

THE THREE GREAT DAYS OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum commemorates the three key days which restored us to union with God. In the Jewish sense of remembrance, we don't simply recall an event in the past like another moment of history. Instead, we remember by placing ourselves in that moment of history and try to experience in our own way what the witnesses experienced all those years ago, but which still has such significance for us today.

There is one solemn liturgy for the Triduum, but which has three parts: we begin on Holy Thursday by remembering what took place at that Passover meal in the Upper Room. There is no blessing or dismissal at the end of that liturgy: after removing the Blessed Sacrament from the sanctuary we depart in silence into the evening, as the disciples did, and the altar and sanctuary is left bare. We resume the liturgy in the sombre mood of Good Friday without the usual opening greeting and again without a dismissal or blessing at the end. All is stark to the eye highlighting the death of the Lord. The great liturgy resumes and ends in the darkness of Holy Saturday and reminds us that the Lord triumphed over the powers of darkness. All is joyous once more and there is a solemn blessing and joyful dismissal to end these three great days.

Each priest has the privilege of celebrating this great liturgy but he should celebrate each part once only. The liturgy is best celebrated in the one place where the move from celebration to starkness and back to celebration and joy is highlighted.

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Those travelling by car might offer a lift to those in their area wishing to attend but who don't have their own transport.



PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER IN THE PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

The Paschal Triduum will be celebrated this year in Holy Cross Church, Killea

Holy Thursday, April 2

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose and time for private adoration

Good Friday, April 3

3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross

12.00pm in St Nicholas Church, Faithlegg

7.30pm in St John the Baptist, Crooke

Holy Saturday, April 4

8.30pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Day, April 5

Faithlegg Mass at 9.30am

Crooke Mass at 11.30am

Confessions

Monday, March 30 Penitential Service in Sts Joseph & Benildus Church, Newtown Road, Waterford, at 7.30pm

Saturday, April 4 9.30am to 10.30am in Holy Cross, Killea

We invite you to join us for this most important time of the year, the Three Great Days in which we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection for our salvation.