



*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls:
Fr. Denis O'Connor, Anne Marie Ramalingum, Jimmy Scully, Noel O'Sullivan,
Richard (Dick) Barry, Bridget Smart, Jack (Bonzo) O'Connell, Breda Cusker,
Mary (Molly) Duggan, Margaret (Madge) Gaffney, Tony & Alice Hyde,
Julia Parsons,*

May They Rest in Peace

*We welcome the new members of our Parish Community:
Aoife Helen Finnerty, James William Howick, Audrey Jean Glavin,
Simon John O'Driscoll, Seán Michael O'Dea,
Who were baptised recently.*

Holy Saturday

On this day the Church waits at the Tomb of The Lord, reflecting on His Trial and His Crucifixion. It is a solemn day, where there are no *Public Masses in The Churches*. The Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, as also is the celebration of the other Sacraments, except Confession and the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Saturday has its own "character". We can benefit greatly from Holy Saturday if we enter into the character of the day. Hence turning off the Household Appliances, and allowing the Lord to speak through this silence, can enable us to benefit spiritually. Holy Saturday concludes with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. The people of the parish are urged to come along, to this very Solemn Easter Celebration. After the solemnity and silence of the Saturday, the Festive Atmosphere lends itself to "expectation". The full meaning of The Vigil is a waiting for the coming of The Lord. The Easter Vigil, is one of the more solemn celebrations in The Church's Liturgical Year. The Lighting and Blessing of the Paschal, along with The Blessing of The Easter "Water". This coupled with the renewal of The Baptismal Promises and the singing of *The Exsultet*, leads itself to the joy of the Expectation of Our Saviour. St. Augustine called it "*The Mother of All Vigils*" In the Readings from The Sacred Scriptures, the Church beginning with Mass and all of The Prophets, explains Christ's Paschal Mystery. They remind us of the hope of all Christians to enjoy the promise of Resurrection, which Christ won for all of us.

Please Note

Chrism Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral Cobh, on Wednesday, April 1st at 7.30p.m. All welcome. Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Annual collection for Holy Places will be taken up at all Ceremonies. Envelopes for Easter Offerings available at the door.

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Parish Office 021 4636508 Parish Newsletter ó www.parishoffice@gmail.com
Opening Hours- Mon-Thurs. 10.30a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Fri. 10.30 a.m. ó 12.00 p.m.

Holy Week Ceremonies Holy Rosary Church

Penitential Rite

On Tuesday March 31st, at 7.30pm.
A number of visiting priests will attend.
Let us experience God's mercy together.

Holy Thursday April 2nd No morning Mass.
Mass of the Lord's Supper 5.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday April 3rd.

Liturgy 3.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Stations 5.00 p.m.
Stations in Polish 6.00p.m.
Holy Saturday April 4th.
Vigil 9.00 p.m. Concelebrated.

Easter Sunday April 5th.

Mass in Polish at 6.00a.m. Other Mass times as normal.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel

Holy Thursday April 2nd.

Mass of The Lord's Supper 4.00p.m.

Good Friday April 3rd.

Stations 2.00p.m.

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Holy Thursday April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30p.m.

Good Friday April 3rd.

Liturgy 7.30p.m.

Holy Saturday April 4th.

Vigil 9.00p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday 29th March: Penitential Rite 7.30p.m.
Wednesday 1st April : after 10.00a.m. Mass
Holy Thursday 2nd April: 3.00p.m -4.00p.m.
Good Friday 3rd April: 12.00noon -1.00p.m.
Holy Saturday 4th April: 11.30a.m -1.00p.m.
7.00p.m. 8.00p.m.

Holy Thursday Adoration

After The Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, adoration of The Blessed Sacrament will take place at The Altar of Repose until 11.00pm.

There is no 7.30pm Mass Holy Rosary Church, on Wednesday, April 1st, because of The Chrism Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh.

Divine Mercy Devotions are deferred this month due to Holy Week Ceremonies.

Holy Thursday – Volunteers Wanted

If you are willing to participate in the rite of the Washing of Feet at the Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30p.m. on Holy Thursday, please contact Fr. Gerard Cremin at 4631094 or gerardcremin@eircom.net The Washing of Feet which according to tradition, is performed on Holy Thursday, represents the service and charity of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

