

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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PALM SUNDAY



Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord, the king of Israel.



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PARISH OF ROSCOMMON and KILTEEVAN

Fr. Kevin and the Priests of the Parish wish to sincerely thank everyone for their support and prayers during this time of Covid-19. You can be assured you are remembered in our prayers and Masses especially those unable to leave their homes.

Parish Radio Masses will continue to be broadcast from Roscommon Church on 105.9 FM Monday – Friday at 11.00 am, Saturday 10.00 am and 7pm (Vigil) and Sunday 12.15 pm.

The Parish Office is open for telephone calls (090-6626298), texts (0877903324) and emails (roscommonparish3@gmail.com) from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Roscommon Church will remain open for individual prayer for those who may be on their daily exercise from 12pm to 5pm Monday- Saturday and 1pm -5pm on Sunday, but please observe all HSE guidelines on covid 19. Likewise Kilteevan Church will be open everyday from 10.30am to 7.30pm for private prayer.

Updates on church services etc will be posted on the parish facebook page :<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

Again thank you for your support and please keep safe and well.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Baby Patrick Nolan Sean Cooney
TUESDAY	11 am	Moira Gilleran John, Susan & Goretti Gillick
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
HOLY THURSDAY	7 pm	Solemn Mass of the Last Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	3 pm	Solemn Ceremony of The Last Supper
EASTER SATURDAY	7 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Morning Mass



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Colette Walsh**, Hyde Court.

Billy Connaughton, Ardsallagh.

Oliver Padden, Dublin son of Kathleen Padden, Celtic Ave, brother of Paula Murphy, The Walk, Bernadette Mullen, Abbeystown & Aisling Stephens, Church Park.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

A DIFFERENT HOLY WEEK

Many of us have become familiar in recent years with another 'new' disease 'man-flu'. The name of the virus, invented by women, refers to the huge sympathy a male party in a household seeks when suffering from perhaps even a minor common cold. It's fair to say that 'man flu' has almost been totally eradicated over the last few weeks as a more serious and dangerous disease threatens in the form of Covid-19. In these present days self sympathy in many ways is just not the order of the day as the Coronavirus affects everyone in one way or another: young, old, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, married or single. Whether it is the contraction of the virus itself, working on the front-line, loss of income or employment or being confined to ones own home, very few have escaped hardship and suffering. This is a time when tensions can run high and it can be very easy not to see past our own upheaval and then take it out on others. If ever there was a lesson for us in a failed human reaction to a crisis, it is to be found in the Holy Week story which begins today, Palm Sunday.

Instead of helping each other when disaster struck, as Jesus was condemned to death, his closest followers scattered to the four ends of the earth and retreated into a world of self pity. It's a warning to us on this very different Palm Sunday not to go down that road but support each other in this time of need. In places like Jerusalem it was an ancient Roman tradition for people to line the streets, wave palms and put cloaks on the ground to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. Though not a combat in war, this is exactly what happened the day Jesus entered that city on a donkey. On this day, in our own time, where strangely no households are able to wave palm or get it blessed, similar rituals come to mind. It could be where GAA flags have been flown outside houses to honour a footballer taken in the prime of life or streets have been lined at a social distance in tribute to friends and neighbours as they embark on their final private journey or indeed the heart warming applause the nation gave at their front doors to the front-line workers in the present Covid 19 crisis.

The World Health Organisation thankfully say we are on track to 'flatten the curve' but there is also huge evidence in the good will around us we are on target to give a true Christian response as we carry each others crosses this very different Holy Week.

Fr. Kevin