

PALM SUNDAY 29th March

Blessing of Palms at all Masses. Weather permitting all Masses will start outside both St Mary's Church and Ladychapel.

10.00 a.m. (St Mary's Church) Do This in Memory of Me
(for children preparing for First Holy Communion)
Monday 30th March - Wednesday 1st April
Masses: 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY 2nd April

10.00 am **Morning Prayer**
5.00 pm **Children's Celebration of the Lord's Supper** 0 Music led by the Family Mass Choir. Organised by the Do This in Memory Team
8.00 pm **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Music led by the Folk Group

During the Mass of the Last Supper, there will be the Service of the Washing of Feet. Ministers of the Eucharist will also be commissioned.

Prayer at Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

Day of Fast and Abstinence.

10.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Children's Stations of the Cross - organised by the Family Mass Group
3.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of St Mary's Our Lord - Music led by St Mary's Parish Choir
3.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Ladychapel Our Lord
Music led by Ladychapel Choir
6.00 pm Youth Meditation — In the Church of St Mary, especially aimed at teenagers and young adults. You might like to join us for 30-45 minutes in this guided prayer. Afterwards, you're invited for light refreshments in Fr. Liam's house.
8.00 pm Adult Stations of the Cross Music led by the Folk Group

After the Stations, Prayer around the Cross will continue for half an hour.

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April

10.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Confessions: Reconciliation Service immediately after Morning prayer, including individual confession.
9.00 pm Easter Vigil - Solemn Celebration St Mary's of the Lord's Resurrection
Music led by St Mary's Parish Choir
9.00 pm Easter Vigil - Solemn Celebration
Ladychapel of the Lord's Resurrection - Music led by Ladychapel Choir

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April

6:30 a.m. **Son-Rise Celebration** on Easter Sunday Morning at 6.30 a.m. at Taghadoe Round Tower

Early on Easter Sunday morning, you are invited to attend a Son-Rise celebration at dawn, 6.48 a.m. As the sun rises we celebrate the rising of the Son of God from the tomb. We will gather at Taghadoe Round Tower at 6.30 a.m. to await in prayer the rising of the sun. (Music led by Folk Group). Please note that this is a prayer service not Mass.

After the prayer you are welcome for a cup of tea and some refreshments at a nearby farmhouse. Looking forward to seeing you bright and early!

Car parking is available adjacent to the Round Tower

Easter Sunday Masses

St Mary's Church: 8.45 am, 10.00 am (Family Mass),
11.30 am (St Mary's Parish Choir), 1.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Ladychapel: 10.00 am

EASTER WEEK

Monday 6th April to Saturday 11th April
One Mass daily in St Mary's Church at 10.00 am

Normal Mass times resume with the 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 11th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April

You are invited to join in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at 3.00 p.m. (Divine Mercy hour) in St Mary's Church beginning with the blessing of the Divine Mercy image, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass. Veneration of image after Mass.

We invite you to join in the celebration of Easter. You are very welcome to the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.

Holy Week Ceremonies in St Mary's & Ladychapel

Greek Orthodox icon of the Resurrection (14th-century fresco, Chora Church, Istanbul)
The icon captures a very dynamic and rich understanding of the resurrection of Christ. After death, Christ descends to Hades (hell), the abode of the dead. He is standing on the gates of hell; fragments of the broken locks and keys of the gates lie strewn beneath his feet. He grasps, in dramatic fashion, the wrist of Adam and Eve, the first parents, and draws them from their tombs. The resurrection of Christ is depicted not as a solitary event; when Christ rises from the dead, he draws upwards into heaven all who had fallen into the hands of Satan. By his death, he has overcome death and vanquished the power of evil. Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death, And upon those in the tombs bestowing life! Easter Hymn