

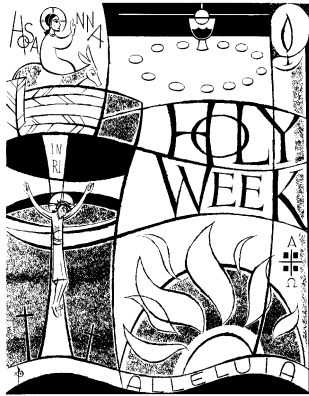
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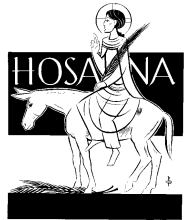
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday 29th March 2026



“During **Holy Week**, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth.” The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The three days of Triduum are the most sacred days of the Christian calendar.

Please join us for the ceremonies of Holy Week.



On **Palm Sunday** Jesus entered Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed and distributed at Vigil and Sunday Masses.



On **Holy Thursday** Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. He washed the feet of his friends, he changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood and said, “Do this in memory of me.”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9pm.



On **Good Friday** Jesus died on the Cross. We remember how Jesus carried the Cross as a sign of his love for us.

Stations of the Cross 3pm.

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 7.30pm

On **Holy Saturday night at 7.30pm** we wait in darkness to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We light the Paschal Fire, then light our candles from the Paschal Candle to remember Jesus is our Light.

On **Easter Sunday** morning we celebrate Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!
Mass times – **Rathmore 9am, Rathcairn 10.15am & Athboy 11.30am**

Confessions: after ceremonies on Holy Thursday & Good Friday and at 2pm Holy Saturday.




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TRÓCAIRE boxes should be returned on Holy Thursday. A collection point will be available in the centre of the Church. It would greatly assist us if you could convert coin into notes or cheque payable to “Diocese of Meath Trócaire Account”.



EASTER BINGO & RAFFLE in aid of parish funds, today (29th) at 3pm in Clonmellon Community Centre. All support is appreciated.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop Deenihan will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** in Mullingar Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April at 7pm. All welcome.



 Volunteers are needed to help clean and prepare Athboy Church for Easter, on Tuesday after 7.30pm Mass.

Old & Unwanted Clothing Collection: in aid of our parish funds, on Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday this week, 11am – 1pm, to the shed behind Parochial House.



Bishop Deenihan has asked us to remember the people of the Holy Land on Good Friday and to support them with a collection. “As Holy Week approaches, our hearts and our gaze return to the Holy Land, to the land where the Son of God gave his life “until the end” and from which the Church was born. War, violence and insecurity have hit Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon and Syria hard. Absence of pilgrims, has aggravated a situation already complicated for many families who no longer have the means to support themselves. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population and are subjected to war and violence. Please help Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Good Friday Collection. *This will take place at the Stations of the Cross and Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.*



<p>Mass Intentions this Holy Week: Saturday Vigil 6.15pm: Eilish Cassidy Anne Kelly James & Brigid Clarke, daughter Elizabeth Kiernan</p> <p>Palm Sunday 11.30am: Henry Kelly Margaret & Michael Anthony Faulkner Patrick & Nora O Donnell, dec family Baby Anthony & Baby Christy</p> <p>Easter Sunday Sun 9am: Rita Smith & deceased family</p> <p>Weekday Mass Times: Mon 8am, Tues 7.30pm, Wed 9.30am.</p>	<p>Collections Sunday 22nd March: Athboy €1,025 Thank Rathmore €215 You. Rathcairn €300</p> <p>Easter Offerings may be returned next weekend, envelopes are available in the churches if you do not use the weekly envelopes. Thank you for your support.</p> <p>REST IN PEACE Aideen Bourke Pluckstown Odhran McGirr Tyrone Máirtín Ó’Loideain Laimbe & Baile Atha Cliath</p>
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Floods’ Monthly Quiz, Thursday 2nd April in aid of St James’ Hall.

Table of 4 €40, first question 9.00 pm sharp!

Bookings: 087 7646142, monaghanmary@hotmail.com or bjobyrne@hotmail.com

Loving Father,

We prepare to celebrate your love.

We thank Jesus for giving us his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

We thank him for dying on the Cross to save us.

Help us to become more like Jesus in our love for you and one another.

Fill our hearts and our homes with your peace and joy
as we celebrate His resurrection this Easter.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Holy Week