

## MASS

There will be no public Masses in the parish until further notice.

Mass will be broadcast from St Patrick's Church on the Webcam each weekday at 10.00am and on Saturday evening at 6.15pm (Vigil Mass) and on Sunday at 10.30am and 12.30pm.

[www.parishofdungannon.com](http://www.parishofdungannon.com)

Following Government instructions all churches and cemeteries in the parish will remain closed to the public.



**Palm Sunday** is the first day of Holy Week and is always celebrated on the Sunday before Easter. It marks the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In many churches it is associated with the blessing of palms. As the church began to celebrate the entry into Jerusalem these celebrations were often elaborate but in latter times as we celebrate Palm Sunday we are trying to stress the beginning of the suffering and death of Jesus. Why not create a **Sacred Space** in your home to help you to focus on the sense of the sacred. Use some palms and a purple cloth/serviette and a Candle. As you light the candle remind yourself that Christ is our light.

## RECENTLY DECEASED



*Please remember in your prayers:*

John Cullen, Clonmore

Gerry McGahan, Springfield Park

## FUNERALS

Only the immediate family should attend the church and burial.

*Social distancing guidelines should be strictly followed.*

## FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Due to the continuing risk from the Corona Virus all First Friday and Thursday calls by the Priests and Deacons have been suspended.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms have been placed on hold for the next few weeks. For those who have already booked - new dates can be arranged.

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper, 7.30pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, 3.00pm

The Passion of the Lord - 7.30pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass - 6.15pm

Easter Sunday - Masses - 10.30am & 12.30pm

***All will be broadcast via the webcam. There are no public Masses or ceremonies in the parish over Easter.***

## A Short Prayer For Palm Sunday

Lord God,  
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless. Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,  
This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name  
The one who opens the gates of righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
And may praise him with a pure heart.  
And may walk in the way of his suffering,  
And share also in his resurrection.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**



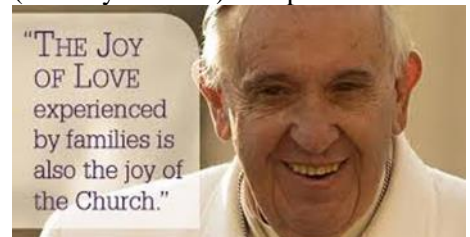
### A CALL TO PRAYER

As you know the Church leaders have said, “as Christians, we believe that prayer sustains our life as followers of Christ. In the midst of this global pandemic, we turn to Jesus in our time of need. As Church leaders, we join together in calling all our people to prayer” and, along with other denominations and Christian organisations, are joining in prayer on Palm Sunday from 3.00p.m. – 4.00pm. At this time from his home webcam <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/live-feed/> Archbishop Eamon will lead a gentle reading and powerful meditation on the Passion narrative in Matthew's gospel.

### Monthly Day of Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life

9 April 2020

Theme: All Families Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) : Pope Francis.



Please see Parish website for full details.

**FAITHCAST**, the weekly faith podcast from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, is launching a special Holy Week. The Faithcasts will focus on how we can live Holy Week as people of faith in the context of the coronavirus pandemic.

Faithcast is a mixture of interviews, news and stories of faith from the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Contributors to the Holy Week reflection series are:

- Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Dromore and Primate of All Ireland
- Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin
- Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe
- Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trócaire
- Brother Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap
- Father Vincent Sherlock of Achonry Diocese
- Brenda Drumm, Catholic Communications Office
- Ger Gallagher, Pastoral Worker in Dublin Diocese

Contributors to the series will reflect on the meaning and symbolism of each of the days of Holy Week, beginning with a reflection from Brother Richard Hendrick on Palm Sunday and taking us through the week, concluding on Easter Sunday with a message from Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Commenting on the Faithcasts, Archbishop Eamon said, "As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week at home this year, we are offering people a chance to hear from different voices of faith. These daily reflections from bishops, priests and lay people will hopefully offer listeners a pause for thought from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

"I invite people to tune in to our Holy Week reflections. There are many people feeling alone and isolated at the moment and we hope that our short pieces of audio can assist people in living Holy Week in their homes.

"This podcast series is just one of a number of digital opportunities that we have been offering to people during these days. I would like to thank all those priests and people putting out into the deep of the net at this time and connecting with their parishioners on the digital highways."

The podcasts will be available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) and on all Bishops' Conference social media platforms:

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# Holy Week