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Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.
Morning, 9.00 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday, 12.00 noon
7.30 p.m.

Baptisms:

Sunday, 12.15 p.m. or by arrangement.

Palm Sunday:

Blessing of Palms at the beginning of Masses

Wednesday: 7th April:

Penitential Service 8.00 p.m.

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross 12.00 noon
Celebration of the Passion 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday:

Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9.00 a.m.; 11.30 a.m.

Lent Penitential Service

**Kilbrittain Church,
Wednesday 7th April at 8.00 p.m.**

There will be a ceremony of reading and reflection and contrition. Visiting priests will again come to give absolution as part of the ceremony. A fitting preparation to prepare for the Celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

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Were You There?

There is a popular hymn which asks "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Maybe there are time when we feel "If only I were!" Yet even over time and distance the invitation is still issued to us. We are not there physically and at the precise time in the past, but we are invited into the event again each time we celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord in Holy Week. We do more than remember, we reach out to touch that event, to be with Jesus in his sufferings and his triumph, we let that event touch us at the depth of our spirit.

When we gather "around the cross" we must also reach out to those who suffer to day. We can reach out especially to those who accompany Jesus, the innocent who suffer because of the evil of others. Evil still prevails. There is still a need for people to reject evil even when it means sharing something of the fate of Jesus. The days of Holy Week are a challenge to us. We can accept something of that challenge by being present at the ceremonies.

On the Sundays of Lent we remember Jesus journey to Calvary as we pray the Stations of the Cross. This is a journey and a prayer we can make ourselves anytime as we go around the Stations in the Church. This prayer is also part of our Good Friday remembering.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.

Spring Stations:

Tuesday 30th March: Liam and Helan Ryan Burren 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 1st April: Mary O'Sullivan Kilshinihan 11.00 a.m.

Friday 2nd April: Denis and Ann Aherne, Harbour View. 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday 14th April: Bernie O'Regan, Ratharoon. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 16th April: Pat and Mary Galvin, Clonbuig. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 30th April: Pat and Mai Murphy, Glendubh West. 8.00 p.m.

Our thanks to all those who hosted the Stations to date. Thank you also for your generous contributions to the Spring Dues.

Trocaire

Trocaire Boxes must be well filled by this. It would be very helpful if people counted the coins in the box and replace them with notes before handing the box in.

On **Holy Thursday** , the evening on which we celebrate the Last Supper, there will be Baskets before the Altar. Then at the time of the Offerings people may bring up their Trocaire Boxes to the Altar. We can then associate our Lenten offerings with Christ's offering of himself to us in the Eucharist and for us on the Cross.

Information about Trocaire work around the world can be found on the Website. www.trocaire.org

Sunday Collection

Sunday 21st March €978.00

The response to the collection for the **Church Repair Fund** has been very good. To date we have gone over the target figure and collected over €60,000.00. Some people have given and first contribution and promised more.



Good Friday

Good Friday, the day on which we recall the Lords' Passion, his sufferings, and his death on the cross is traditionally a day of **Fast and Abstinence**.

Fasting means we eat very moderately on that day, a main meal and just a snack otherwise. **Abstinence** means that we do not have meat at all on that day. Ash Wednesday is the other occasion in the year.

Good Friday Collection

There will be a collection in the church on **Good Friday** at the 3.00 p.m. ceremony for the **Holy Places**, in Jerusalem, Nazareth and around Israel. With tourism and pilgrimages all but suspended these places will need our support more than ever.

Notice Board

Retreat at Myross Wood St. Joseph's Young Priest Society

Tuesday 6th April
Bus leaving the Village at 6.45 p.m.,
Harrington's Inn at 7.00 p.m.
Cost of the bus journey €7.00

"Spring into Summer"

"How cooking can be fun" a demonstration by
Dianne Curtin, writer, food stylist and chef.
Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon
Wednesday 14th April, 8.00 p.m.

Proceeds to
Innishannon/Knockavilla Church Restoration.
