Dear Friends:

Easter will soon be upon us. This, however, is an Easter none of us have ever experienced nor hopefully never will again. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) there will be no Easter bonnets or egg hunts, there will be no ham dinners with family and saddest of all we will have no Easter Sunday Mass in our parish church.

How then should we celebrate Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), Holy Week, the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil), and Easter Sunday? Many parishes are live streaming Masses. That is to say that they are broadcasting Masses live as they happen using their Facebook page or other applications. If you are a Face Book user all you need do is go to Facebook and search for the parish you might want to follow. Unfortunately, we do not have the capability here at St. Finn Barr to live stream.

I would strongly recommend that you watch these ceremonies on EWTN. (Channel 229 if you use Comcast. Channel 370 if you use Direct TV.) EWTN will also broadcast services from Rome with Pope Francis.

I appreciate your patience during this health crisis. I am also grateful for your generosity in your continued support of the parish by making the effort to bring in your weekly contribution.

I have enclosed an envelope and ask that you please be generous in your Easter gift to the parish.

Easter is our most important holyday. In the midst of this pandemic, we are both physically and spiritually experiencing the Paschal Mystery. We walk with the Lord Jesus through His suffering and dying and triumph in His Resurrection.

May the Risen Lord Jesus bless and protect you and your family,