



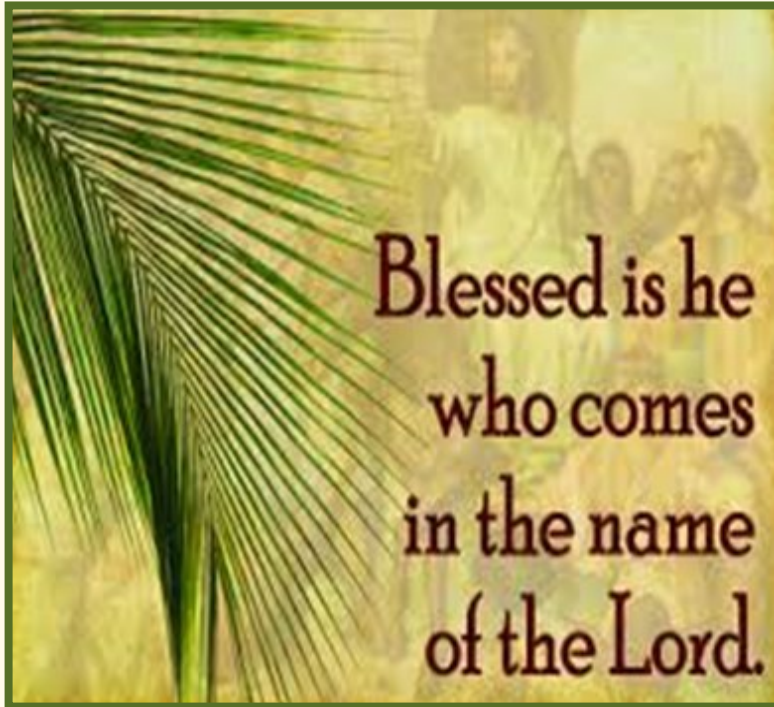
CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY PARISH OF LEIXLIP



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

25 March, 2018



CHURCH MASS TIMES:

Weekdays 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. &

6 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30, 9.45, 11, 12.15p.m & 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: After 10 a.m. Mass &
after 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
& 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(Friday Night to 9 p.m.)

PARISH TEAM:

Fr. John McNamara, Adm. 01 - 6245597

Fr. Karl Fortune, C.C. 01 - 6243718

Fr. Eladius Mutunzi P.C. 01 - 6244568

PARISH SUPPORT WORKER

Mrs. Ella Doran 01 - 6243673

Reflection: MK, 14:1-15:47 (short - 15:4-39) *The gospel accounts of the Passion frequently call forth the question of why the innocent suffer. Today's second reading helps us by pointing out that this is to ask the wrong question. The several details which underscore Jesus' innocence (e.g. the attempt to arrest Jesus 'by some trick'; Jesus is betrayed; false and conflicting evidence is offered; Pilate sees that jealousy drives the chief priests to act against Jesus, etc) serve to place the emphasis in the Passion on the readiness of God's Son, despite his distress, to sacrifice himself out of love for others.*

PALM SUNDAY - TODAY SUNDAY 25TH MARCH - BLESSING OF PALM outside main door of church before all Masses.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR LENT will be held tomorrow evening Monday 26th March at 8 p.m. in our church and in Confey on Tuesday evening 27th also at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL ADVOCATE COLLECTION - (SUNSHINE FUND)

THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY/SUNDAY 24/25TH MARCH (PALM SUNDAY)

The Annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME

Today, Palm Sunday, the 12.15p.m. Mass is a Do This In Memory Mass for the First Communion children from the four Primary Schools, Scoil Bhríde, Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Eóin Phóil and Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. The Mass will begin with a procession of palm by the children, leaders of the programme and the congregation.

LENT 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7.25A.M, 9.30A.M, & 7.30 P.M.

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

6 p.m. Michael O'Hagan 10th (A) & John Ryan - rec. deceased & James Kearney 30th (A)

8.30 a.m. Jim McCormack (A)

9.45 a.m. Tom Boyle - Birthday Remembrance. & Ignazio Virzi - months mind

11 a.m. Joseph Molloy (A) & Mass offered in appreciation of all the people who supported the Cosgrove Family during Ivan's illness and at the time of his death.

12.15 Fergal Maher (A) & remembering his grandparents (A) & Mary Cunningham (A) & remembering her granddaughter Lauren Somers (A)

7.30pm Aidan & Mary Kate Jordan (A)

MONDAY 26TH MARCH

7.25 a.m. Special intention

9.30 p.m. (A)

7.30 p.m. Delia & Joseph Devine (A)

8 p.m. Our Lady's Nativity Penitential Service

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH

7.25 a.m. Laurence & Louisa Rogers (A) & B'day Remembrance

9.30 a.m. Christine Coffey (A)

Individual Confessions after Morning Masses only.

7.30 p.m. John O'Connor Rec. Deceased

8 p.m. Confey Penitential Service

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH

7.25 a.m. Patrick Lawlor (A)

9.30 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish & all who worship in our church

7.30 p.m. Mary & James Stafford (A)

Individual Confessions after all Masses .

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH—HOLY THURSDAY

10 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

6 p.m. Children's Mass of the Last Supper

8 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

10-11 p.m. Watch & Pray around the Altar of Repose

Individual Confessions after both Masses.

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH—GOOD FRIDAY -DAY OF

FAST & ABSTINENCE

10 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church

11.30 a.m. Children's Stations of the Cross

8 p.m. Stations of the Cross

10 p.m. Taize around the Cross.

SATURDAY 31ST MARCH— HOLY SATURDAY

10 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church followed by individual Confessions until 11.30am

3-4 p.m. Individual Confession

8.00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Easter including baptism

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

8.30 Kathleen Quinn (A) and remembering her husband Bob, B'day Remb.

9.45 Ivan Cosgrove - rec. deceased & Michael Lacey (A)

11 a.m. Helen Campbell 1st (A) & remembering her husband Thomas

12.15 Conor O'Brien (month's mind) .

7.30pm Frances Jordan. (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit this week for a special intention

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MON: JN.12:1-11

TUES: JN. 13:21-33

WED: MT.26:14-25

THUR: JN.13:1-15

FRI: JN.18:1-19:42

SAT: MK.16:1-7

SUN: MK.16:1-7

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The First Collection last weekend was €825.00, and on St. Patrick's day €1360. This collection is for priests in our own parish, priests in poorer parishes and for priests who have special appointments and are on sabbatical or are sick or retired.

The second collection last weekend for CROSSCARE was €2,525, thank you for your support.

The Share collection on St. Patrick's day was €880

The collection for Parish Maintenance & Development (envelopes only) last weekend was €775.07

Thank you for you continuing support.

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH

is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 12.15 p.m. Mass.

The blessing for April is Sunday 8th.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR: APRIL

Universal: **For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

LEIXLIP BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP

Bereavement Support: Next Meeting: Wed. Next. 28th March 7.30pm @ 9.00pm. For more information call Joan on 0876761002, Clare on 0860761687 or Maura on 0868617509

EASTER DUES ENVELOPE & SCHEDULE FOR

EASTER are on the window sills of the church for those not covered by our distribution network.

PARISH & FAMILY CELL MEETINGS

An invitation is extended to everyone, without exception, to come and experience a cell meeting in a home near you, morning or evening. Cell meetings, including for parents/grandparents/expectant parents and babies/toddlers, are held on Tuesday's, fortnightly in a home near you at 8.30 p.m. and for the parents/grandparents group, in the Parish Centre at 1-2pm.

The next Cell Meeting dates for all the above are **April 10th &**

24th For evening & morning cells - contact: Bridie

086.3807917 or Donal 086.4472605 & for Parents /

grandparents group - contact Kate 0864132511. Email:

leixlipparishcells@gmail.com.

see also www.parishcellsireland.net.

"AMORIS" : THE JOY OF LOVE IN LEIXLIP PARISH

In response to Pope Francis's invitation and as a preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Leixlip Parish continues with

'**Amoris**' on Wednesday next 28th at 8.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre. We take a break for Easter and resume on April

11th, 18th and 25th also at 8p.m. This is a programme to reflect on our experience of family based on Pope Francis' letter "The Joy of Love" **ALL ARE WELCOME**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The April rota is available at the side of the altar this weekend



Please Switch Off Your Mobile

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY SATURDAY—31ST MARCH 2018— EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY

will take place in the church at 10.30 a.m.

PARISH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

23rd-31st October 2018

The pilgrimage will visit **The Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Dead Sea and much more.**

A deposit of €250 will secure a place on the pilgrimage.

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?

This promises to be a wonderful pilgrimage, if you would like to join it or would you like to know more, Information leaflets and booking forms are available from the parish office.

Or call MAP Travel 01878311 www.maptravel.ie

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A Service of Remembrance for babies who died at the Coombe Hospital will be held on Sunday 8th April at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8.

NCBI - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAG PACK

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco Leixlip on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND GAMES

The Special Olympics Ireland Games will take place over the 14th to 17th June 2018. These Games will be based in Dublin. 1,600 athletes from all over Ireland will travel to Dublin to compete in these Games.

WE NEED YOU!

There are many opportunities for volunteers and a local venue is Maynooth College, Athlete Accommodation Venue.

This will involve split shifts (morning and evening). We also require **Volunteers with management skills needed for Kayaking event at Salmon Leap Canoe Club.** Volunteers at all levels are needed for this venue. Medical, General catering etc. & Full training will be provided. For more information please call 0818 300053, log on to <https://irelandgames.ie/volunteer> or email volunteergames2018@specialolympics.ie

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

to mind children in her own home. 20 years experience, Leixlip area. References available. Phone 086 2024832/01-6246126

CELBRIDGE MILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

Web www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

Email celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Facebook "The Mill Community Centre" Phone 01 6288556

Easter Camps at The Mill: Children's Easter Art and Activity camp for 5-12 years ,9.30am-2.30pm. March 26-29

Slice of Happiness Cake Decoration Camp 26 -28th March

Performing Arts Academy Dancing, Drama, Games 3rd -6th April

Free Disability Inclusion Course / Training Sat 30th March – 1 Day Course

Community Choir practise is now on Wed Mornings – 11am-1pm.

Ideal for people living with dementia and their carers.

Salsa Dancing / Line Dancing Tuesdays at 7.15 / 8.15pm

Over 66 and on a pension? You can join our Mill Works Gym for 1 year for just €50. For info Phone 01 6288556,



INTEL PRIDE OF PLACE 2018

Win €5000 for your community organisation.

Non-Profit organisations & Schools with an idea for a project that can help your organisation &

the local community are invited to submit an application in the 2018 Pride of Place competition. The competition is open to groups in Leixlip, Celbridge & Maynooth.

Closing date is 13th April 2018

From Choose Life newsletter www.catholicbishops.ie/

Your Questions

Does life begin at conception?

Yes, But this is not a question of belief-it's a scientific fact. At the moment of conception a new, unique human being with his or her own DNA comes into existence. In recent years, amazing advances in ultrasound technology provide us with a window into the womb and reveal the truth that the unborn child is undeniably one of us - a human being and much more than 'a clump of cells'. In the past, some people may have pleaded ignorance to the humanity of life in the womb but today we no longer have this excuse.

When does a baby's heart start to beat?

The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development of a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception - this is sometimes before mum discovers she is pregnant!

Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the source of life

Reawaken in us respect for every human life

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and

wonderful gift from God

Amen.

OUR LADY'S PARISH SHOP

THE MAGNIFICAT, THE CURATES DIARY, THE MESSENGER

April editions are available in our Parish Shop

**LEIXLIP TIDY TOWN ASSOCIATION -
RECYCLING WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY 27TH
MARCH IN OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE, LEIXLIP AT
8.15 P.M. ALL WELCOME.**

LEIXLIP & CONFEEY - YES TO LIFE CANVASS

We meet every Tuesday evening at

CONFEEY CHURCH CAR PARK. 6.30p.m.

If you would like to join us, please come along and meet us there
Alternatively contact Donal at 086-4472605, Mike at 086-0536490



