

Parish Newsletter

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**(Schedule for Holy Week and Easter on the
back of the newsletter)**

All Masses can also be viewed on the Parish Webcam via the Parish website
www.mourneroad.ie

**Parish Office arrangements for Holy Week and Easter—Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday in Holy Week 9.15am-11.30am.**

Closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

EASTER MESSAGE

Happy Easter to all! May the light of Christ's resurrection bring hope, strength, and new life to you and your families, reminding us that love triumphs over death. Let us rejoice in God's blessings and move forward together in faith, peace, and renewed hope. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!

Easter reminds us that there is light ahead of us and darkness and fears are to be left behind. This year's particular Easter should also remind us of the beginnings of the Church when the disciples were still hiding at their place for fear of persecution and uncertainty about life, but the Risen Lord was calling them out to meet again in Galilee. Therefore, this Easter challenges us to continue what Jesus taught His disciples and to live by His example. It teaches us to take courage that despite the challenges we face in our world, the Risen Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, should be more present and active in our lives than ever. Let us make Him live that he came to save us!

On the Easter Vigil, we recall God's story, story of salvation. The liturgy of the Word re-enacts that story and we joyfully celebrate the risen Lord in our midst as He offers Himself anew in the Holy Mass. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from the slavery of sin and death and fear. Fr. Conleth and I invite you to live as people deeply touched by the resurrection of the Risen Lord. May our spiritual encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His Disciples to become his witnesses.

When we live the new life of the Resurrection, we become the best version of ourselves. May we become what St. Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give time and talent in witness to the Risen Lord throughout our lives.

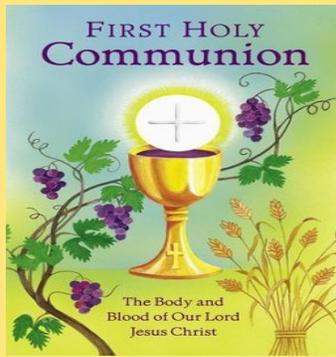
As we celebrate Easter, Fr. Conleth and I would like to thank many groups as well as individuals who have shared their time, talents and gifts in building our parish, particularly thanks to all the unseen volunteers who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable. To our Office Staff who have been doing enormous works for our parish behind the scene. Thanks to our Florist, our Sacristans, those who clean the church and all our Volunteers, those who support our office staff, those who have decorated our church with flowers and Easter banners, those who prepare the Altar, and our collectors. To our Musical Director and Parish Choir who brought beautiful music and life to our Triduum celebration, to our Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist as well as to the many donors that still continue supporting in many ways, and to all of you - Thank you! To those who join our celebrations online be assured of our thoughts and prayers always, may you experience the Lord's healing presence in your life this Easter. We are always very thankful for the cultural diversity of our parish, may you always have a sense of belonging to our community. The Sunday Missalette and Parish Website list our Mass times and contact information. Please call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Happy and Blessed Easter to all.

Fr. Conleth and I encourage all of us to pray for the grace to see the Risen Christ in the current reality of our lives and to recognize His deep love for each one of us. We will see His presence more profoundly in our homes and our families, in our work and in our outreach to those in need.

As an Easter people, let us proclaim the Resurrected Christ knowing that He has brought forth life from death, light from darkness, and hope from despair. As Saint John Paul II says, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

This Easter, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, "He is risen." And we rejoice saying, "Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia." May God bless all of us with abundant faith, serenity and joy this Easter.





Archdiocese of Dublin

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 25, 2026



This year's theme:
Baptised and Sent

Workshops will include: 1. Living your Baptism and your Mission in Life; 2. Baptism and Ministries; and 3. How Confession Renews your Baptism;



For more information, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie



Every Thursday after Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

Rosary beads are free for anyone who would like to take them home to pray.

First Holy Communion 2026

First Penance for Girls & Boys Tuesday 12th May

First Holy Communion Ceremony for Girls & Boys Saturday 16th May

Confirmation 2026

Ceremony of Light for Boys & Girls Thursday 21st May

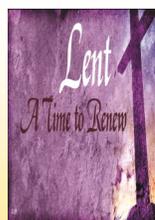
Confirmation Ceremony for Boys & Girls Thursday 28th May

Easter Dues envelopes are available from the church or the Parish Office.

Please keep the boys and girls and their families in your prayers.



During Lent candles for "Healing & Renewal" are available at all Masses and from the Parish Office. Offering €1



COLLECTION PRO TERRA SANCTA Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Farrell has this year again asked that we take up **a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta.**

This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. We are invited to pray and to collect funds for the Catholic community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Holy Places there.

Thought

In Luke 16:8 Jesus refers to His followers as Children of Light. As we begin Holy Week and the sadness of the sufferings of our loving Lord, the Light of the World, let us be thankful that He has made us Children of Light. When He looks at the darkness in today's world He sees us who carry Him in our hearts. He is the hope of our world. Never apologise for being His lights.

SPOTLIGHT THEATRE GROUP Presents
A Spectacular Easter Panto
cinderella d'panto
Written by Rob Murphy

Our Lady's Hall, Mounse Rd
April 8th & 9th 2026
Performance time: 6.30pm each evening

Church Collections
w/e 21st/22nd March 2026

1st Priests: €697

2nd Collection: €495

Envelopes: €478

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot (draw 24th March 2026)

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 2, 9, 16, 17

Jackpot €3,300

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

On the Easter Bank Holiday, the Draw will take place on Wednesday 8th April before the 10a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Tuesday 7th morning. All are welcome to attend the draw.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



Palm Sunday

29th March

Masses on Palm Sunday:
Vigil Mass Sat 28th at
6.30pm, Palm Sunday 29th:
9.00am & 12.00noon.

Procession with Blessed Palms.

Holy Week begins on Palm or Passion Sunday. It celebrates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem while the people cried Hosanna. We will bless and distribute Palms and invite you to take a small piece to your home to signify that Christ is a welcome guest there.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week, Mass at 10.00am Stations of the Cross after the 10.00am Mass, if there is no Funeral Mass.



WE INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY WITH THE PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE SACRED DAYS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday

2nd April

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Mass of Chrism, Pro-Cathedral



7.30pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper, *Procession to the Altar of Repose* followed by 'Watch and pray' for an hour.

On this day the Lord instituted the Priesthood and the Blessed Eucharist. His command is "Do this in memory of me." At the Last Supper he shocked his disciples by doing the job of a servant - washing their feet - and in so doing left an example of love that he invites his disciples to imitate. At the end of our Solemn celebration, with which we begin the Easter Triduum, we carry the Blessed Sacrament through the church in procession, to the Altar of Repose remembering Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.



Good Friday 3rd April

Mass is not celebrated today.

10.00am Morning Prayer

12.00noon Children's/Family Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.00pm Taize Prayer around the cross.

What a strange name for such an awful day. Today we journey with Christ on the way of the Cross, a path of suffering and of pain that leads him to the hill of Calvary and death.

How it must have broken his mother's heart to see her Son abused and tortured, jeered at and slapped and finally nailed to a cross. His disciples ran away, and who could blame them, they were in fear of their lives. Today we can sit at the foot of his cross and grieve for our own sins, the sins he took upon himself for our salvation.

Holy Saturday 4th April

10.00am Morning Prayer "and they laid the body of Jesus in a tomb" Today we wait in silent prayer at the resting place of Jesus.

Confessions 10.30am-11.30am & 2pm-3pm

Mass of the Easter Vigil 8.00pm.



Easter Vigil with Baptism

8.00pm Holy Saturday

This is the night when Jesus broke the chains of death and opened the gates of life to all who believe. This is the final piece in the jigsaw of salvation history.

Our readings tonight take us through that great history celebrating the mighty deeds of the Lord in ancient times. We listen to the great promise of a Messiah, one who would change everything, and we celebrate the fulfilment of that promise in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through Baptism.



Easter Sunday 5th April

Mass at 9.00am & 12.00noon

This is the day the Lord has made.

Resurrection Day. Humankind had done it's worst, they had seen Jesus off and as far as they were concerned that was the end of the Jesus story. Little did they know that the story was just beginning. The power of the resurrection was unstoppable and soon his word would be heard in every corner of the earth.

It has even found a home in us! *Alleluia!*

We wish all our Parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter, Fr. Dan & Fr. Conleth and the Parish Pastoral Council & Staff.

