

HOLY WEEK

The central reality of our faith as Christians is that Christ has risen from the dead and that he lives among us. Holy Week is the celebration of Christ's journey into this new life, a journey that we are also invited to travel, knowing that he has gone before us and that he travels with us.

A difficult time

Holy Week is a difficult time for us. It is difficult because of the number of points of celebration. It is difficult because of the seriousness of the themes of betrayal and death. And it is difficult because people are becoming more and more busy in their ordinary lives and so don't have the time to enter into this occasion seriously.

It is important to make this week a special time of prayer and reflection. We do this at a community level by gathering in big numbers five times in the week. But we need to do it at a family level as well, and at a personal level also. This is the week when Lenten penance should be exercised in a special way by taking this time to journey with Jesus and so catch his Spirit.

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Stages of the Journey

1. **Palm Sunday:** From being celebrated to being forgotten.
2. **Holy Thursday:** From giving himself to his disciples in the Eucharist to being denied by them.
3. **Good Friday:** From surrendering himself to God's will to feeling abandoned even by God in death.
4. **Holy Saturday:** From complete emptiness in death to new life.
5. **Easter Sunday:** From the tomb to the ends of the earth.

During this Holy Week we journey through all these stages with Jesus so that he may bring us to new life and hope.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Blessing of Palms
<i>Monday 14th April</i> <i>Bellaghy Parish Penitential Service</i>	No Morning Mass 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 15th April</i> Morning Mass	9.30am
<i>Wednesday 16th April</i> Morning Mass	9.30am
<i>Greenlough Parish Penitential Service</i>	7.30pm



HOLY THURSDAY

Chrim Mass - St Eugene's Cathedral	10.00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm
<i>Offertory will include bread and wine, the Holy Oils, and Trésaire contributions.</i>	
<i>Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm.</i>	
Prayer Service	10.30pm

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

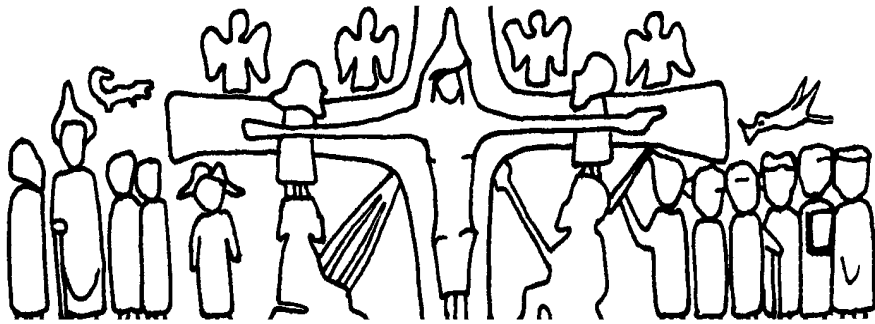
Good Friday



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Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Morning Prayer in the Church	10.00am
Stations of the Cross	3.00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	7.30pm



GOOD FRIDAY

A Thought

*Jesus said: ©It is accomplished©;
and bowing his head he gave up the spirit.*

Question

How do you feel when you think of the crucifixion of Jesus?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY SATURDAY

Today Fr. Crilly will lead a series of reflective outdoor readings of Scripture in preparation for the Easter Vigil. These will take place in five different locations, gathering the whole parish into the salvation of Christ.

Reflective reading for the Vigil: <i>Part One, at Old Church, Greenlough</i>	10.00am
Reflective reading for the Vigil: <i>Part Two, Fishermen's Car Park, Water Wall</i>	11.30am
Reflective reading for the Vigil: <i>Part Three, at The Orchards, Glenone</i>	1.30pm
Reflective reading for the Vigil: <i>Part Four, Square at Beechland Gardens</i>	3.00pm
Reflective reading for the Vigil: <i>Part Five, at Fr. Hegarty's Grave, followed by a cup of tea at the Parochial House.</i>	4.30pm



EASTER VIGIL **9.00pm**

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of Easter **9.00am**

Mass of Easter **11.00am**