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Do this in memory.

Bowed and kneeling in the posture of a slave Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. This lowly act of service tells us something of the One who came to give himself to us. "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you". Then as he took his place at the table again he said He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ...for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God; ... I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes". Thus he clearly foretold that he was going to his death.

Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you". And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood". "Do this in remembrance of me." Then he went to Calvary, to death and to resurrection.

When we "do this in memory" we do not just perform ritual actions in church. We imitate, we become involved, we are immersed in giving ourselves in memory of what Jesus did.

Lent a time of giving, giving of ourselves, giving to others and in doing so giving to God. Lent leads on to Holy Week, to those solemn days of remembering, of reenacting, of entering in; days that climax in the Holy Saturday night of celebrating Resurrection and our participation through our Baptism.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.



Parish Pastoral Assembly

Faith Development Group

Our task is to deepen an understanding of being the Body of Christ and to promote an Adult Faith. We organised the Parish Missions as well as a number of special church gatherings; Ecumenical Carol Service, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass for those who died during the year and Mass for exam students. We initiated the "Do this in Memory" programme for those preparing for First Holy Communion. This is run by the parents of the children. The Kilbritten - Hasanabdal Fund was initiated after the Pakistan earthquake and is now an ongoing project. We have begun the process of introducing "Ministers of Baptism", people to visit families arranging baptism to welcome the new parishioner and to help prepare for the ceremony.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



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 3rd April

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

Contacts to book:

Maureen 021 4778212

Gretta 49738

Cost of the bus journey €8.00



Spring Stations

Wednesday 11th April:

Noreen Murphy, Knockenroe, 8.00 p.m.

Friday 13th April:

Vincent and Marie Hickey, Glendubh West, 8.00 p.m.

Friday 27th April:

John and Geraldine Dinneen, Kilshinihan, 8.00 p.m.

To be arranged

Pat McCarthy, Ballymore, 8.00 p.m.

There have only been ten Stations booked in this Spring. We will hold the remaining Stations, in the Parish Church, on two Saturday mornings at **11.00 a.m.**

Saturday 5th May:

Kielnamaul, Maulmane, Maulnaskimlehane and Cripple Hill. Ardacrow and Cloundereen. Farnagark. Maryboro. Garryndruig.

Saturday 26th May:

Shanakiel, Ballinakeen, Coolshinnagh and Clashavanna. Gurranreagh and Glaunavaud. Coolmain and Gurraneasig. Glenduff East and East Village. Castle View and Meadow View.

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 are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house during Lent. What is saved by the Lenten Fast could be put into the box.

On **Holy Thursday**, the evening on which we celebrate the **Last Supper**, the Boxes will be brought to the Altar at the time of the Offerings.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday:

Blessing of Palms at the beginning of Masses

Wednesday: 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
