

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021

Palm Sunday: Masses: Vigil Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm

There will be blessing of palm before all Masses. Have your own palm at home for blessing.

Holy Thursday: 1st April: **10.00am Chrism Mass in the Cathedral (live-streamed) - link below**
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Holy Hour.

Good Friday: 2nd April: 12Noon Station of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.00pm Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday: 3rd April: **9.00pm Easter Vigil live streamed from the Cathedral.—link below**

Easter Sunday: 4th April: Masses at 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm

Easter Monday: 5th April: Mass at 9.30am

All the above will be live-streamed from our own webcam **EXCEPT the Chrism Mass** (<https://youtu.be/igHFxWusfj0>) and the Easter Vigil <https://youtu.be/12SFG4tjwXI>.

Thank God for the technology which can help us to communicate with one another each day, but especially now for Holy Week and Easter. We will miss not being together in the Church physically, but some people are finding it easier to pray and meditate without the usual distractions. Each person will have their own way of praying during these special days, but it may help to highlight a few points for each day.

Beginning with Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday: Jesus was received with the Hosanna on the Sunday and with the reading of the Passion we see how He was ill-treated, mocked, scourged and crucified within a week.

On the Monday of Holy Week: we are reminded "like a lamb lead to the slaughter". Mary anoints the feet of Jesus to prepare Him for burial.

On the Tuesday: "False witnesses have stood up against me and my enemies threaten violence". "I tell you solemnly, one of you will betray me". "Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times".

Spy Wednesday: Remembering Judas - "They paid him thirty pieces of silver".

Holy Thursday: The Eucharist and Priesthood. "This is my Body, This is my Blood". "Do this in memory of me".

Good Friday: The Cross. "Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World". "Woman behold your son". "Son behold your mother". "It is accomplished".

Holy Saturday: Waiting and then the celebration of the Vigil. Light overcoming darkness. "This is the night". The readings remind us of how God dealt with His people and He sent them a Saviour: the Lamb of God. The Mass of the Resurrection where we can meet the Risen Jesus.

Easter Sunday: The empty tomb. Mary recognised Him when He called her by her name. They recognised Him in the breaking of bread on the road to Emmaus.

On behalf of Fr. Tom and myself, we wish to thank you all for your wonderful and constant support and wish you and yours all the blessings of Easter and a share in the Resurrection joy.

Fr. Bertie.

