

Q1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and co-ordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity take responsibility for?

Maintain churches, if at all possible, to keep a spiritual presence in the community.

Preparation for the Sacraments

Passing on the faith to next generation

Eucharistic ministers bring Holy Communion to the sick, nursing homes and housebound-Organise prayer services- encourage younger people.

Organise adoration/ pray for vocations.

Live stream Mass & distribution of Holy Communion

Lay minister could receive funeral into church & recite prayers at graveside.

Look after needs of most vulnerable in parish.

Q2. Where do we see scope for co-operation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area.?

Shared resources, one parish council and subcommittees in all church areas

Rotate Mass between churches, organise travel for those who need it,

Need for trained catechists to help with young and adult formation programmes.

Deacon for pastoral areas

Shared paid youth worker to engage young people.

Uniformity in all parishes in the diocese.

Cluster churches eg Castlegregory, Camp and Cloghane which have much more in common with each other

Have pilgrims talk about their experiences – faith sharing.

Baptism rotated between churches monthly.

Need for a focal point in the parish apart from the church e.g. Parish centre to foster the social aspect of church and to build a strong faith community.

Q3 (a) What do we want to say to our priests? (b) What ministry do we most want from our priests?

(a) There is huge appreciation for our priests. To support him financially and any way possible,

The laity do not want to overburden or undermine priest.

Respect for their private time!

NB co-responsibility between priest and laity

There is need for trust and letting go.

Open and honest communication

(b) Celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments

Celebrate Penitential service twice yearly.

Minister to the sick and the dying very important also being able to have Funeral Mass very important.

Senior Citizen lunches in the Clubrooms every Tuesday @ 12.45pm. New members are always welcome.

Care of the Aged AGM will take place in the Clubrooms on **Wednesday 10th April** at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Tidy Towns Coffee morning and plant sale – Sunday 24th March.

The Kerry Hospice Foundation is holding the **Good Friday** sponsored walk on **29th March starting at 11am** from Bowler's Cross, Castlegregory. Everyone is welcome to participate. Enquiries to Rosarii O'Donnell or Ruth Bowler. We look forward to **THIS ANNUAL** walk in support of our local hospice. Thank you.

Cake sale will be held in the **Siopa, Cloghane** from **9pm until 1pm** on **Easter Sunday** morning. All proceeds for **Scoil Náisúnta an Clochán.**

Parish Life Newsletter

24th March 2024
Palm Sunday – Year B



St Therese of Lisieux

“For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy.”

Office Hours

Mondays & Holy Days – Closed
Tuesdays – 11.00am to 3.00pm
Wednesdays – 11.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday – Working from home text or phone mobile number 087 1438060 between 11.00am to 4.30pm
Friday – 11am to 4.30pm.
Closed 1pm to 1.30pm for lunch.

Weekend Mass Times

St. Mary’s Castlegregory
Sunday 11.30am
St. Brendan’s Cloghane
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm
(alternating with St. Mary’s Camp)
(see newsletter)

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Parish Priest
Fr Eamonn Mulvihill

Parish Secretary
Bernie Dowling

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Confession

St. Mary’s – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass
St. Brendan’s – Tuesdays closest to First Fridays after the 7.00pm



Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary’s
Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday - 10.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 9pm
Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm

St. Brendan’s
Tuesday – 11.15am to 12.15pm
Thursday – 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm
Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am

**Week beginning 24th March
2024 - Palm Sunday**



Holy Week

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, when we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We hear how the crowds spread their garments on the road before Him and cut branches from palm trees and went to meet Him crying 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Sadly these are the same people who called to 'crucify him' on Good Friday. It shows the fickleness of the mob. Jesus' final days are marked with betrayal, denial and finally crucifixion and death. The second reading from St. Paul helps us to understand the First Reading and the Gospel. Jesus chose to suffer for us, He chose to die for all of us because He loves us. The First Reading from Isaiah foretells Jesus' suffering. The suffering servant who suffers in carrying out his mission and is sustained by the firm faith that God will not abandon him. That suffering and death only take on their full meaning in the Resurrection and to understand the Resurrection we must reflect deeply on Christ's suffering and death. Through His crucifixion and death, Jesus absorbed all our sins, the violence and ugliness of human

sinfulness and transformed into forgiveness and Love. It is awesome! This is the victory of love over evil. If we link our sufferings to those of Christ they become a source of blessing. Lord, help us to walk with you during this Holy Week and see the depth of Your love for us so that we can become holy ourselves.

Intentions for this weekend

St. Mary's Sunday @ 11.30am

Intention: (1) Jamie Wren, his wife Kathleen (Birthday Remembrance), children Michael, Marian, Kevin & grandchild Ryan.

St. Brendan's - No Vigil Mass this weekend. Vigil Mass in Camp church @ 6.15pm.

We Pray For

Teresa Lynch, Dublin & Stradbally. Jamie Wren, his wife Kathleen (Birthday Remembrance), children Michael, Marian, Kevin & grandchild Ryan.

Hilda Whelan, Forge Road
Cathy & Nick Houlihan, Taobh an Cnoic.

Tom & Ellen Hilliard, Kellysheight.
WEEKDAY MASSES ST. MARY'S

Monday 25th March @ 7.00pm

Intention: Hilda Whelan, Forge Road. (Penitential Service and Confessions after Mass).

Tuesday 26th March @ 10.00am

**Intention: Tom & Ellen Hilliard,
Kellysheight.**

**Wednesday 27th March – No
Parish Mass**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Please note all Holy Week services
will take place in the main parish
church in St. Mary’s Castlegregory.**

**Holy Thursday @ 10.00am
Morning prayer**

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper @
7.30pm – Confession after –
Remain in church, if you wish,
for silent prayer until 9pm**

**Good Friday @ 10.00am –
Morning prayer.**

**The Passion of the Lord @
3.00pm.**

**Holy Saturday @ 10.00am –
Morning prayer.**

Easter Vigil @ 8.30pm

**Easter Sunday @ 8.30am in
Camp Church - 10.00am in St
Brendan’s - 11.30am in St.
Mary’s**

St. Brendan’s

**Tuesday 26th March – No Mass
in St. Brendan’s.**

Easter Sunday @ 10.00am

**Stations of the Cross on Good
Friday @ 3pm,**

**Priest on deanery duty this
Sunday 24th March is Fr Michael
Moynihan. In the event of an
emergency please call 066 9151208.**

**Preparation evening for
Baptism. The next evening will be
on Monday 15th April @ 7.30pm in
the Clubrooms. This preparation is a
requirement. Please contact the
parish office – 066 7139145.**

**Second Collection at the Easter
Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses for
Easter dues collection. You can use
the blue envelope from the planned
box if you it recorded.**

**The Divine Mercy Novena starts
on Good Friday, there are copies of
the chaplet available in both
churches.**

Report from Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our
parish meeting on the 1st March. A
synopsis of this meeting is outlined
overleaf and in the coming months a
report from the Diocese will give a
synopsis of the feedback from the
diocese as a whole. It will also outline
some short term and long-term plans.

Number of people in attendance
was 42. Age Profile – most over
age 50. Good mix of men &
women.