

24th March 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1731
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PALM SUNDAY - Palms will be blessed at all Masses today.

LENTEN PROGRAMME - Palm Sunday (24th March) St. Patrick’s at 5.00 pm.
Penitential Service with extra priests available for confession.

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK:

	DUNGIVEN	DRUMSURN	GORTNAGHEY
Mon. 25th March	After 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Mass		9.00 am.
Tues. 26th March	After 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Mass	9.00 am.	
Wed. 27th March	After 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Mass		
Thurs. 28th March	6.30 – 7.30 pm. & after 7.30 pm Mass		
Fri. 29th March	After the 3.00 pm. Ceremony.	After the 3.00 pm. Ceremony.	After the 5.00 pm. Ceremony.
Sat. 30th March	11.00 am. (2 Priests)		

No evening confession in any of the churches on Holy Saturday evening.

PARISH MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK:

	DUNGIVEN	DRUMSURN	GORTNAGHEY
Mon. 25th March	10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.		9.15 am.
Tues. 26th March	7.00 am., 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.	9.15 am.	
Wed. 27th March	10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.		
Holy Thursday	7.30 pm. Mass of the Lord’s Supper.		
Good Friday The Lord’s Passion	3.00 pm. & 7.30 pm.	3.00 pm.	5.00 pm.
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm.		8.00 pm

Please Note - There will be no Mass in any of the Churches on Holy Thursday morning, as the Mass of the Chrism will be taking place in St. Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry.

MASS OF CHRISM: Bishop McKeown will celebrate the annual Mass of Chrism with the priests of the diocese in St. Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on Holy Thursday morning (28th March) at 10.00 am. During Mass the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination are blessed. Also, the priests renew their Ordination promises. It is

the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on Holy Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend the Chrism Mass, or you are welcome join in it via the St. Eugene’s parish webcam: www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html

EASTER SUNDAY: 6.00 am. - Dawn Mass at Benbradagh
Please drive to the top of Benbradagh and Stewards will tell you where to park
St. Patrick’s: 9.00 & 11.30 am. The 11.30 am Mass will be signed in BSL language
St. Matthew’s: 10.15 am.

HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is the most important week in the Church’s year. Please make a special effort to make it a Holy Week for your and your family. We will have extra Masses so please try to make Mass each day of this week. Our Lady has promised to help us by interceding with her son for special graces. Please try to say the rosary every day alone or with the family. Great graces will come to you and your family. Pope Francis has asked us all to come back to confession. Try to make it during Holy Week especially if it is a long time since you have been there. Come to our Penance Service at 5.00 pm this Sunday when extra priests will be available for confession.

PALM SUNDAY: On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

HOLY THURSDAY: With this Mass celebrated in the evening of the Thursday in Holy Week, the Church begins the Sacred Easter Triduum and devotes itself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. At this supper on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were his own in the world even to the end, offered his body and blood to the Father under the appearances of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles to eat and drink, then enjoined the apostles and their successors in the priesthood to offer them in turn. This Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord’s Passover, by which under sacramental signs he perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Law. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ’s mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. In addition, this Mass is the memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us even to death.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH: On Holy Thursday, after the 7.30 pm. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the Altar of Repose (which is located at the side altar within the church). We invite people to remain with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He said ‘Can you not watch an hour with me?’

Prayer at the Altar of Repose will continue until 10.00 pm. when there will be a conducted Watch and Pray Holy Hour from 10.00 – 11.00 pm.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE - Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fast means the amount of food we should take on Good Friday: - one meal and two snacks. Abstinence means the kind of food we should eat on Good Friday: - no meat or soups etc. made from meat.

On Good Friday evening we will gather in St. Patrick’s Church for prayers at the cross in which Jesus died. Followed by an outdoor procession at the Stations of the Cross. We would invite two different volunteers to carry the cross at each station.