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MASSES FOR SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th APRIL

Palm Sunday

JAMESTOWN 7pm: Martina Regan (Anniv)

ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:

9am: Paddy & Annie Beirne (Anniv)

12 noon: Michael & Mary Brennan & deceased members of the
Brennan family

LEITRIM 10.15am:

GOWEL 10.15am: John, James, Kate & Teresa McWeeney &

Their grandchildren Declan, Anthony & Katie

MASSES FROM MONDAY 11th to SATURDAY 16th APRIL

Monday 8pm: Patrick Gallagher (Anniv)

Tuesday 10am: Mick & Josie O'Rourke (Anniv)

Wednesday 10am: Murty O'Dowd & deceased members
of the O'Dowd & McSharry families

LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm: Henry & Mae Gray (Anniv)

EASTER CELEBRATIONS ST.MARY'S

HOLY THURSDAY 8pm: The Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 12noon: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 9pm

CONFESSIONS: in St.Mary's Church on Saturday 12-1.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES AT USUAL TIMES

MASSES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

ST.MARY'S 9am: Deirdre Fitzgerald (Anniv) & her dad Peter

12 noon: Sean Regan (Anniv)

LEITRIM 10.15am:

GOWEL 10.15am:

PARISH NOTE

DEATHS: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mai Daly nee McLoughlin (Luton & formerly Effernagh) and Dorothy Elliot whose funerals took place recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

ST.MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY: a meeting of all members of our Altar Society in St.Mary's Church on Wednesday 13th April at 4pm, to arrange preparations for Holy Week/Easter. Please bring some cleaning material thank you.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Christian Community Ryan Regan, who was baptised last weekend.

OUTDOOR CIRCUIT TRAINING Starting Monday 4th April 2022 at 8pm for 6 weeks. All training will take place outdoors on the Astro Pitch in Keadue. Booking must be made in advance as spaces are limited. or text 0877907886 for a link. Cost is €30 for 6 weeks.

DAFFODIL DAY: sales amounted to £9695 in Carrick-on Shannon on March 25th for the Irish Cancer Society. Thanks to Carrick I C A members, many volunteers and Store Managers . Without your help and permissions this result would not happen.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week is a time when we have an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the suffering of Jesus and suffering in the world.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer the German theologian spent 18 months in prison for his involvement in the Church's resistance to the Nazis. His poem was written in July 1944. It is found in Bonhoeffer's posthumous publication Letters and Papers from Prison:

'We turn to God when we are sorely pressed,
We pray for help and ask for peace and bread,
We seek release from illness, guilt, and death,
All people do in faith and unbelief.

Many of us will have experienced this. When we are pushed to our limits, when we feel vulnerable, overwhelmed or discouraged, when we cannot see the way forward, sick in body, heart, mind or spirit, when we know our need, we turn to God. In the second verse of the poem, he writes:

'We turn to God when he is sorely pressed,
And find him poor, scorned, without roof and bread,
Bowed under weight of weakness, sin and death,
Faith stands by God in his dark hour of grief.'

Bonhoeffer sees God in the suffering of humanity. When we suffer, when others suffer, Bonhoeffer says, God is in that time of need with us, suffering too, weak too, bowed down too.