

# HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2023

## KILLARNEY PARISH

*(Please note that all Holy Week Ceremonies this year are taking place **ONLY** in St. Mary's Cathedral so as to have a whole parish celebration.)*

### TUESDAY APRIL 4TH

**THE CHRISM MASS** at 7 pm Bishop Ray Browne will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese, in the year ahead. The priests will also renew their commitment to priesthood. All are welcome.

### HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

#### **ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

10.30 am Morning Prayer

7 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, with renewal of Commitment for all Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish, followed by Confessions 8pm - 9pm.

Silent Adoration following Mass until 10pm. A directed Holy Hour 10pm - 11pm.

Adoration will conclude at 11pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

*Celebrating the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross for our salvation.  
A Day of Fast and Abstinence.*

#### **ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

10.30 am Morning Prayer.

3.00 pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.**

Confessions 4pm - 6pm, 8pm - 9pm.

9 pm **Stations of the Cross** with Confessions afterwards.

### HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

*The Church, as it were, by the tomb, quietly awaiting the Resurrection.*

10.30 am Morning Prayer in the Cathedral.

Confessions 12 noon - 2pm in the Cathedral.

9 pm **Easter Vigil** with Bishop Ray and Concelebrants in St. Mary's Cathedral.

### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

*The Lord is Risen, the Light of Christ has come into the world. Alleluia!*

Masses at the usual times to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection

**St. Mary's Cathedral:** 8 am 10.30 am and 12 Noon.

**Church of the Resurrection:** 11am.

**Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross:** 9.30am.

## FRANCISCAN FRIARY

### CONFESSION TIMES: TUESDAY 4TH - THURSDAY 6TH

10.30 am – 12.30 pm; and 3pm – 5 pm

### HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 6TH

Morning Prayer: 10am

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** - 8pm

Night Prayer at 11.45pm (Friary Oratory)

Confessions 10.30am – 12.30pm

### GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7TH

Morning Prayer: 10am

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon

Confessions 10.30am–11.30am,

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion:** - 3pm

### HOLY SATURDAY-APRIL 8TH

Morning Prayer: 10am

Confessions 10.30am – 12.30pm & 3pm–5pm

**Easter Vigil:** - 10pm

### EASTER SUNDAY –APRIL 9TH

Mass at usual times: 8.30 am 10 am 11.30 am

(There will be no Holy Hour ) Pls note No Confessions from 11th—14th April

Confessions will resume on Saturday 15th of April 10.30am—11.30.am & 4pm, - 5pm

**Why do we celebrate Holy Week?** The purpose of Holy Week is to re-enact, relive, and participate in the passion of Jesus Christ. In Holy Week we relive with Jesus his road to the Cross: the triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the institution of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood; his loneliness and agony in the garden as he is betrayed by the disciple Judas; his trial before the Romans and the Jews; his once and forever sacrifice upon the Cross; the emptiness of a world where Christ appears lost; and his glorious Resurrection on Easter. Christians have been observing Holy Week since the earliest days of the Church. Early Christians would travel to Jerusalem at Passover to re-enact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection. The earliest accounts of Holy Week were recorded by Egeria in the 380s A.D. From her accounts we know that on Palm Sunday, crowds of Christians waved palm fronds as they processed from the Mount of Olives into the City. She also details how the community gathered on Good Friday at Golgotha to honour the wood of the True Cross and to remember the Crucifixion. Customs spread from Jerusalem to around the Christian world. And we do it this year in prayer and participate in the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

