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Stay with us Lord

"Stay with us Lord, for it is almost evening". (*Luke 24:29*). The words of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to the stranger they did not recognise as Jesus are the opening words of Pope John Paul II's letter for the Year of the Eucharist. "And he agreed. Soon afterwards, Jesus face would disappear, yet the Master would 'stay' with them, hidden in the 'breaking of the bread' which had opened their eyes to recognise him". The Pope continues: "The 'breaking of the bread' - as the Eucharist was called in earliest times - has always been at the centre of the church's life. Through it Christ makes present within time the mystery of his death and resurrection. In it he is received in person as the 'living bread that comes down from heaven' (*John 6:51*), and with him we receive the pledge of eternal life and a foretaste of the eternal banquet".

During Holy Week we recall the events in which Jesus gave himself to us and for us as we relive the last days of his life. The Bread of Life he gave us at the Last Supper only finds meaning in his giving himself up to death on the cross for us, a death that led to the glory of the resurrection. Without his dying and rising from the dead the bread and wine would be no more than that. Because he is risen, he is alive, he is present in the Eucharist we celebrate. The banquet of the Eucharist is then truly the foretaste of the eternal banquet and a pledge of eternal life.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms at the beginning of Masses

Wednesday: 23rd March: 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 23rd March 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.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.

Deaths:

Deirdre Kearney, Garryndruig.
May Harrington, Granfeen.
Mary Bradley, Ballinakeen.
Donal O'Mahony, New Terrace.

God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. (Wisdom 4:15)



Spring Stations:

Friday 1st April: Billie and Tessie Kearney, Garryndruig. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 8th April: Seanie and Teresa Barry, Kilshinihan. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 22nd April: John and Helen Hurley, Ratharoon. 8.00 p.m.

Stations in the Church

Monday 4th April: for Granreagh and Glaunavaud

Tuesday 5th April: for Glendubh East

Wednesday 6th April: for Castle View, Meadow View, New Terrace etc.

Thursday 7th April: for Kielnamaul, Maulnaskimlehane, Maulmane and Cripple Hill.

These Stations will be at 8.00 p.m. each evening.

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. You may have noticed an envelope with the box. This invites people to count the coins in their box and replace them with notes and hand up the contribution in that envelope.

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 Envelopes 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.



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 22nd March
Bus leaving the Village at 6.45 p.m.,
Harrington's Inn at 7.00 p.m.

Cost of the bus journey €8.00
