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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Tues 9.00am. Wed 9.00am. Thurs 7.00pm. .

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm; *Tim Rafter / Paddy & Bridie Mahon. 10.30am:* *Patsy Clarke (month's memory) daughter Sinead & parents James & Margaret / Ita & Peter Reilly / Jody Concannon / Marie Fennessy Smith.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

*There are **no** anniversary Masses on Easter weekend.*

Last weekend Collection: €1930 (*incl. St Patrick's day*) *Thank you.*

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). *The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.*

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil 7.00pm. *Liam Madden. 10.30am: Anne O'Brien.*

E.Ms : Vigil : *Carmel O'Shea. 10.30am: Bernie Reilly.*

Holy Week Ceremonies

Monday

Penance service after the 7.00pm Mass.

Spy Wednesday

*Chrism Mass in **St Mel's** cathedral at 7.00pm.*

Holy Thursday

*Mass of the Lords supper at 7.00pm followed by adoration until 9.00pm. No adoration on **Wednesday** evening.*

Good Friday

Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm.

Easter vigi: *The Easter vigil, 9.00pm. Dawn Mass 6.00am.*

First Friday : *As close to the usual times as possible.*

HolyWeek

The Triduum – **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and the **Easter Vigil** – unfolds as one continuous liturgy. On **Thursday** we see the humility of **Jesus** as he dons the towel and basin, washing the feet of his disciples and friends and then providing us with the everlasting gift of the eucharist, the '*source and summit*' of our Christian life.

Good Friday invites us to fix our eyes with loving gaze upon the **Wood of the Cross**, the throne of a sacrificial king by whose wounds we are healed.

And in the silent waiting of **Holy Saturday** as the great king sleeps, we keep vigil with a world not only waiting but crying out for the light.

Finally the waiting is over and in the dark night a fire burns and the joyful intonation of the **Exultet** rings out to thrill our hearts. The vigil readings traces God's faithfulness to his creation and to those he has made in his own image and likeness. **Alleluia**, a word silenced for forty days bursts out announcing: '**He is risen**'

If we allow the wonder of this **Holy Week** liturgy to form us anew, we may truly emerge with **Christ** into the unending joy, transformed and sent to be witnesses of this hope to the world.

Paul Clayton – Lea

Reflection

*Each year we read the same scripture readings, and yet, we don't read them the same way. **Why?** Because although the stories from scripture don't change, we ourselves are not the same people reading them. Since last year's **Holy Week**, we've had a whole year of change, joys and sorrows. There may be a piece of these familiar stories that we hear in a different way, a new way that resonates with our life this year.*

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