

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2026

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 MARCH 30TH

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 2ND

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

10.30 am Morning Prayer

7 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, .

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

Adoration will conclude at 11pm.

Confessions from 8pm—9pm

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

*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 12noon—1pm and 4pm - 6pm,

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

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

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.

8pm **Easter Vigil** with Bishop Ray and Concelebrants in St. Mary's Cathedral.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

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: MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
10.30 am –12.30 pm; and 3pm—5 pm

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 2ND

Morning Prayer: 10am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8pm

Night Prayer at 11.45pm (Friary Oratory)

Confessions 10.30am—12.30pm 3pm—5pm

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 3RD

Morning Prayer: 10am

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon

Confessions 10.30am-11.30am,

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion: - 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY-APRIL 4TH

Morning Prayer: 10am

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

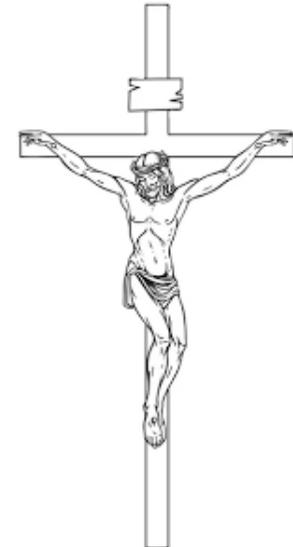
Easter Vigil: - 9.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY –APRIL 5TH

Mass at usual times: 8.30 am 10 am 11.30 am

(There will be no Holy Hour) Pls note No Confessions Easter Week

Confessions will resume on Saturday 11th 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 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 pray and participate in the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.