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PARISH NOTICES

Today is Palm Sunday. Blessed Palms will be distributed at all the Masses.

A Reconciliation Service takes place in the Parish Church tomorrow, Monday, at 7.30 pm after evening Mass.

For details of all Easter Ceremonies in the Parish church see Easter timetables on Church notice boards.

Would distributors who have not yet collected their area bundle of timetables and Easter Due envelopes, please do so today, from behind the high Altar.

If you wish to have your Deceased loved ones remember on Easter Sunday please leave their names into the Parish office by 1.30 pm Friday next so that their names can be put our Easter Day List.

Holy Week Eucharistic Minister rota is printed on the Parish notice boards.

Last Weekend's collections:
Share: €1,150 Parish Dev: €875
Thanks to all who contributed.

Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it'.

*Copies of a statement from the Irish Bishops Conference 10th March 2015 are available at the doors of the church.
See www.dublindiocese.ie*

Extracts from Catholic Bishops Statement

Re: referendum on 22nd May

which would change the meaning of marriage in the Constitution of Ireland:

"Within weeks the people of Ireland will be asked to vote in a referendum"

"Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers and society"

"We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications that this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood"

"mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life"

We cannot support an amendment to the constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men or two women on a par with the marriage relationship between husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children.

*Newsletter on Marriage (issue 3)
also available in church*

PASSION SUNDAY

29th March 2015

Prayer

O' God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen.

Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ, and by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation.

We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12th April 2015

Celebration in St. Michael's Church at 2 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

Easter Cards and Easter Mass Bouquets are currently on sale
Office opening hours are shown in top box.

CONFESSIONS

in St. Dominic's Church, Athy

each Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm - 9 pm

Also Adoration during this time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturdays of the month at 10 am Mass in St. Dominic's.

MONASTEREVIN SOLEMN NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

in St. Peter & Paul's Church

Finishes on Wednesday next 1st April.

Time 7.30 pm (Rosary 7.10 pm)

Speaker: Kieran O'Loughlin

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

from 13th-8th June 2015

Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton accompanied by the Poor Clare Community & Parish Choir

Lenten Masses 9.15 am & 7 pm weekday

Normal Weekend Mass Times:

Sat 11 am & Vigil Saturday 7 pm

Sunday Masses:

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 12 noon

10 am Barrowhouse

Confessions:

Saturdays, after 11 am & 7 pm Mass

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Peggy Delaney, Avondale Drive.
Madge O'Neill, Leinster St.
Michael Walsh, who died in Australia

Saturday 7 pm

Anniversaries:

Jimmy Harris, Patricia 'Patsy' Kelly, Paddy Byrne, Anne & Michael McKenna, Martin, Bridget & Michael Quinn

Birthday Remembrance:

Thomas McDonald

8.30 am: Sheila Carton

Barrowhouse:

John, Mary & James Murphy
Also pray from Pat & Bridget Brennan, Patrick Brennan

10.30 am Share Mass

Anniversaries:

Michael Mullery, Willie Murphy, Josephine 'Jo' Owens, Peggy Luttrell, Mary Sweeney, Eileen Brock, Tony Poole, Eddie Owens, Patrick Keane, Dec. Members of Blanchfield Family, John & Josephine Blanchfield, Deceased Members of Keane Family, Rosanna Keogh, Matthew Keogh, Angela Keogh, Bridget Bolger, Anne & Michael McKenna, Patrick Cashin, Deceased Members of Cashin Family, Patrick O'Brien, Dec. Members of O'Brien Family, Pat Philbin, Christine Philbin,

Recently Deceased:

Mary Owens, Sr. Alphonsus, Hilda Breslin, Anne Casey, Nora Connolly, Nancy Whelehan

Monday 9.15 am:

Jimmy Harris (1st Anniversary)

Monday 7 pm:

Michael Sullivan (6th Anniversary)

Tuesday 9.15 am

Josephine 'Jo' Owens (8th Ann)

Tuesday 7 pm

Chris Byrne (9th Anniversary)

Wednes. 9.15 am:

Martin Kilbride, Mary Barry & P. J. Leonard

Wednes. 7 pm:

Edward 'Ned' Donovan

Holy Thursday:

8 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 12 noon children's stations,

3 pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion,

8 pm stations. **Holy Saturday:** 9 pm Vigil