



April 2025

Greetings,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and members of the parish family of St. James, Leitrim,

What an exciting time of year it is, especially for those of us who have put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour!

As we edge closer to the end of our Lenten journey, and start preparing for Passion Week and Easter, it feels like Advent all over again, anxiously awaiting the coming of our Lord though His coming out of the grave, victorious over death.

At a time like this, I wish to take this opportunity to remind you that we are an Easter People, People of Hope in the Resurrection. We are a faith community, looking to celebrate God's saving activity in the gift of the Death and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ Our Saviour and Redeemer. Without the Resurrection, we have nothing!

Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, 15:17–19 wrote *“And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, then we are of all men, the most pitiable.”*

Today, we are once again reminded of God's power to give life to the dead as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of His Son. We await His coming again when we shall also be raised with Him and be taken to Our promised land in His Eternal kingdom, whether we are alive or dead.

Let us walk with Jesus through Holy Week, fully embracing His passion, death, and Resurrection through our services. Let's gather together as a faith community to remember and celebrate what God has done for us in His Son's Sacrifice!

Heartfelt thanks to you all for your year-round dedication, support, and love for the Lord in helping ready the church for the celebrations and supporting your leadership in their ministry. We count on your generous hearts. You live in the light and the love of the Lord. May we continue to work together in building God's Kingdom and extending Easter joy to all those we meet. May you be filled with the love, hope, joy and peace of the Risen Lord this Easter and everyday! May Alleluia be our song all the days of our Lives in Christ to the Glory of the Father! Amen.

Christ the Lord is Risen today. Alleluia! May His Peace and Grace be with you and your loved ones.

A Blessed Easter to you all.

Your Parish Priest, Nash +

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. James Leitrim

- Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:30 a.m. (Come and hear the passion reading)
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m. (As tradition at St. James, please bring cut flowers to decorate the cross as a symbol of Christ's resurrection)

Financial Update

Your Wardens wish to keep you apprised as to current financial status of St. James. As of March 31st, St. James has a deficit of \$1,429.28. During the Easter season, we welcome your donations, and we thank you for your generosity. A donation envelope is enclosed.