

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Saturday 3 April

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
Patrick Pender (Donore)  
Dick Mahon  
Mai Murphy (Donore)

### Sunday 4 April

Mass **10.00am**  
Patrick Pender (Donore)  
Dick Mahon  
Mai Murphy (Donore)

### Monday 5 April

Morning Mass **9.30am**  
Ned Coffey and his wife Maimie  
Ned's Sisters, Mary, Alice & Betty Coffey  
Ned's Son Patrick Coffey

### Tuesday 6 April

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Wednesday 7 April

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Thursday 8 April

Morning Mass **9.30am**  
Dick Mahon

### Friday 9 April

Morning Mass **9.30am**  
Holy Hour **7pm**

### Saturday 10 April

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**

### Sunday 11 April

Morning Mass **10.00am**

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### Saturday 3 April

Oliver Campbell  
Martin Fox

### Sunday 4 April

Giles Durcan

### Saturday 10 April

Darac O'Neill

### Sunday 11 April

Máire Heneghan



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### EASTER MESSAGE 2021 – Bishop Denis Nulty – Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

*The card read “This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter”. The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas. There isn't as large of a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.*

*We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, FaceBook live, parish radio etc. to livestream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.*

*It's interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of them “in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were” (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different “Peace be with you” (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.*

*Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter's Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection. – BISHOP NULTY*

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Trócaire Boxes

*You are welcome to drop your Trócaire box into the Parish Office from next Tuesday April 6th 10am – 1pm or alternatively you can drop it into the Church on Sunday April 11th between 11am & 1pm.*



All our Masses can be viewed on our webcam

[www.caraghparish.net](http://www.caraghparish.net) or on our app

The weekly newsletter can be picked up in the Church or it can be viewed online on our website, [caraghparish.net](http://caraghparish.net) and on our app.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms can be celebrated with a maximum of 6 people present. Contact the parish office on (045) 875602 for more information.

**The Church is open each day for a visit/prayer from 10am – 4pm.**

**Parish Envelopes- Easter Collection 4th April 2021**

**Easter Collection is to support the Priests of the Parish – Envelopes are provided in the donation boxes and are available in the Church.**

We encourage people to consider setting up a Bankers Order. Forms are available in the Parish Office or in the Church. We would like to thank people who are contributing in these times



**A Candle of Hope**

**Holy Saturday Evening,  
3 April, 2021**

Join with parishioners across Kildare and Leighlin in lighting a candle and placing it in your window

**Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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May God bless you at Easter,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and wisdom always help,  
To guide you on your way.  
May His light shine down upon you now,  
To bless your Easter Day.

**Easter Blessings**

*Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.*

**Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:**

Lord of all life,  
You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.  
We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials  
we have renewed our baptism  
and proclaimed your resurrection.  
We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.  
Bless us, our families and all the world,  
with your constant presence and protection.  
May we give you thanks every day  
and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.  
And may the light of our Easter faith  
guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen  
In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

**If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.  
Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home  
as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.**

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