

## St Michael's Parish Gorey Newsletter 14 April 2019

### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record crowds spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David" to honour him as their long-awaited Messiah and King. Today, Palm Sunday many churches retain some of the traditions from the 10th century, including the blessing of palms. Many take the palms home and place them in houses, barns and fields. In some countries, palms are placed on graves of the departed. Some of the palms blessed in the church are burned and then preserved for next year's Ash Wednesday. In Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.



### RETIREMENT OF MARY HOGAN— Parish Secretary

This week we say a sad farewell to Mary Hogan, who has been our Parish Secretary for the last 19 years. She has managed the office with exceptional skill, efficiency and dedication to detail, and during the ever-changing evolution of a modern parish and its attendant challenges. Her kindness and listening ear will be remembered by many for whom the parish office has been their point of contact at times of baptisms, weddings and countless other moments. She will be missed by the priests and the staff to whom she has been a friend and support. May she enjoy her retirement and may it bring her many years of good health, happiness and new joys.



### PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH Wednesday 17 April at 7.00pm in preparation for Easter ALL WELCOME

God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.. Now is the time to say to Jesus:-  
"Lord, I have shunned your love - yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Take me once more into your redeeming embrace".

**HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS:** takes place near Pettitts, Gorey, on Good Friday at 12 noon. All welcome

**ST. MICHAEL'S FITNESS GROUP:** Last walk before Easter on Monday at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre. Thank you to all our participants! We would like to extend our thanks to Sr. Stephanie who provided meditation each week.

**PARISH GARDENING CLUB:** Some parishioners have expressed an interest in setting up a Parish Gardening Club. If you and/or your friends are interested please give in your name and contact details to the Parish Office. All ideas from our green-fingered parishioners would be most appreciated!

### St. Kevin's Tara Hill

Sun 14 Apr 10.30am: Bill & Esther Mooney

### St. Michael's Gorey

**This week's Masses include intentions for:**

Mon 10am: Mary & Arthur Walsh

Tues 10am: Kathleen Dixon

Wed 10am: John French, Mary MacEntee, Special Int.

**Next Weekend Mass intentions for:**

**Easter Vigil 9.00pm:** Parish Intentions

**10.30am:** Frank & Dolly Kelly

**12 noon:** Margaret Doyle (mm), Gerard Wynne (2nd anniv), Pattie Quigley, Mick Sheil & Sheil Family, Maura Walsh

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 18 - 21 APRIL

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GOREY

#### HOLY THURSDAY (18 April)

5:00 pm Children's Mass

8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration in the Pastoral Centre

#### GOOD FRIDAY (19 April)

10:00 am "The Way" Joint Churches of Gorey

12:00 noon Dramatised Way of the Cross for Children

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8:00 pm Prayer around the Cross in the Pastoral Centre



#### HOLY SATURDAY (20 April)

10.00am Blessing of Food for Polish Community

9:00 pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil and Mass (Please bring a candle)

#### EASTER SUNDAY (21 April)

8:30 am, 10:30am & 12noon Masses Polish Mass 4pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April after 10:00 am Mass

Wednesday 17 April Penitential Service at 7.00pm

**No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday & Friday**

**NO MORNING MASSES on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY**

(only the Easter ceremonies on these days)

### ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH, TARA HILL

**HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration

**GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 pm** The Passion of Our Lord, followed by Stations of the Cross Walk around Tara Hill (weather permitting, suitable footwear & clothes required)

**HOLY SATURDAY 7:00 pm** Easter Vigil (Please bring a candle)

**EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am** Mass

**Daily Mass:** 7.30 & 10.00 am (No 7.30 am Mass Sat) **Weekend Mass:** Vigil (Sat) : 6.00 & 7.30 pm. **Sunday:** 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 12 noon. Mass in Polish: 4.00pm **Tara Hill :** Sun: 10.30 am **Confessions:** Sat after 10am Mass & at 12 noon in St Michael's

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