



March 2023

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

As we come close to the end of our Lenten journey, and start preparing for Passion Week and Easter, I am reminded that we are 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.

When the Prophet Ezekiel prophesied to the dried bones of the Israelites in the valley (Ezekiel 37.1–14), not only did this vast multitude, completely cut-off and their hope lost, had the breath of God come into them. They lived, and stood on their feet. The Lord God not only opened their graves, but brought them up from their graves back to the land of Israel. With this, they got to know the power of God to give life.

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 be also be raised with Him, no matter whether we are alive or dead, and be taken to Our promised land in His Eternal kingdom. Let us walk with Jesus through Holy Week and fully embrace the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the ceremonies that are made available to us. 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 for your dedication, support, and love for the Lord in helping ready the church for the celebrations, and supporting your leadership in

their ministry. You are an Easter People! 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 New Lives in Christ to the Glory of the Father! Peace be with you!

Alleluia! Alleluia! A Blessed Easter to all of you! May the grace of the Risen Christ be with you and your loved ones. The Lord Bless you and keep you. Amen.

Reverend Nash Smith +

Holy Week at St. James Leitrim

- Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) – April 2, 2023 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday (Passover) – April 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. **at All Saints Greely**
- Good Friday – April 7, 2023 10:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023 10:30 a.m. (please bring cut flowers for the cross)