism Mass**

Please note that the Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral at **11.00am** on Holy Thursday, and **not** at 10.30am as stated in the Easter Calendar.

**Comeragh Actively Retired**

The Comeragh Active Retired will meet in the Woodlands Hotel on Weds 12th April at 2pm.

**Parents Baptismal Meeting**

Next Wednesday 12th April, a meeting of parents of children before baptism will be held. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and to deepen our understanding of the wonderful Sacrament of Baptism. The meeting will be facilitated by Fr. Liam or Fr. John and members of the Baptism Team.

Parish Centre Upstairs 8pm—9pm  
Inclusie of Tea/biscuits.

**Reconciliation Service**

You are invited to join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday 10th April 7:30 – 8:10 p.m.** approx.

Please consider joining us and making an extra effort for Holy Week, the most important week in the Church year.

This is not Mass, but a chance to go to Confession and receive absolution. The service will consist of prayers, two readings & Taizé hymns. During the ceremony you will be invited, if you wish, to

approach one of the five priests and ask forgiveness for your sins. Every time we celebrate this Sacrament, we become more deeply aware of the infinite mercy and love God has for us and accepts us

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES****St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church**

**Monday 10th April:** Masses 7.30am, 10.30am. Penitential Service 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 11th April :** Masses 7.30am, 10.30am.

**Wednesday 12th April :** Masses 7.30am, 10.30am, & 7.30pm. Anointing of the Sick during 7.30pm Mass.

**Thursday 13th April: 11.00am Mass of Chrism, Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity.**

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Renewal of Commitment for Eucharistic Ministers.

Procession to the Altar of Repose.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Night Prayer at 10.00pm.

**Good Friday 14th April :** 12noon: **Way of the Cross in the City Centre.**

3pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday: 15th April :** Easter Vigil 9.00pm

**Easter Sunday: 16th April :** Masses 10am, 12noon.

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Monday 7.30PM. PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

**Tues & Weds:** after 10.30am Mass.

**Holy Thursday:** after Ceremonies.

**Good Friday:** 11.00am to 12.30pm and after ceremonies at 3pm & 7pm.

**Holy Saturday:** 11.00am to 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

**Holy Thursday 13th April:** 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday: 14th April :** 12.00 noon :Stations of the Cross.

7.30pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion. *Confessions after Stations of the Cross.*

**Holy Saturday: 15th April:** 12.00noon: Confessions .

9.00pm : Easter Vigil .

**Easter Sunday: 16th April:** 11.00am Mass.

**Newsletter Notes:** This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church. **The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.** We are particularly grateful to **Intercom** for resources used in this publication. All details included in this issue were correct at time of going to print.