

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**MONKSTOWN**  
(Church of St. Patrick)

Mon – Fri @ 10 am  
Sat Vigil 6 pm Sun 10 & 11:30  
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## PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

**KILL O’ THE GRANGE**  
(Holy Family)

Mon – Sat @ 10 am  
Sat Vigil 5 pm Sun 10 & 12  
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**BLACKROCK**  
(St. John the Baptist)

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Sat Vigil 6:30 pm Sun 10 & 12  
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**NEWTOWNPARK**  
(Guardian Angels)

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**FOXROCK**  
(Our Lady of Perpetual Succor)

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### Penitential Services in our Parish Grouping

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Holy Family Parish, Kill Avenue  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 7:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, Foxrock

### EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES IN

### ST. PATRICK’S MONKSTOWN

### Holy Thursday

**02** No Morning Mass  
**THUR** 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

### Good Friday

**03** 12:00 pm Children’s Stations of the Cross  
**FRI** 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion  
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

**04** Confession from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm  
**SAT** 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

### Easter Sunday

**05** 10:00 am Mass (Family Mass Group)  
**SUN** 11:30 am Mass (Parish Choir)



### Mass Intentions

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:

- Marion Kieran (A)
- Gerry Doyle (A)
- Tom & Kathleen White (A)
- Colman Dunne (A)
- Nuala Lane (A)
- John Powell (Month’s Mind)
- Frank Peterson (A)
- Éabha Rosenstock (A)
- Mary Timmons (A)
- Irene Grumley (A)
- Lorraine O’Reilly (A)
- Noel Byrne (A)



### Tea / Coffee & Easter Egg Hunt

The Family Mass Group will have an Easter Egg Hunt along with tea /& coffee after the 10 am mass on Easter Sunday morning . There will also be tea & coffee after the 11:30 am mass.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## Commentary on the readings for the Palm Sunday of Lent

The readings today all point to the person of Christ.

### *Isaiah 50:4-7;*

Isaiah speaks of Christ as one who came to preach but who was beaten and insulted.

### *Philippians 2:6-11;*

St Paul in the second reading speaks of the divinity of Christ and what he gave up in order to become one of us.

### *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

The gospel from St Matthew recounts the Passion and Death of Christ for us. While Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem it is also the beginning of the end of his earthly life and gives us a contrast which helps us to focus on what is to happen later this week.

Seeing the Christ suffer for us, it also helps us to carry our sufferings for him.

Between today's reading of the Passion and that on Friday we have a final opportunity to reflect on the history-changing events which are about to happen and of their significance for each and every one of us.

### *Psalms 21;*

### *Psalms 129*

The response to the psalm is:

***My God, my God,  
why have you  
forsaken me?***



## Fr Kevin's Reflection for Palm (Passion) Sunday

In Marius Gabriel's novel which came out in 2022; *Goodnight, Vienna*, Gretchen is a 12-year-old girl living in Vienna in 1937. She struggles to read and write, but she can listen once to a piece of music and then play it perfectly on the piano. Gretchen's caregiver is a medical student named Katya, who has come to Austria from her home in Glasgow. When the Nazis take over Austria, Gretchen is at risk of being sent to a medical research laboratory. Katya has to get Gretchen out of Austria.

After a series of dangerous adventures, they are befriended by a doctor who arranges forged passports for them to cross into Hungary. They agree to take his sister Shulamit with them — Shulamit is confined to a wheelchair because of curvature of the spine. Shulamit and Gretchen have struck up a deep friendship over their love of music — Shulamit realized immediately that Gretchen possesses a rare and precious talent.

All goes well until they reach the Hungarian border. Gestapo guards board the train and begin scrutinizing passports closely. They've been tipped off to look for a woman travelling with a 12-year-old child. The three are about to be arrested when, suddenly, Shulamit begins ridiculing the guards for not realizing she's Jewish and claims she's plotting to kill Hitler. The guards immediately march Shulamit off the train in her wheelchair, forgetting all about Katya and Gretchen.

Gretchen can't believe what's happened, but Katya says, "I think she planned to do that all along, if she saw you were in danger."

Gretchen sobs, "I can't even thank her."

Katya replies, "I think she knows you will thank her with everything you do in your life."

So how do we respond to the life that is sacrificed for us this Holy Week?

God believes that this broken, hurting, confused humanity is worth redeeming, and so takes on our humanity and gives his life that we might re-discover the holiness and love that dwells within us. As Shulamit gives her life that Gretchen may realize the promise of her life, we realize, in the passion and death of Jesus, the promise of our own lives: to realize God's reign of peace and reconciliation. This Holy Week should leave us with a sense of awe and gratitude for what God has done — and our only fitting response is what we now do with the lives we have been given.