



**The Charitable Donations Scheme** has brought in very significant sums of money to our Parish over the years. The scheme applies to individuals who are tax compliant and who have donated an aggregate of €250 in a tax year to an Eligible Charity. Kilronan Parish is an Eligible Charity under the scheme. Forms were posted out During the week.

The **“Do this in memory Programme”** takes place on Holy Thursday on 14th April at 8p.m during the Holy Thursday Mass in Ballyfarnon. A very appropriate day.

Gathering in houses for a meal was custom in many parts of the world. But gathering for a meal was transformed by Jesus . It is part of our Christian identity. It was for this meal, the Eucharist, that Christians in Corinth gathered. Later Christians would gather for it in houses across the Mediterranean. Sometimes in good times and sometimes in bad times, as when they met in the catacombs. Later they would gathered for it in churches and chapels and great Cathedrals. So on Holy Thursday evening we will gather to celebrate the great gift that Jesus has left us. The Mass.

Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered for the Altar Society in Keadue Church and a warm welcome to our new members. A very special thank you to the members who have retired, most of whom have given over fifty years of sterling service. Your dedication and loyalty has been exemplary and much appreciated.

Thanks also to the members of Arigna and Ballyfarnon Altar Societies who also take such great care of their Churches.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all Altar Society members, past and present, living and deceased.

Jesus' last meal before his execution included bread and wine which, transformed into himself, remain in season for all people of all time. Every time we “eat this bread and drink this blood” we do so in memory of the One who is really and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine. This is the constant faith of the Church. “As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he come again. (1Corinthians 11:26.)

Holy Week is the most important week of the year for us as Christians. It lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its high point in what we call the Easter Triduum — those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper to evening prayer on Easter Sunday. (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday)

### **Reflection for Holy Thursday**

To wash the feet of others is to love them, especially when they don’t deserve our love, and to do good to them, even when they can’t or don’t return the favour. It is to consider others’ needs to be as important as our own. It is to forgive others from the heart, even though they don’t say, ‘I’m sorry.’ It is to serve them, even when the task is unpleasant. It is to let others know we care when they feel downtrodden or burdened. It is to be generous with what we have. It is to turn the other cheek instead of retaliating when we’re treated unfairly. It is to make adjustments in our plans in order to serve others’ needs without expecting any reward. In doing and suffering all these things in this way, we love and serve Jesus Himself, as He has loved us and has taught us to do (Mt 25:31-ff).Fr Antony Kadavil