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## HOLY WEEK 2020



Intentions for the week:

Michael John, Ciss and Pat Hanlon

Una Murphy and Una and Andy Exposito

Seamus Hearty

Jack Kearney and deceased family members

Maureen Maguire MM

Pat and Teresa Campbell and the deceased members of the Lynn and Campbell families.

Special Intention

Patrick, Brigid and Alice Markey and deceased family members

Josephine Kerrigan

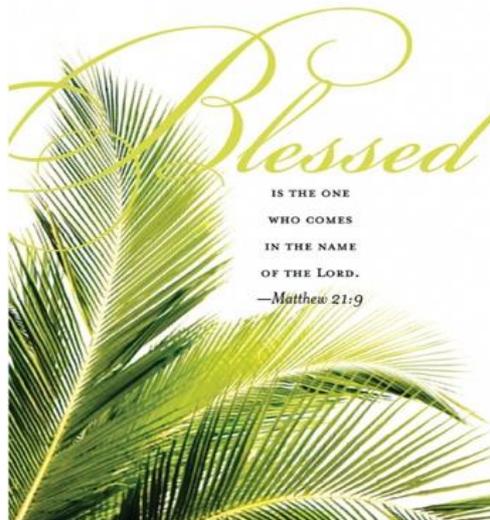
Michael and Mary Mc Hugh

Joseph Savage

Peter Coyle

## Recently deceased:

Patsy Boyle formerly Irish Grange who died in New York  
Rita Murphy, Armagh  
Rev Fr Vincent Darragh, retired P.E. Ballinderry  
Helen Moylan, Rathabbey  
Hugh Sheelan, Rush and formerly of Rathcor



Palm Sunday - commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–9), when **palm** branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to have a branch of palm in their homes on Sunday – these will be blessed at the beginning of Mass which will be celebrated (in private) from the Church of St James at 11.00am.

Chrism Mass – Celebrated (in private) in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday at 7.00pm by Archbishop Eamon and Bishop Michael. The priests of the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises. The Holy Oils are: **Chrism** – used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and **Holy Orders**, as well as for the consecration of altars and the dedication of churches. the **oil of catechumens** – also used in the sacrament of Baptism, and. the **oil of the sick** – used in the rite of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Holy Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7.30pm

**Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 9.00pm

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil at 8.00pm

**Easter Sunday:** Mass of the Resurrection at 11.00am

All ceremonies (in private) from Church of St James.

There are three things that I would recommend to parishioners so that we might all be more connected as a faith community and renew our prayer for God's protection at this very dangerous time in our lives:

Ensure that you have a branch for Palm Sunday, place the branch on the door or window of your home – in doing this you are welcoming Christ into the heart of your home, into your own heart and into the hearts of those that you love.

On Good Friday have a cross, perhaps on the table as you gather for simple meals (It is a day of fast). At 3.00pm join in the ceremony as at the appropriate time, have your family kiss the cross and then make sure that the cross has a central place on the wall. In kissing the cross, let us be aware of God's intimate love for each one of us, that He wants what is best for us in life and try to make some little commitment to growing faith – perhaps you have drifted away from church – in the world in which we live it is so easy to drift away and be indifferent to the things of God. This can be a real opportunity to make the decision to belong to the family of God. Please be assured of a warm welcome!

On Holy Saturday, please be sure to have a candle, join in the Easter Vigil so that together we will welcome the Risen Christ and know that He walks with us in every moment of every day. On Easter Sunday make sure to do something special that reflects the newness of Christ's light and love. Together let us pray that some of the fruits of Christ's passion may fall on us at this time.

Resources are available to support family prayer on the website [www.armaghprays.com](http://www.armaghprays.com).

