

# Laragh Parish Newsletter



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**28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Palm Sunday**

## Triumph and Tragedy

On Palm Sunday 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia, USA. The surrender brought to an end the American Civil War. Five days later, on Good Friday, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded in Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth. To many Americans it seemed that the events of Holy Week in Jerusalem almost 2000 years earlier were being re-enacted in their time: the triumph of Palm Sunday followed by the tragedy of Good Friday. Tragic as Lincoln's death may have been, however, the goals which he had set himself had been achieved: the abolition of slavery and the reunification of the country. The triumph of victory may have been short-lived but the triumph of his achievements would endure.

Something similar can be said about the events of Holy Week. The excitement and adulation of Palm Sunday turn into the horror and murderous intent of Good Friday. But Good Friday in turn gives way to the joy of Easter morning, or more accurately, Easter morning reveals the true meaning of Good Friday, namely, that good conquers evil and nothing tragic in human life is beyond the scope of God's redeeming love.

## Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father,  
grant us the fortitude of Christ your son  
to face the Covid-19 crisis  
with trust, patience and compassion.  
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit  
to free us from fear  
and look forward together to the future  
with healing and hope.  
Through the intercession of St. Joseph,  
the guardian of Jesus, and Mary,  
the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church,  
may we be guided through this time of peril.  
Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable;  
keep safe our health care workers  
and all who serve society,  
at home and abroad.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father, this Lent we ask your grace  
To fast from unkind words and feast on kindness  
To fast from criticism and feast on compliments  
To fast from rage and feast on patience  
To fast from worry and feast on trust in God  
To fast from complaining and feast on gratitude  
To fast from nastiness and feast on friendliness  
To fast from greed and feast on generosity  
To fast from selfishness and feast on helping others  
To fast from negativity and feast on hope

## Mass Intentions

The following Masses are booked and will be offered in the coming week:

Paddy Farrelly, Carrickacromin A/V  
Tommy & Nan Gray & Dec family members, Munelta A/V

Teresa Smith, Drumcalpin 1<sup>st</sup> A/V  
Brigid Brady, Corfad M/M  
Philip Devine, Kilnagarbet A/V  
Tom, Hugh & Annie Smith and daughters  
Bridie & Annamae, Knockateggart A/V

*Anyone wishing to book a Mass can do so in the normal way.*

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## Laragh Church Webcam

*The webcam in St. Brigid's Church is now online.  
You can view it on [www.laraghparish.com](http://www.laraghparish.com) or  
[www.churchtv.ie/cavan](http://www.churchtv.ie/cavan)*

*Mass will be broadcast next week as follows*

*Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am  
Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11am*

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**Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:**

- **Angela Moynagh, New York**, whose funeral took place in New York. We extend our sympathy to the Smith Family, Longfield and to her niece Siobhan Maguire, Kilnacreeva.

**And all those who have died recently**

## GENERAL NOTICES

1. **Palms:** will be blessed this weekend in all three churches. Please collect your Palm on Sunday.
2. **Easter Holy Water:** will be blessed on Easter Sunday. Please collect holy water for your home on Sunday afternoon. Available in all three Churches.
3. **Holy Week:** The ceremonies of Holy Week are of their nature dramatic and involving. They rely heavily on the presence of a congregation, however small. They also make heavy demands on the creativity of participants. These elements are best provided in a Cathedral setting or a television production. For that reason, we will not be broadcasting the ceremonies from Laragh this year. Please check your TV guide or the Anglo Celt for ceremonies that meet the requirements mentioned above.
4. **Organ Donor Week:** 27<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Currently there are over 600 people in Ireland on waiting lists for organ transplants. Life is a gift, please consider being an organ donor. For more information visit [www.ika.ie](http://www.ika.ie)
5. **Litter Pick:** of the Monument, Caulfield Road and surrounding area on Easter Saturday morning at 9am. Anyone who wishes to give a hand can contact Benny Sexton on 087 6378600. Pickers, vests, gloves etc will be provided. Please wear masks and observe social distancing at all times.
6. **Laragh Childcare Services CLG:** would like to advise that enrolment forms are now available for parents who wish to enroll their child in our preschool for September 2021. Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting Louise McCabe 049 4323883, Caroline O'Grady 087 0555333 or by emailing [admin@laraghchildcareservices.com](mailto:admin@laraghchildcareservices.com) Completed forms should be returned to Louise McCabe at Laragh Childcare Services CLG Preschool, Stradone, Co. Cavan, before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Children must be 2 years and 8 months on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to be considered for a place.
7. **Trocaire:** Trocaire boxes are available at Church doors in all three Churches. Please take one. It contains information about the war that has devastated South Sudan and how you can help those who have suffered. You can send in your donation at Easter. Please use the Trocaire envelope in your packet and hand it in with your Church envelopes. **Do not leave Trocaire boxes containing notes or coins in the Church.**
8. **Clifferna Church Envelopes:** beginning this Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>, the collection and dues envelopes will be accepted in St. Michael's Church, Clifferna on ever second Sunday between 11.30am and 1pm. Thank you for your contributions to date. Dates for April – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 1, 15, 21, 26. €30 winners Brenda Smith, Mt Lodge x2, Jamie McMahan, Online, Dermot Sexton, Online, Elaine Cooney, Carrickacromin. Next week's draw €10,600. Many thanks for your continued support.