

St. James' Glenbeigh - St. Stephen's Glencar

24 March 2024 - Palm Sunday

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Priest on call this Sunday

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We Pray for our dead: Michael McGillicuddy - Glencar reposing this Sunday at Flynn's funeral home 6-7:30 pm. Funeral arriving Monday morning to Glencar Church for 11 am Requiem Mass. Burial Afterwards in Dromavalla Cemetery. And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Date		Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	24	11:30 am	Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Kyle Corkery - Keelnabrack Lower
Mon	25	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mary & Nora (Pad) Clifford - Rossbeigh Easter Confessions with visiting priest
Wed	27	10:30 am	Mass of Wednesday of Holy Week
Thu	28	8:00 pm 9:45 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Closing Prayers Altar of Repose
Fri	29	3:00 pm 7:30 pm	Good Friday-Day of Fast and Abstinence Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Sat	30	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	31	11:30am.	Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sat	23		Confessions 12 Noon to 12:30 pm.

St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries

Sat	23	6:00 pm.	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Confessions after Mass Padraig Breen - Blackstones - Glencar
Thu	28	6:30 pm.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	29	3:00 pm 6:30 pm.	Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross Confessions before stations of the Cross
Sun	31	9:45 am..	Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



Chrism Mass St. Mary's Cathedral Bishop Ray will join with the priests of the diocese and parishioners throughout the diocese in celebrating the Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Tuesday 26 March. at 7:00 p.m. The oils used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the diocese in the coming year will be blessed at this special celebration. Parishioners throughout the diocese are encouraged to attend this uplifting and joyful event.

Communion Calls Holy Week Tuesday Morning

Annual Celebration at St. Finian's Holy Well, Walk to St. Finian's Holy Well, Commune, Glenbeigh on Easter Monday April 1st from The Red Fox Inn at 1pm. Mass celebrated at the well at 2pm with the local choir. Refreshments, Children's Activities, Music and Raffle after at The Red Fox. All are welcome! Registration for adults €10, Children Free. Walk in aid of a local charity as always. Please support.

Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy gives a preview of the events we will celebrate between Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. These events are also the focus of this and every Sunday celebration. We ask for God's help in understanding their significance.

prayer

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus, your servant, to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ, and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation. We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, Amen.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7 — Describes someone putting up with a lot of suffering. Our tradition teaches us that these lines apply to Jesus.

Philippians 2:6-11 — An ancient hymn about Christ, which tells us that Jesus achieved glory through suffering.

Mark 14:1 to 15:47 — Mark's account of the passion is in a lively style which relishes detail and doesn't avoid what might appear offensive. His message is that Jesus freely gives up control.



Seeing Your Life Though

The Lens Of The Gospel,

Shorter form: Mark 15:1-39

The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. ➡

➡ We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your pres-



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EASTER OFFERINGS COLLECTION

for the support of the priest of the parish - Envelopes are in the boxes of envelopes, and available also at the doors. We appreciate your continued generosity and assure you of our prayers for you.

The Contribution Envelopes are now available from the Parish Office. It would greatly appreciated if those who help distribute the envelopes would collect them. A sincere thanks to all who help.

• Parishioners can collect their own box of envelopes should they wish to do so.

• If you currently do not use an envelope or are new to the Parish and would like to have a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office and we'll organise that for you.

Eucharistic Ministers

Parishioners are invited to nominate someone to act as a Eucharist Minister in the Parish either by Post or by emailing the Parish Office. Please remember to include your name and a contact mobile number with your nomination. Thank you.

Trocaire Box

Please remember to return the contents of your Trocaire. It would be very much appreciated if you would change the coins to notes before you do so. Thank you.

Is Priesthood for me: If you want to explore your call to priestly ministry, make contact today with your local priest or the National Vocations Office" —info@vocations.ie. May God bless you on your journey.



Spring

Please remember to submit your Spring/ Easter Dues This next weekend or during the week or scan the QR codes with your mobile to Donate Thank You.



Easter

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

God loves all of humanity. He delights in us. He never loses faith in us, even though we may lose faith in ourselves. He never ceases to love us, even though we may have turned our back on him and tried to reject him and his Church. God's mercy is endless, and it gives him joy to take away our sins.

When you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we should think more of God and his mercy than of our sins. Your very wish to celebrate it, and the effort you make to do so, are signs that God's love is already enfolding you and his grace is at work in you. Facing your sins, and naming them, can be a painful experience. But there is joy and liberation in being reconciled to God and the Church.

In your preparation, therefore, let the thought of God's love and compassion fill you and give you heart. No life is so ruined that God cannot build it up again; no heart so withered that he cannot refresh it and make it young again.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament, begin not by thinking about your own life but about the life and words of Jesus. It is good to have a standard against which to measure your life and the kind of person you are. Jesus provides the standard for us Christians. He loved God and his neighbour with a love beyond all telling, and he showed it in so many ways - he was compassionate and forgiving; he mixed with sinners and outcasts. He was a friend of the sick and the poor. He trusted God, his Father, totally. It is his life and words that give meaning to our own. So before celebrating the sacrament,

spend a little time thinking about Jesus, the kind of person he was, the attitudes and values he had, the way he treated others. Think of what Jesus has to say to us today, and to our world.

Having looked at Jesus' life, now take time to look at your own. Here is an examination of conscience which may help you to look more closely at the serious issues in your life and where you have failed in living as God would like us to live. It is a check list against which to measure how your life as a Christian is going.

What kind of Christian am I in:

My religious practice:

Do I give time to God in prayer?

Do I pray regularly?

Do I join my parish community for Sunday Mass? or Holydays of Obligation

My home life:

What am I like to live with?

Do I make my home a happy place to live.

Do I honour my marriage vows or my duties towards my parents or children, those whom I love?

Am I selfish or moody?

Do I cause serious problems in my home through abusing alcohol or drugs, being violent or bullying, being lazy or selfish? of disrespectful to the aged in the home

My relationship with others:

Am I tolerant of others?

Do I treat others with respect?

Am I bitter towards anyone?

Do I hold a grudge against anyone?

Do I forgive those who hurt me?

Do I look down on any group or individual because of class, race, nationality, politics, sex or religion?

My practice of justice:

Am I too fond of material things?

Do I respect the needs, rights and property of others?

Am I honest in my work and business relationships?

Do I pay my debts and return borrowed goods?

Do I cheat, steal, or make false claims?

Do I support the Church Financially

Do I pay my Parish Dues at Christmas, Autumn, Spring and Easter?

Do I respect the environment and all God's creation?

Remember that God isn't interested in how good a memory you have, or how many failings you discover in yourself. It is impossible to recall every fault and failing. God knows that. All God asks is that you come before him genuinely sorry for those times when you have failed him and failed the community.

When celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(1) Begin by making the Sign of the Cross, saying aloud; "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen .

(2) Tell how long it is since you last went to confession, and any particular details about your life which may be helpful for the priest to know e.g. whether you are married or single, working or unemployed, going to school etc.

(3) Then, confess your sins. The Examination of Conscience (above) will help you to look at your life as a Christian and where and how you might have failed. The Priest gives you a suitable penance after which you;

(4) then express your sorrow by saying an act of contrition.

AFTER CONFESSION

God has forgiven you. But your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation does not end when you come out of the confessional or leave the church. At the heart of the celebration is your undertaking, not only that, with God's help, you will try not to sin again, but that you will show by the way you live that you are conscious of having been forgiven and reconciled with others, the Church and God.

SUGGESTED ACTS OF CONTRITION

There are many act of contrition like those listed below. You may have a favourite of your own and are welcome to say it.

(A) O my God, I am sorry for all my sins because I have offended thee who are infinitely good, and I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace nevermore to sin again *Amen*.

(B) O my God, I am sorry for all my sins because they displease you, who are so good and deserving of all my love. With your help I will not sin again. *Amen*

(C) O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not to sin again. *Amen*.

(D) O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more. *Amen*.