## ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

All Easter Celebrations are available to view online sallynogginandglenagearyparish.com

#### **Penetential Services in the St Colmcille Partnership**

Church Of the Apostles, Ballybrack Tues 26th March 7.30pm Our Lady of Victories Sallynoggin/Glenageary Wed 27th March 7.30pm

# **Holy Thursday**

Morning Prayer 9.00 am Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm

You are welcome to the Church from 8.00pm to 10pm for private prayer to keep watch with the Lord. Night Prayer.

#### **Good Friday**

Morning Prayer 9.00 am
Solemn Celebration of the Passion 3.00 pm
Veneration of the Cross in the afternoon after The Passion Service
Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm
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### **Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer 9.00 am

#### SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL 8.00 pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

Mass 9.00 am 11.00 am

No 1pm Mass

#### **Easter Monday**

Mass 9.00 am No evening Mass.

Sunday 7th April Divine Mercy Sunday 2.30pm- 4.30pm.

# Easter Message 2024

Our Lady of Victories Parish Sallynoggin/Glenageary



"He is not here; He has risen!"

# ALLELUIA!

Easter 2024

Easter comes early this year. It seems such a short time since Christmas! During the months of January and February we read from the Gospel of Mark at Sunday and weekday Masses.

Mark gives a picture of Jesus who is young and energetic, full of zeal and compassion for his people – teaching and healing them of all sorts of ills and diseases. He cast out devils, healed the leper who said to Jesus 'if you want to, you can cure me' and Jesus replied 'Of course I want to. Be cured!' He healed the mother -in-law of Peter and raised the daughter of Jairus. We read about the woman who touched the fringe of his garment and was cured. His healing powers flowed abundantly for everyone wherever they come from and whatever illnesses they have. Just touching his cloak would heal them!

For us today, it is mainly in the Eucharist that we touch the Lord and the Lord touches us. It is there above all that we bring our brokenness before him for his healing touch. The Holy Eucharist was instituted on Holy Thursday evening, making it possible for us to receive the body and blood, the soul and divinity of Jesus. Think of how much more intimate this 'touching' is compared to the woman who merely touched the hem of his garment! On Good Friday he gave his life for us on the Cross and on Easter Sunday overcame death by rising from

the dead. These three events together make up the Paschal Mystery, bringing us salvation and new life.

Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus said: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.' We see signs of the coming of the kingdom here in our parish in recent times. At the end of January our Men's One Day Parish Retreat was attended by 40 men! During February, prompted by the healings carried out by Jesus, we celebrated Mass and anointing of the sick to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This event attracted a huge crowd of the sick and elderly. And completely unknown to us, a number of individuals are studying the faith under guidance, with a view to entering into full communion with the Church. The kingdom is indeed growing here!

In recent weeks Fr Padraig Gleeson temporarily stepped aside as Administrator of the Parish. Since then Fr Donal Roche, Episcopal Vicar and Parish Priest of Cabinteely and Johnstown/Killiney, is taking good care of us with assistance from Fr Michael, Fr Timothy, Fr Joseph and the St Colmcille Partnership. We are most grateful to them for their help and support.

Our Lady of Victories Parish Pastoral Council

