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Maundy Thursday 28 March

The Mass of The Last Supper - p192

8.00pm – Mass - Intention – James Parr R.I.P.
9.00pm Tea & Coffee in O’Sullivan Centre
9:15pm – 11:45pm Adoration and Prayers till
11:45pm – Midnight Compline

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday 29 March - p197

9.30am – Walk of Witness – St Michaels Church
11.15am – Children’s Stations of the Cross
3.00pm – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
Followed by private Devotions and Veneration of the
Cross/Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - Saturday 30 March – p216

10.00am – 11.00am – Blessing of the Easter Food
Baskets (Carmel Hall)
8.00pm - Easter Vigil in The Holy Night
Refreshments afterwards in The O’Sullivan Centre

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March – p251

9.30am – People of the Parish
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O’Sullivan Centre
11.00am Mass – Sean Kavanagh R.I.P.

Monday 1 April NO MASS

Tuesday 2 April

6.00pm – Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 3 April

10.00am – Eucharistic Service

Thursday 4 April

10.00am – Eucharistic Service

Friday 5 April

10.00am – Eucharistic Service

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 6 April – p255

10.00am – 10.45am – Fr Arbo’s Surgery Parish Office
3.45pm – 4.45pm – Adoration, Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – People of the Parish
Tea & Coffee after Mass in The O’Sullivan Centre

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Sunday 7 April – p255

9.30am – John Daisy Egan R.I.P.
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O’Sullivan Centre
11.00am Mass – Prayers & Thanks to God for the
continued recovery of Kacper

GUEST CELEBRANT AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 30 March at 8pm

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks who
joins us on Easter Saturday as the main Celebrant for
the Easter Vigil and he will Confirm our Elect.

OTHER PARISH EVENTS/Programmes this Week

Wednesday 3rd:

6.00pm Deepening Faith Group in Gabriel Room
7.00pm Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room

Thursday 4th: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Kingdom Youth Group – Carmel Hall

Saturday 6th: 10.00-10:45am

Fr Arbo’s Surgery in Parish Office

Sunday 7th: 10:30am

Rise n Shine Group in O’Sullivan Centre

EASTER OFFERING

Envelopes for your Easter Offering to Fr Arbo are now
available in the Porch. The Easter Offering forms a vital
part of a Priest’s income so please give generously if
you can. Thank You.

BINGO NIGHT – 6.30pm 27April 2024

Tickets now available in church or from the office
during office hours. £10 for adults, £5 for children



PARISH SCHOOL

ST PETER’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER



WALK OF WITNESS

The Annual walk of Witness takes place on Good Friday at 9.30am from St Michaels' Church in the High Street up to the Baptist Church at the top of the High Street, all are welcome to join Fr Arbo and take part in this event. The main Preacher for this event is Deacon David.

FR ARBO _ POST EASTER BREAK

Fr Arbo is on his post Easter Break for a few days following the Easter Weekend so the usual weekday masses will not take place; instead Deacon David will be offering a Eucharistic Service each of those days instead.

WORKS TO BEGIN ON O'SULLIVAN PORCH!

On Tuesday 2 April works begin on the new glazing in the O'Sullivan porch area. Please park accordingly to allow workmen access, and to avoid damage to your cars.

CAR PARKING **A NOTICE TO ALL USERS**

As you are all aware our Car Park only has 16/17 spaces, two of which are specifically designated as disabled bays. We would ask that **from now on** the spaces are left for people who are elderly and less mobile or those with mobility impairments. Can we therefore ask that those of you that are able bodied, park in the surrounding streets; Cockleshell Walk car park or Lidl, (which allows 1.5 hours free parking if you pop in and buy something and scan your receipt at the screens behind the tills). It is becoming dangerous in the car park when people arrive late for Mass and park just anywhere; blocking everyone in and causing a potential safety risk should emergency vehicles need to attend the halls or Gabriel Room/Parish Office. We thank you for your compliance with this request. Fr Arbo

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP



It was felt that there is a great need to support families and individuals in this great time of need. The group meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 4pm to 5.30pm in the Gabriel Room. Everyone is welcome to join. Please call Parish Office for further information. The coordinator of the group is Sue Bunce. Next meeting 2 April 2024

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – EASTER POSTERS

The Knights of St Columba have left some Easter Posters in the Porch which you are welcome to take home and display, please help yourselves.

SHJ SENIORS -Growing Strong!

The group aims to provide a space for friendships, social gathering, teas, etc. The next session Monday 8 April from 2-4pm in Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, ME10 1JB and includes a demonstration by Sharon Ripley of a Mobility Impaired Exercise Class she holds in the Carmel Hall. For more info contact the Parish Office and/or Margaret Mayes on 07708 142646 or Pauline Yeung 07940 564626

Fr Arbo's Easter Message



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Easter, and as I write this message of gratitude, I'm reminded of just how blessed we are to have such a wonderful community. Your unwavering support, readiness to engage, and yes, even your occasional positive criticisms, make this parish truly special.

You never stop surprising me, and possibly God too, by what you come up with, and are able to accomplish. From the angelic Rise 'n' Shine, the energetic teens in the Kingdom Youth (even when they sometimes break stuff!), to the young-at-heart Sacred Heart Seniors, the Spirit of the Risen Jesus is at work and alive! Hallelujah!

So, thank you, dear parishioners for your prayers, for your laughter, and for always being on time for Mass, and remembering to silence your cell phones before Mass! May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts with hope, love, and renewal. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with peace and happiness.

Fr Arbo

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